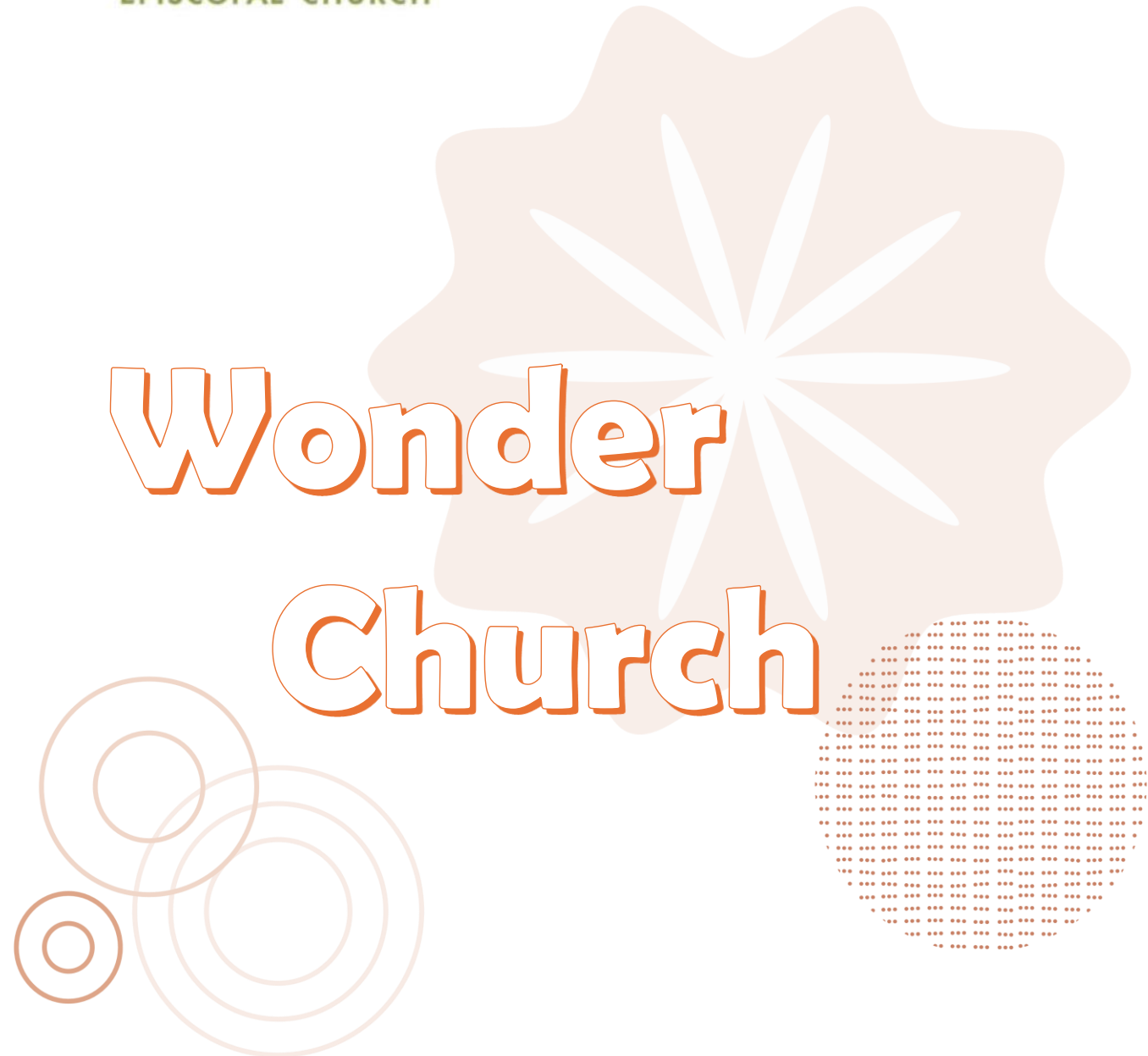
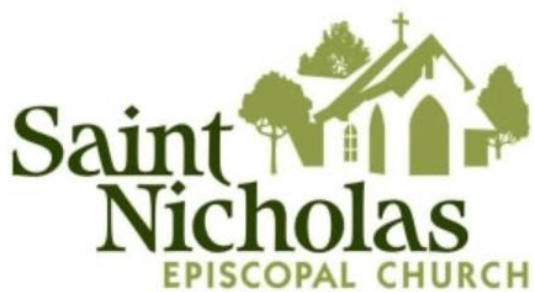


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Wonder Church

August 2, 2026

The 10th Sunday After Pentecost

and

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church's Annual Parish Picnic

Welcome to Blue Springs!

The Callaway family graciously invites us to use their beautiful private property for our Annual Parish Picnic. Please respect their wish that no photos of the property be shared on social media or any other public forum.

Prelude

Sing if the Spirit moves you!

1 It was good for our mothers,
It was good for mothers,
It was good for mothers,
It's good enough for me.

Refrain:

Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
It's good enough for me.

2 It has served our fathers,
It has served our fathers,
It has served our fathers,
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

1 Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning.
Praise for them springing fresh from the
word.

2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from
heaven,
Like the first dew fall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Give Me That Old Time Religion/Morning Has Broken

3 Makes me love ev'rybody,
Makes me love ev'rybody,
Makes me love ev'rybody,
It's good enough for me.

Refrain

4 It will take us all to heaven,
It will take us all to heaven,
It will take us all to heaven,
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

3 Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recrea-tion of the new day.

4 Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the
morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the
word.

GATHERING MUSIC

I'll Fly Away

Please stand as you are able to sing.

1. Some glad morning, when this life is over, I'll fly away
to my home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain

I'll fly away, oh, glory, I'll fly away,
when I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

Refrain

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
to a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away.

Refrain

THE COLLECT

Remain standing. We say the words together.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READING:

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

PSALM:

Psalms 145: 8-9, 15-22

The Psalm will be read responsively by verse.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Stand as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up

what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Bob Farrow

HYMN

Lord, I'm Coming Home

(performed by Kevin Anderson and our guest musicians)

THE CREED

Please stand as you are able. We say the words in bold together.

We believe in God, **our Father in heaven.**

We believe in God, **who made the world.**

We believe in God, **who gives us life and helps us grow.**

We believe in Jesus, **the son of God and the son of Mary.**

We believe in Jesus, **who shows us that God is love.**

We believe in Jesus, **who lived and died for us.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who helps us love others.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who makes us holy.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who helps us to know God.**

We are God's family, **the church.**

We are God's family, **forgiven through Jesus Christ.**

We are God's family, **at home with God for ever and ever. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people stand or kneel as they are able.

God calls us to follow Jesus. On the way, let us join all the disciples everywhere and pray in the love of God:

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of our creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Kim, Bob, David, Armani, Wesley, and Hollis.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

THE CONFESSION

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, word, and deed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**

EXCHANGE THE PEACE

All stand for the peace.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays: Dick Wood, Kelly Dimon, Reba Lantzy, and Ashton Johnson

August Anniversaries: Chris and Andy Butzon, Lynn and Kenny Hall, Riley-Anne and Jay Johnson

OFFERTORY

It's the first Sunday of the month! All loose offerings will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. One of the ways we share the love of Christ for all people is by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities. The need is always great; please consider a small contribution.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

1 What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
since Jesus came into my heart.

Refrain:

Since Jesus came into my heart,
since Jesus came into my heart,
floods of joy o'er my soul like sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.

2 I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray
since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins which were many are all washed away,
since Jesus came into my heart.

Refrain

3 I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,
since Jesus came into my heart.

Refrain

4 There's a light in the valley of death now for me,

since Jesus came into my heart;
And the gates of the city beyond I can see,
since Jesus came into my heart.

Refrain

5 I shall go there to dwell in that city I know,
since Jesus came into my heart;
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
since Jesus came into my heart.

Refrain

The Doxology

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Eucharistic Prayer - Adapted Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People. And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, Father, Creator of all. You made everything and you made us. You called us to new life in Jesus. And so we praise you, singing with the angels, and the saints, and all of heaven:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy Father, you love us so much, you made us to be with you; and even when we all turned away from you and your love, you came toward us. You sent Jesus, your Son, who became human, like us. Jesus said such amazing things and did such wonderful things, that people began to follow him. He turned us back to you.

On the night before Jesus died on the cross, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

Then he lifted up the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with them, and said, "Take, drink, this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

So, let's celebrate the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Holy Spirit, make these gifts holy, to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and never-ending life in him. Make us holy too, so we can receive the bread and wine and live in peace.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. AMEN.**

BREAK THE BREAD

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN

Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

All people are invited to receive Communion. Extend two hands if you wish to receive the bread and the wine; one hand if you want bread only. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Standing or kneeling.

Loving God,
we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food,
the bread of life and cup of salvation,
Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may share your love and joy
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.

BLESSING

Please stand for the blessing.

CLOSING SONG

I Saw the Light

1. I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Refrain

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

2. Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Refrain

3. I was a fool to wander and stray
For straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Join in if you like!

1 I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Refrain:

Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me
Love lifted me,
Love lifted me.

Love Lifted Me

Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,

2 All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.

Refrain

3 Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Refrain

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please join us for lunch!

St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

VESTRY

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry,
and Steve Morse
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Lector: Sheri Cody
Usher: Sheri Cody
Eucharistic Minister: Drucye Cox
Flowers: Barbara Bradley

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Kim Stokes, Wesley Brown, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, Armani Butzon, and Hollis Hale. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, and Mary Butcher.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

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