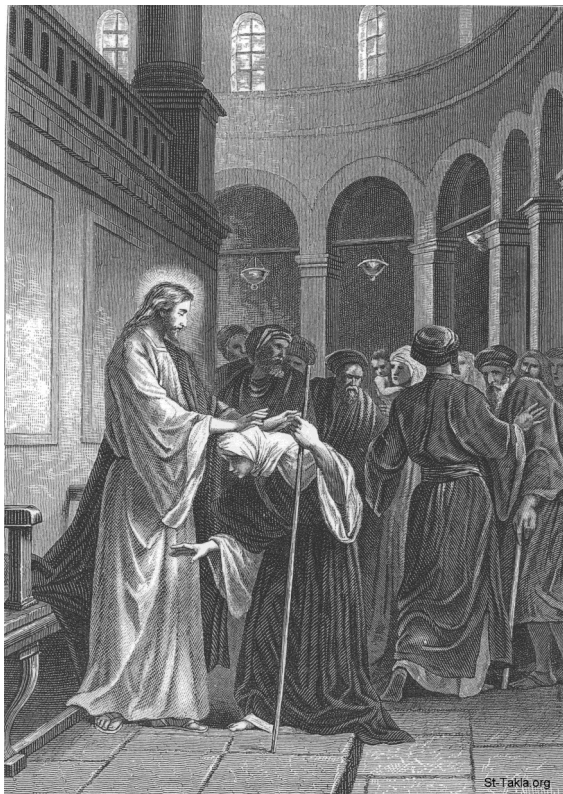


# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025



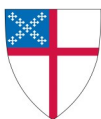
Healing an aged Woman from “Illustrations of the Life of Christ,” Alexdre Bida (1813-1895)

## Christ Church

### Woodbury, New Jersey

*A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey*

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



## Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10am service for infants to age 4. Parents are given pagers. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The nursery is open.**

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10 am service, then proceed to their classrooms. **Sunday School for 2025-2026 will start Sunday, September 14, 2025.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back this fall!

Adult Forum is held in the Upper Assembly Room following the 10 am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12, noon, when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome to attend! **Adult Forum has concluded for the season.** We look forward to gathering again in Fall 2025!

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study has concluded for the summer. We are currently planning new sessions and will share details soon. Stay tuned!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Assembly Rooms. The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

*Let Reverence and Quietness  
Characterize your Entrance into God's House*

# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

*The congregation stands when the bell is rung.*

Opening Acclamation .....Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity .....BCP 323

Summary of the Law ..... BCP 324

Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis .....BCP 324

The Collect of the Day (Proper 16) ..... Bulletin p. 7

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*the people are seated*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 28:14-22..... Bulletin p. 8

*the people remain seated*

Gradual Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium* ..... Bulletin p. 8

The Epistle Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29 ..... Bulletin p. 9

*The people standing*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 ..... Bulletin p. 10

*the people are seated*

The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

*the people standing*

The Nicene Creed ..... BCP 327

The Prayers of the People ..... BCP 328

*the people kneeling*

Confession of Sin ..... BCP 330

*the people standing*

The Peace ..... BCP 332

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

*the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward, the people standing*

At the Presentation:

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

<b>The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II</b> .....	BCP 340
Sursum corda .....	BCP 340
Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit .....	BCP 341

*Said by all*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

<i>the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass</i>	
The Great Amen .....	BCP 343
The Lord’s Prayer .....	BCP 336
Fraction .....	BCP 337
Agnus Dei .....	BCP 337
Prayer of Humble Access .....	BCP 337
Invitation to Communion .....	BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*Celebrant and People*

***Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.***

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Post Communion Prayer .....	BCP 339
The Blessing .....	BCP 339
<i>the people standing</i>	
Dismissal .....	BCP 340

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>





to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Music: *Old Scottish Chant*, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763?, alt.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (Proper 16):

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          ***And with thy spirit.***  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**G**rant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people are seated*

The First Lesson ..... Isaiah 28:14-22

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

**H**ear the word of the Lord, you scoffers, who rule this people in Jerusalem! Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter”; therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘He who believes will not be in haste.’ And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plummet; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter.” Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through you will be beaten down by it. As often as it passes through it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be sheer terror to understand the message. For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on it, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in it. For the Lord will rise up as on Mount Pera’zim, he will be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon; to do his deed—strange is his deed! and to work his work—alien is his work! Now therefore do not scoff, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard a decree of destruction from the Lord God of hosts upon the whole land.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people remain seated.*

Gradual Psalm 46 ..... *Deus noster refugium.*

*The Psalm is said responsively by verse.*

God is our hope and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

***Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;***

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, \*  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

***There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; \*  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.***

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; \*  
God shall help her, and that right early.

***The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; \*  
but God hath showed his voice,  
and the earth shall melt away.***

The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, \*  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.***

He maketh wars to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the chariots in the fire.

***Be still then, and know that I am God: \*  
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.***

The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \*  
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen***

The Epistle ..... Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

**Y**ou have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers entreat that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more graciously than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. His voice then shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken, as of what has been made, in order that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people standing*

Alleluia and Verse Domine, in virtute tua .....*Mode V*

**A**lleluia. Alleluia. The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord: exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation. Alleluia.

Sequence Hymn 315 "Thou, who at the first Eucharist didst pray" ..... *Song 1*

The Holy Gospel ..... Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**N**ow Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?” As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people are seated*

The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

*The people standing*

The Nicene Creed .....BCP 327

The Prayers of the People: ..... Form III

*The leader and People pray responsively*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in thy sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all thy saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

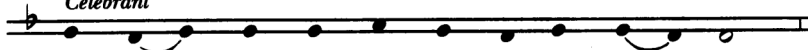
*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The people kneeling*

The Confession of Sin.....BCP 330

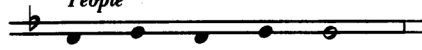
The Peace

*Celebrant*



The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

*People*



And with thy spi - rit.

*All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

*the people standing*

Offertory Hymn 493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing" ..... *Azmon*



Invitation to Communion ..... BCP 338

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Communion Sentence

Communion Hymn 685 “Rock of ages, cleft for me” ..... *Toplady*

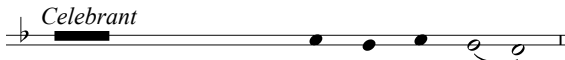
*the people kneeling*

Post Communion Prayer ..... BCP 339

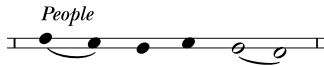
The Blessing.....BCP 339

*The people standing*

The Dismissal ..... S 174 Hymnal



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 624 “Jerusalem the golden”..... *Ewing*

Postlude *Allegro Molto* ..... C. M. Widor (1844-1937)



### Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are given by Gwen Simpson & Joy Brown in memory of Arlene Simpson.

Those Who  
Serve Today

**8:00 am**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civalè  
**Server & Chalice:** Bernie Lasoski  
**Lector:** Jack Ennis  
**Ushers:** Mark Hendricks

**10:00 am**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civalè  
**Organist:** Nick Mynyk  
**Master of Ceremonies:** Jim Bathurst  
**Crucifer:** Brandon Gorman  
**1<sup>st</sup> Server:** Annabella Scales  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Server:** Joseph Scales  
**Acolyte Master:** Robertta Shomo  
**Chalice Bearers:** Doreen Mills & Jim Bathurst  
**Lector I & Intercessor:** Jean Lucas  
**Lector II:** Gwen Simpson  
**Ushers:** Mark Novalsky & Nathan Wishnick  
**Nursery:** Jennifer Allbright  
**Vestry Lock up:** Gwen Simpson  
**Notewriter:** Marilyn McGeoch  
**Food Bank:** Sue Velasquez  
**Vestry Counters:** Team 4:  
Sherm Yeiter, Gwen Simpson, Jim Bathurst



***Prayer List***

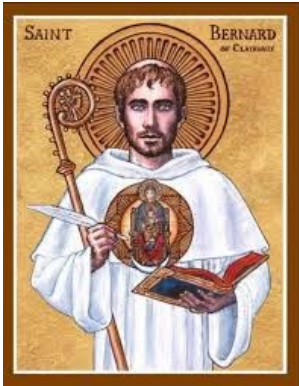
Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Joseph, Dottie, Hughie, Larry, Betty, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Darrah, Rosie, Steve, Fran, Mike, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Sammy Jo, Jillian, Jill, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Joy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, Téó and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

**Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you.**

## Weekday Services this Week



### Wednesday, August 27

*Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Syle*

10:00 AM Healing Mass

### Thursday, August 28

*Augustine, Bishop*

6:30 PM Mass

### Friday, August 29

*The Beheading of John the Baptist*

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

## The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civale.

## Priest-in-Charge

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: [frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org](mailto:frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org)

Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.

Fr. Civale tries to keep Monday as his Sabbath day.



## Readings for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

\*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation



## Staff Updates

We received news on Thursday that our newly hired parish administrator resigned after just three days. She reports that the resignation is due primarily to significant family health issues. We will keep you updated as we begin a new search to fill the position. In the meantime, please be patient and pray that we find someone soon.

## Upcoming Events

Monday <i>Bartholomew, Apostle, (trans.)</i>	August 25	6:00 PM	AA Meeting
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	August 26	NOON 8:00 PM	AA Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday <i>Thomas Gallaudet &amp; Henry Winter Syle</i>	August 27	10:00 AM	Mass with Prayers for Healing
Thursday <i>Augustine, Bishop</i>	August 28	6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Mass AA Meeting
Friday <i>The Beheading of John The Baptist</i>	August 29	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday <i>The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	August 31	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mass Mass

### Parish Office Business Hours



**Monday:** 9 am - 1pm

**Tuesday:** 9 am - 3 pm

**Wednesday:** 9 am - 12pm

**Thursday:** Closed

**Friday:** 9 am - 3 pm

**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
**Sunday, September 7, 10:00 am**  
**Sunday School Registration**  
**following the 10:00 am Mass**



Don't Drop the Ball!  
Join us as we Kick off the  
2025-2026 programming year

**Homecoming Sunday**  
**September 14, 2025**

### Acolytes Wanted!

**Calling all everyone entering 4th grade and up!**



Do you—or someone you know—have a heart to serve, a curious spirit, and a desire to grow in faith?

Whether it's your **child, grandchild, relative, or friend**, we invite them to join our **Acolyte Ministry** at Christ Church!

#### **Who Can Join?**

Anyone entering **4th grade or older**

#### **Why Be an Acolyte?**

- Serve God in a meaningful way
- Build confidence and leadership skills
- Make new friends and grow in community

#### **Acolyte Retreat Coming Soon!**

We'll hold a fun and faith-filled **Saturday retreat later this summer** for training and fellowship (just a couple of hours)!

#### **Interested?**

Let **Emily Piskun** or **Robertta Shomo** know and we'll add you to the list, send retreat details, and include you in the **Fall acolyte schedule**.

Come be a light in worship — and learn to carry it!

## ECW (Episcopal Church Women)



The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm; meetings will resume in October. All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew



The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. They are on a break for the summer and meetings will resume in September. Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth.

# Fall Newsletter Deadline



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## Share your pictures!



If you attend a Christ Church event, please take some pictures and email them to the office:  
[office@christchurch.woodburynj.org](mailto:office@christchurch.woodburynj.org).

We will try to include them in our Quarterly Newsletter, website, social media and Annual Report. Thank you!

## We Can Do This!



Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries needs our help. Donations are especially needed at this time due to continued high numbers of clients. What an impact Christ Church could make if each family set a goal to bring 1 (one) item to church every week.

- ♥ **Breakfast** - cereal (hot or cold), pancake mix, syrup.
- ♥ **Lunch** - Peanut butter & jelly, mayonnaise, tuna, canned soup.
- ♥ **Dinner** - dried mashed potatoes, rice, pasta (spaghetti/macaroni), spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned fruits and vegetables (greens, corn, carrots, beets, etc), juice, tea/coffee, crackers, pudding mix, cake mix & icing.
- ♥ Other items to donate – hand soap, toilet paper, feminine products, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, shaving items, laundry detergent, etc.



Please go to [gwcm.org](http://gwcm.org) for more information and to see what else is needed.

Thank you for helping with this important ministry.



### Mark your Calendars!

#### Vestry Members

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Vestry Retreat

#### Convention Delegates

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Diocese of New Jersey Convention

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## Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass  
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass  
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer  
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)  
by appointment

## *Priest-in-Charge*

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

## Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Gwen Simpson

Class of 2026

Doreen Mills  
Gwen Simpson  
Sherm Yeiter

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst  
Charles Lewis  
Tori Wishnick

Class of 2028

Laura Erasmus  
Robertta Shomo  
Nathan Wishnick

