



# St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

## **SEEK SERVE SHARE**

### **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Holy Eucharist, Enriching Our Worship, Year C

August 3, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**Celebrant**  
**Deacon**  
**Family Minister**  
**Music**

The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing  
The Rev. Vicki Knipp  
Lyssa Williford, Director  
Ann Vail, Director of Music  
Nikki Birdsong, Piano  
John Cotten, Guitar  
St. Christopher's Choir

## Visitors

**Welcome!** We are so glad you've joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about getting connected at St. Christopher's, we invite you to fill out a **Connect** card, or contact our office. **Childcare** is available for Formation and Worship.

## Restrooms (non-gendered)

In the Church, a restroom is located near the Nursery. Two restrooms are located to the right as you enter the Parish Hall.

## Fellowship

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Phones are welcome, **please silence**. We hope you will share your visit with friends.

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## Worship Schedule

### Acolyte

Carol

### Altar Guild

Cathy and Michael

### Bell Ringer

Gabbi

### Children's Chapel

Lyssa and Cathy

### Epistoler

Roberta

### Eucharistic Minister

Carol

### Fellowship

Diane, Joyce and Sarah

### Flowers

Cathy

### Lector

Roberta

### Nursery

Athena

### Ushers

Diane and Scott

### Vestry of the Day

Chris and Jean

**Sunday** | 9a Nursery | 9a Adult Form. | 10a Children's Form. | 10a Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11a Fellowship

**Monday** | 9a Morning Prayer **Wednesday** | noon House of Prayer **Friday** | 7p Online Compline

**Office** | Mon-Thu: 9:30am – 2:30pm | 512.288.0128 | [office@stchrisatx.org](mailto:office@stchrisatx.org)

## Prayer Requests

Please complete a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate, or contact our office by phone, email, or on our website.



## The Connection newsletter

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# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 13

### Service Music

Found on a large card in the pew rack.

*As the Prelude begins we invite you to you to finish conversations and find a place in the nave to prepare for worship.*

### PRELUDE

Nikki Birdsong, piano; John Cotton, guitar

### WELCOME

*(Please kneel as you are able)*

### A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 533

### How Wondrous and Great

1 How wondrous and great thy works,  
God of praise!  
How just, King of saints,  
and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee,  
and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy,  
thou only supreme.

2 To nations of earth  
thy light shall be shown;  
their worship and vows  
shall come to thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgments  
shall spread all abroad,  
till earth's every people  
confess thee their God.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING SENTENCES

Enriching Our Worship, p. 50

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

*During the singing of the Gloria the children will follow the cross and return at the Peace*

**GLORIA** *(see pew card for music)*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Enriching Our Worship, p. 51

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost:  
inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you  
with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the lessons)*

**THE FIRST LESSON:**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search  
out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given  
to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see,  
all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those

who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

Psalm 49:1-11

The psalm appointed for today is from Psalm 49, please read responsively by whole verse.

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

**2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom,\*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

**4 Why should I be afraid in evil days,\*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,\*  
and boast of their great riches?

**6 We can never ransom ourselves,\*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;**

7 For the ransom of our life is so great,\*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

**8 In order to live for ever and ever,\*  
and never see the grave.**

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

**10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation,\*  
though they call the lands after their own names.**

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever;\*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

## EPISTLE:

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 516

### Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine  
own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming

## GOSPEL:

Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And



He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon*

Merciful God, align the desires of our hearts with your will for us and answer our prayers as may be best for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Your holy church is a sacrament, making visible your grace and mercy. Keep it on the narrow path that leads to salvation and let it be a beacon of hope and an advocate for merciful justice throughout the world.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion.

We pray for our church, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian, and Hector our bishops, and for our whole diocese.

We pray for our parish, for Alyssa our priest; Vicki our deacon, our leaders, and ministers.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Guide the people and leaders of our nation to see the dignity of all persons, and to work together to ensure that all persons have the opportunity to live into the potential with which they were created by you.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant that this community of faith might be a place where your presence is known and where each of us can fully bring our gifts to bear for the building of the kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Remind us of the glory of your creation and spur us into action on its behalf that the wonder of the natural world might be preserved and sustained, not only for ourselves but for all future generations.



Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Come swiftly to the aid of all who suffer or are oppressed, for all who are ill, injured, or facing disability. Help them know peace and wholeness.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give strength to those who stand at the threshold of mortal death and those who love and care for them. Grant them a share in your peace and reunite them in the light of your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear these prayers which we offer with confident faith in your love and mercy and answer us that your glory may be known; through Christ our Lord and Redeemer who stands with you and the Holy Spirit, overseeing all creation now and always. **Amen.**

*Silence*

*The Deacon concludes with Intercessions*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins to God.

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Enriching Our Worship, p. 56

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*(Please be seated for the announcements)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982, P 556

#### Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

2 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints of earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth.  
[Refrain]

3 Your clear hosannas raise,  
and alleluias loud;  
while answering echoes upward float,  
like wreaths of incense cloud.  
[Refrain]

7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high  
the cross of Christ your King.

Hosanna, hosanna!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

*The Celebrant and people sing together.*

#### DOXOLOGY *(see pew card for music)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Be on your guard against  
all kinds of greed.*

**Luke 12:15**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(Please remain standing.)*

*The Celebrant continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

**SANCTUS** (see pew card for music)

**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*

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to **sing**,

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung)*

arr. Betty Pulkingham

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

We break this bread and drink this cup to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

## **FRACTION ANTHEM** *(see pew card for music)*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us. [Repeat]**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us, grant us peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

### **INVITATION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would prefer you may receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.*

*(Please sit or kneel as you prefer after receiving Holy Communion)*

### **Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal 1982, p 383**

#### **Fairest Lord Jesus**

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou God of man the Son;  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

### **Communion Hymn**

**Lift Every Voice, # 151**

#### **One Bread, One Body**

Chorus  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.  
One Lord.

2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.  
One Lord.

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.  
One Lord.

## Communion Hymn

Lift Every Voice, # 214

### God is So Good

1 God is so good,  
God is so good,  
God is so good,  
He's so good to me.

3 He's all I need,  
He's all I need,  
He's all I need,  
He's so good to me

2 He cares for me,  
He cares for me,  
He cares for me,  
He's so good to me.

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able)*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship, p. 69

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*(Please stand as you are able and join in singing)*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 594

### God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.** Alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

Nikki Birdsong, piano

*Thank you for joining us in worship today.  
Please know that your participation with us has been a blessing*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Your help is needed in keeping our Prayer List current. Please send any updates for the Prayer List to the office at [office@stchrisatx.org](mailto:office@stchrisatx.org)*

**Prayers for healing, comfort, and peace** Sally, Mike, Elizabeth, Bob, George, Finn, Hailey, Judy, Ian, Elena, Mary, Mary Beth, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Bill, Hank, Cheryl, Fraser, Mark, Ray, Gillian, Michael, Rose Mary, Nick, Linda, flood victims, families, and first responders

**Prayers for God's Protection:** Kenyon, Daniel, Cale, Joshua, Joyce

**Prayers for Expectant Mothers:** Molly

**Prayers for the Departed:** flood victims

## Mid-year Giving Statements have been sent

Please check If you did not receive a statement, it is incorrect or you have other questions please contact the office, the Stewardship Committee, or the Finance Committee.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the Connection for more information

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SCAN ME

## VBS Road Trip! | Sat, Aug 9, 9:30a-3:30p

Join Navigator Lyssa and Scout as young travelers journey across the country, discovering timeless Bible stories and the comforting truth that God is always with them. Fun stops and tasty snacks await!

## Migration with Dignity | Wed, Aug 20, @ 6:30p (dinner @ 5:30p), St David's

Interfaith prayer vigil for refugees, asylum seekers, and other immigrants which will begin at St. David's (301 E 8th) and continue prayers and songs processing around the JJ Pickle Federal building. It is expected to last about 40 minutes. A modestly priced meal is available from 5:30 to 6:30, if interested. Parking is free in the St. David's Garage (entrance on Trinity St).

## The Gathering! "Acts of Faith in the American West" | Sat, Aug 23

Meet at the church at 9:30 to carpool to the Bullock Museum for a fascinating exhibit! Check online ([www.thestoryoftexas.com](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com)) for details and grab your ticket in advance (or buy at the door), adults \$15, seniors \$11. We'll likely stop for lunch, and if you're joining, a quick note to the office would be appreciated.

## Youth Sunday/Backpack Blessing | Sun, Aug 24 @ 10a

St. Christopher's kids be leading the service and having backpacks blessed. Please let Lyssa know if your child would like to read, acolyte, or usher.

## Meander Through the Bible | Weds, Sep 10 - Oct 22, 5:30 - 7p (no class Sep 17)

This fall, we're going back to basics with a two-year Bible study—starting with the Old Testament. Join us for our first session on the Torah. Supper at 5:30, lessons at 6:00. Come to one or all six—everyone's welcome.