

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

WELCOME TO OUR HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE
HYMNALS AND THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ARE LOCATED IN THE PEWS.
YOU ARE INVITED TO SAY ALOUD THE ITEMS PRINTED IN BOLDFACE.

-Voluntary	Fidelis – Percy Whitlock
-Opening Hymn	H-645
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
- Song of Praise	S-236
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Jermiah 23:1-6 - See Insert
-The Psalm	(Spoken) Psalm 23 – See Insert
-The Second Reading	Ephesians 2:11-22 – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	H-343
-The Gospel	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 -See Insert
-The Homily	The Rev. Jerry Lasley
-The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
-The Prayers of the People	

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: You have made us in your image. Open our eyes to see your image in those with whom we worship, work, and live. Increase our desire for you and your ways. In your mercy, O God, **People: draw each of us closer to your heart.**

Leader: We lift before you the Body of Christ, our bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may faithfully lead us in our calling to be a light to the world. In your mercy, O God, **People: draw each of us closer to your heart.**

Leader: We lift before you the leaders of our nation: the president, the Congress, courts, and local authorities as well as those who govern around the globe. May they always reflect your justice and strive for peace among nations and neighbors. We especially pray for Crystal, Amy Jo, Rae, Annie Bob, Bob, Cindy, Peggy, Howard, Marianne, Janell, Ed, Ron, William, Ed, Ruth, Sandy, Cherie, LauraJo, Jacob, Sam, Erin, Bill, Tom, Dorothy, Joan, John, Jane, Rile, Linda and Family of Paul. In your mercy, O God, **People: draw each of us closer to your heart.**

Leader: We lift before you all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and those who struggle with themselves or with difficult situations. Infuse them with your healing power and move us to reach out to them with compassion. In your mercy, O God, **People: draw each of us closer to your heart.**

Leader: We lift before you those who are dying and those who mourn. Receive the dying into your eternal embrace, accompanied by choirs of angels and greeted by the host of heaven. In your mercy, O God, **People: draw each of us closer to your heart.**

-The Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
-The Peace	BCP 360

The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.

-Offertory	Just a Closer Walk with Thee---Bobbie Goergen, Soprano; Ken Duck, Soprano Saxophone and arranger
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-Doxology

H -380, Verse 3

Gluten Free Wafers available

-The Holy Eucharist

Prayer B- BCP 367

- Sanctus

S-125

-The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

-The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

-Fraction Anthem

S-155

-Communion Voluntary

There is a Spirit that Delights to do no Evil & No Darkness at All – Ned Rorem

-Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

-The Blessing

-Closing Hymn

H-708

-The Dismissal

-Voluntary

Fanfare – C.S. Lang

THIS WEEK:

Flowers

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given in loving memory of Fred Showler by his wife, Shirley Showler.

InReach Event Turkeyville

Carpooling from St. Christopher's at 9 am on September 10, 2024. Jane Yorks will be in the Narthex after each service today with the sign up sheet for this limited ticket event. \$52 due on or before August 18th.

The Chosen

One of the many purposes of the series "The Chosen" is to have created characters with a depth of life, so that we can read the scriptures and understand why biblical characters behave the way they do. "The Chosen " is not a biblical story as it is revealed in the scriptures, but it is a story that contains the scriptures and provides us with the very real possibility of how things might have taken place during the life of Jesus. Acceptance for what it is can strengthen and encourage us in our faith. If you demand it to be a literal interpretation of the scriptures, you will be discouraged. "The Chosen " is a wonderful way to capture the heart, the emotions and the essence of the characters. It does a great job of promoting racial harmony and equality among us the body of Christ than any movie or work that I have seen to date.

Come join us beginning September 19, at 10:00 a.m. to watch episode one of Season 4 followed by discussion and homemade soups afterwards.

Financial Statement

The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes and a Financial Statement are located on the kiosk in the narthex for review.

Collection

We are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, individual hand sanitizer and protein bars for those in need. We have a basket in the narthex for items that you bring in. Thank you.

Adult Formation

Adult Formation resumes today from 9:15 a.m. – 10 a.m. We hope that you will join us!

Bible Study

The next bible study will be held on Thursday, July 18th at the church. Please join us.

Bulletins

Please note that the bulletins are printed on Thursday mornings. For inclusion in the weekly bulletin, please have all items to Angela in the church office no later than Wednesday by noon. Thank you.

Healing and Eucharist Service

The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held Friday, August 2, 2024 at Noon. Please join us.

Men's Group: The next men's breakfast will be held on August 10, 2024 at 9 am at the Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint, Michigan. Please sign up at the kiosk.

Ladies' Luncheon: The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 14th at 11:45 am at Cobblestone Lounge, 7490 Fenton Rd., Grand Blanc. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Thank you.

Bi-diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

July 21st

St. Paul's, Bad Axe, Dorothy Shinault, Sr. Warden
St. John's, Fremont, Kris Carpenter, Sr. Warden
Lay Leaders in Both Eastern and Western Michigan

Next Week

July 28th

The Bishop Whittemore Foundation
The Order of Naucratus

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 21, July 2024: 8th Sunday after Trinity. The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Monday 22 July 2024: The Diocese of Harare – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Tuesday 23 July 2024: The Diocese of Hawaii – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 24 July 2024: The Diocese of Hereford – The Church of England

Thursday 25 July 2024: The Diocese of Southern Highlands – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Friday 26 July 2024: The Diocese of Highveld – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Saturday 27 July 2024: The Diocese of Eastern Himalayas – The Church of North India (United)

Serving Today

LEM/Lector: Nancy Wells (LEM)/Susan Armstrong (8 am)
Linda Rathburn, Steve Huber (L) (10:15 am)

Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)
Mary Van Duyne & Bill Anderson (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Louise McAra

Serving Next Week (July 28th)

Nancy Wells (LEM)/Kay Van Natta (8 am)
Frank Burger (10:15 am)

Usher/Greeters: Jane Brewer & Susan Armstrong (8 am)
Mike Latesky & Rebecca Stermer (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Cindy Donner

Birthdays

Louise Desgranges	7/1
Jane Brewer	7/7
Karen Twigg May	7/9
Sue Corless	7/11
Doreen Hall	7/17

Current Financial Standing

May 2024 Income \$ 26,203.18

May 2024 Expenses \$33,372.27

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP
THE REVEREND JERRY LASLEY, RECTOR
THE REVEREND DR. MICHAEL CARR, PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
THE REVEREND DR. DONALD F. DAVIDSON, PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
NADA RADAKOVICH, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC | ANGELA ZINSLI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
JEFFREY WALKER, ORGANIST | JOEL STOEKLIN, SEXTON

VESTRY 2024
ELLEN SAFLEY, SENIOR WARDEN | BILL HARTLEY & ROD BYTWERK, JUNIOR WARDENS
LINDA RATHBURN, CLERK | DALE RICE & JANE BREWER, TREASURERS
LINDA RATHBURN (2026) | MYRTLE DUCK (2027)
JANICE CONVIS (2027) | BILL HARTLEY (2026)
DAVE MILLER (2027) | JANE BREWER (2026)
ELLEN SAFLEY (2025) | COLLEEN SHRANK (2025) | ROD BYTWERK (2025)

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