

# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 18)

SUNDAY ♦ SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 ♦ 9:45 AM



DEFINING  
*Moments*  
"Mending Broken Brothers"  
Matthew 18:15-20

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY

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**WELCOME! AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FROM YOUR HOME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE!**

**WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PHYSICALLY COME TOGETHER TODAY FOR WORSHIP, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRITUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SERVICE.**

**WE THEREFORE INVITE YOU TO REPLICATE MANY OF THE SAME PRACTICES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN A SUNDAY WORSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE, WE INVITE YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME IN QUIET PRAYER TO PLACE YOURSELF BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

**DURING THE SERVICE, WE INVITE YOU TO PERFORM THE SAME GESTURES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN CHURCH (SIGN OF THE CROSS, BOWING, ETC.).**

**ALSO, IN THOSE PLACES IN THE SERVICE WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY SAY A PRAYER (SUCH AS, THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING) OR RESPONSE (SUCH AS, "AND ALSO WITH YOU"), PLEASE SAY IT ALOUD.**

**YOUR PHONE IS MUTED BUT OUR VOICES WILL RISE TOGETHER IN AFFIRMING OUR FAITH. THANK YOU.**

### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**CALL HOST:** Joanne Gwin

**PRIEST:** The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt

**DEACON:** The Rev. Ted Foley

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Polly Moore

**ORGAN/PIANO:** Andrew Van Buskirk

**CHOIR PARTICIPANTS:** David Corbitt, John Jowett, Cathy O'Neill, Helene Phillips

**LECTOR:** Pam Quatse

**INTERCESSOR:** Helene Phillips

## **PRELUDE**

*Andante in F minor*

J. Leybach

## **OPENING HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymnal 376

(as sung by King of Glory Lutheran Church -Michael Shake, organist)

*1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

*The people standing, as able, the Priest says*

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

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

*Priest* 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.

*People* Amen

*The following is read by the Lector; said by all*

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*All* 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.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Priest* Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The following is read by the Intercessor; said by all*

## **THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING**

*All* Almighty and gracious God, we are your church, serving your mission. Lead us forth beyond our walls to seek out all people in our community, to invite and love them as Jesus would. Empower us to welcome to Christ Church all who are hurting or in need, all who are searching for you or for answers to life. Open our eyes to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. Transform us all into disciples of Christ. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The following is read by the Lector; said by all*

## **PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A RECTOR**

*All* Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Christ Church that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The people sit as the lessons are read.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Exodus 12:1-14*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. The Word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

*The following is read by the Deacon; said by all*

**PSALM 149**

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance;  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people  
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

**THE SECOND READING**

*Romans 13:8-14*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The Word of the Lord.

*People            Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able and face the Gospeler.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:15-20*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Deacon* Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

## **REFLECTION**

The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt

## **HYMN**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Hymnal 602

*Refrain:*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

*1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)*

*2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. (Refrain)*

*3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)*

*4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves;  
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)*

*All stand, as able, as the Priest says the following*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

\* "catholic" here means the universal Church across time and place

*The "people" is read by the Lector*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* As our God continues to reveal his power in our lives, let us pray to God saying, God of love, hear our prayer.

God of power, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of peace, we pray for peace and goodwill among all nations, an ending to all strife and discord.

We pray for all the leaders of the world. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of mercy, we ask your mercy for all who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, oppressed, in prison, or in any kind of trouble. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of Creation, we thank you for the abundance and beauty of our planet earth. Grant us the wisdom, ability, and will to care for its resources and creatures wisely. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of grace, we give you thanks for the many blessings in our lives, for those blessings we now name...And for all blessings. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of Healing, we pray for those affected by natural and man-made disasters; for those who are sick and suffering; we pray for a quick end to this pandemic and for those with and exposed to the virus; for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers; for those who have lost their jobs or suffered financial loss; for those serving our country; for those listed on our parish prayer list especially Ruth and for those we name at this time ..... God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of life, we pray for those who have died from the COVID-19 virus, for those who died serving our country, for all who have died in the hope of rising again and for those we name at this time .....  
God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* We pray for all teachers and students who are beginning a new and very different school year. For parents and for all who care for and nurture young children. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Priest* Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP 826)

*The Priest may add a closing collect.*

*The people kneel, as able*

### **THE CONFESSION .**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

*Please listen to the following prayer read by the Deacon*

### **PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with all essential workers. Be with all emergency responders, law enforcement, and medical professionals who seek to help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all people, particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

*Adapted from prayer written by Kerry Weber, America Magazine*

*The following is read by the Priest; said by all*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 forever. Amen.

*\*We use the modern translation of Lord's Prayer because it is closer to the Greek original text; particularly for the verse, Save us from the time of trial since God does not deliberately lead us into temptation.*

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The Priest invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*The ministries of Christ Church "thank you" for your continued giving during these times of uncertainty. Your generous donations and pledges keep Christ Church moving forward.*

*Please continue to mail to Christ Episcopal Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) or set up with your individual bank, a bill pay, to be directly submitted to Christ Church.*

*Please contact the Church Office via phone or email with any questions or concerns.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please also read "Parish News" beginning on page 11 of this bulletin for additional information and news.*

*The Priest says the following*

## **BLESSING AND PRAYER FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Thank you, God, for new opportunities to learn and grow whether it be in an actual classroom, a virtual classroom, or from our homes.

Be with our teachers, leaders, parents, caregivers, and administrators as they guide us into the new school year.

Give them the tools and energy to create engaging ways for all of us to learn and grow.

Help us to open our hearts and minds to new ideas, new friends and leaders, and new ways of learning.

Show us how to seek joy in all things.

When things don't go as planned, help us rejoice in the newness. When we have technical difficulties, help us rejoice in simple things like books and crayons. When we feel lonely or isolated, remind us that you are by our side. When our teachers and caregivers seem worried and wary, help them to be gentle with themselves.

As we begin to explore the unknown of this school year, let us rejoice with new friends, in new ways of learning, in knowing that you are with us through it all.

Bless each student, caregiver and teacher with patience, wisdom and peace.

God of joy and light, pour out your blessing upon these students, families, teachers, and leaders.

Bless their backpacks, Chromebooks and computers, virtual classrooms, school buildings, homes, and all preparations that help build a strong and safe year for everyone.

May each of you be a blessing and light in your new year! Go and light up the world! Amen.

*(Adapted from prayer of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators)*

## **THE BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Singing Songs of Expectation*

Hymnal 527

*Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,  
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:  
brother clasps the hand of brother, stepping fearless through the night.*

*One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:  
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.*

*One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:  
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

## **POSTLUDE**

*Allegretto Non Troppo*

E L Ashford

# **PARISH NEWS**

(Titles in Red indicate a New or Updated Item)

**THANK YOU MOTHER PETRINA FOR BEING TODAY'S PRIEST!** Here is a brief bio on the Rev. Petrina Pyatt, Long-Term Supply Priest at Christ Church: "I was born in NYC and have been a cradle Episcopalian ever since. I am the eldest of two sisters and a brother, am widowed with two daughters and two granddaughters. I worked on Wall Street with a Securities Exchange Department. I then attended and graduated General Theological Seminary with a M. Div. degree. Following this I was ordained and became a hospice chaplain for several years in New Jersey. At this same time, I served as Assistant Rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, NYC. Next, I was Rector of Our Merciful Savior Church in Penns Grove, NJ, from which I retired in January 2017. I have had a love affair with God and the Episcopal Church since I can remember, and have been involved in many church ministries: Altar Guild, Vestry member and warden, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Chalice Bearer, Lector, Sunday School teacher, home-bound visitor, and an outreach coordinator. And now, I am happily serving here at Christ Church and as a Supply priest where needed. I am still in love with God and the Church and pray this affair remains.



**OUTDOOR IN-PERSON SERVICES ON SATURDAYS:** Holy Eucharist on Saturdays at 5:00 PM will resume on September 19, 2020. **Here is what you need to know before attending:**

- The service will be OUTDOORS under Petit Pavilion
- If inclement weather is expected, the service will be canceled by Friday PM
- SIGN-UP (via internet or phone) is requested prior to attending each service (See more details below)
- All CDC and Diocesan guidelines will be required. This will include face coverings and social distancing.
- In order to minimize cleaning and disinfecting, "bring your own chair" to sit on during the service
- Bulletins will continue to be available via email only. You may print and bring with you or view on your phone, tablet, etc. during the service (please note the church WiFi does not function at the Pavilion). We encourage you to bring your own Book of Common Prayer if you have or use at <https://www.bcponline.org/> as well if you desire
- Music and singing will not be included in the service.
- The Great Thanksgiving will be included in this weekly service. Communion (Host only) will be distributed to you according to Diocesan guidelines.

## **HOW DO I SIGN UP TO ATTEND A SATURDAY SERVICE?**

There are two very important reasons why we need you to pre-register/sign-up for each Saturday service you plan to attend:

- CDC & Diocesan Guidelines requires Contact Tracing. When you register to attend a service, that information will be used in the event needed for this purpose.
- It will be helpful to our Ushers to know how many people and the size of each household to expect at each service.

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming Sign-ups. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Copy/Paste this link: <https://signup.com/go/LhPSFbQ>
2. Review the Saturday dates listed and choose the dates you plan to attend.
3. Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to create an account or password

We appreciate you using SignUp.com. But if you absolutely cannot, please call the Church Office 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail with your name, phone#, the date and how many people will attend.

In the event of expected inclement weather, a Saturday service will be cancelled by Friday PM (an electronic or phone notice will be provided to all who had registered for such date)

**PATRIOT DAY TELE-SERVICE—REMEMBERING SEPT 11:** Christ Church will commemorate on Friday, Sept 11th at 8:30am. All are invited to attend this tele-service in remembrance as we acknowledge the Six Moments of Silence, Ring Bells, Say Prayers and offer personal reflection.

Please dial: 712-770-5505 and Enter Access Code: 189853# to listen in to this LIVE Service.

*As 9/11 is to be “A Day of Service & Remembrance”, please consider a donation to the Christ Church Food Pantry, Café, or Gift Gard Giving Tree. All ministries that help us “serve” our community.*

**OCTOBER CHURCH YARD SALE:** Since we are unable to hold our annual Fall Rummage Sale, there was a suggestion to hold an Outdoor Yard Sale where we rent tables to parishioners and the community to sell their own goods for profit. Christ Church could also have tables of their own which we could profit from in addition we would profit from the table/space rental. This is a great idea, but can only happen if there is someone(s) willing to chair this event. Is this something you might be interested in coordinating? If so, please contact Judy Beck 732-477-8860 or judybeck20@yahoo.com BY SEPTEMBER 15. Thank you.

**WEEKLY FINANCES:** During the year 2020, we have budgeted \$5,635 to come from pledges and loose offerings each week. For the week ending August 28, we received \$2,533.34. (There were no loose offerings due to there not being any services in church.)

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is going strong and remains open to anyone in need every Tuesday from 9:30am - 12pm. We are fully stocked and are still accepting donations. If you would like to donate, please leave items on the table marked ‘Donations’ outside the lower door during Food Pantry open hours. Any questions, please text or leave a message for Claire at (732) 600-5709. Thank you! Please share and encourage any individual or Family in desperate need of food to visit us.

### **CURRENT SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES**

**SATURDAYS, 5:00 PM** (beginning 9/19/20) – **HOLY EUCHARIST IN-PERSON OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sign-up in advance to attend this service is requested.

**SUNDAYS, 9:45 AM — LIVE WORSHIP TELE-SERVICE \***

Recordings of this Service are posted on the Church Website and Facebook page for access at your convenience.

**WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 AM — LIVE HEALING PRAYER TELE-SERVICE \***

**FRIDAYS, 7:00 AM – LIVE MORNING PRAYER TELE-SERVICE \***

This service can be followed on page 80 of your Book of Common Prayer or at <https://www.bcponline.org/>.

**FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LISTENING IN SPANISH,** The Sunday Gospel Reading, a Reflection and Prayers are available weekly on our Facebook page or WhatsApp. To join the WhatsApp group of Christ Church contact Deacon Jose: jmcantos5@hotmail.com

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If you have any difficulty, please email or call the church office (leave a voicemail).

**COVID-19 DISCRETIONARY FUND:** The Covid 19 Fund Committee has been considering the situation of low income families and the possibility of virtual, remote or hybrid learning this year. We want to make sure that all students have the resources to create a healthy and productive learning environment. If you know of a child that has a need for any such items (computer, high speed internet access, books, office supplies, etc.) please contact one of the clergy or leave a message at the church office. \*

While everyone's life has been impacted by the coronavirus, we have become aware of several people in our parish who have already lost their jobs and income and are in dire need of emergency assistance. Also, as this disaster continues, we expect that more jobs will be affected. For this reason we are setting up a Coronavirus Discretionary Fund. This fund will provide emergency assistance to people affected by this disaster. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact one of the clergy (Mother Petrina, Deacon Jose, or Deacon Ted). If you are able to contribute to this fund, please send a check to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) with "Coronavirus Fund" in the memo. A restricted account has been established specifically for this purpose. May God bless us all. We will get through this together. \*\*As of August 27, the COVID-19 Fund balance stands at: Contributions: \$22,955.50; Disbursements: \$10,391.80

*\* Students who will be remote and hybrid learning this upcoming school year will need to have access to many of their own supplies as schools cannot share.*

*Internet: Comcast is offering free internet access. Please click on this link for information and share with families. <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>*

*Computers: Families may need inexpensive computers for their kids, please direct them to chrome books. These are typically around \$200, much less than a full laptop model.*

*Day Care: Families may also need day care for their kids while parents are working. The Ocean County Y is offering child care options (from 2-5 days per week) and a sliding scale based on need. Please click on this link for more information. <https://ocymca.org/childcare-camp/virtual-learning-childcare/>*

### **MONDAY EVENING VIRTUAL "COFFEE HOUR" FROM 7-8PM\***

*\*No Coffee Hour on Labor Day, Sept. 7*

Join this Zoom Meeting Here! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94333201452> OR

Dial by Phone (audio participation only): **1 646 558 8656**

And then enter the Meeting ID: **943 3320 1452**

For those not familiar with ZOOM, it is a video chat room/meeting space. If you have a phone or computer with video/camera functions, you will be able to join in and SEE the faces of your Church Family as well as show us your face. If you are not interested in being visible, having your video off is an option.

If you do not have or are not comfortable using a computer or internet, you can still participate by calling in on your phone. You will still be able to listen and speak to everyone else participating (but you will not have a visual). We look forward to "seeing" your faces in these virtual Coffee Hours as we take this opportunity to say "Hello!" and "How are you?" If you need any help, please let me know!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS RECEIVING VOICEMAILS, EMAILS & MAIL:** If you need to reach us for any reason, please 1) Call the church office at 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail. Voicemails are being immediately received offsite and we are calling you back as soon as possible. Or 2) Email [NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org](mailto:NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org) and she will reply as soon as possible. We are receiving our mail!

**PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING** — We want to hear from you! And know that you are doing "ok" amongst this pandemic. Please leave us a Voicemail or send us an Email!

**CONTRIBUTIONS & PLEDGES DURING COVID 19:** Our pews will be empty for the next several weeks, that also means our collection plate is empty. We are asking if you would please continue to send in your pledges even though our weekly worship services have been suspended. Although most of life as we know it has come to a halt, the bills continue to come in and need to be paid. You can help us keep our bills current by keeping your pledge up to date. You can do this by mailing a check to the office (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753), or you can set up online bill pay through your bank (see your bank for details). Please consider doing this, so that once we are back in church, we can continue moving forward without the worry of how we are going to “catch up”. Thank you!

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** We all have one day of the year that is just for us; it’s our birthday. We may celebrate in grand style with family and friends singing that special song, eating cake and GETTING gifts; or we may choose to celebrate in a quiet fashion. However you choose to celebrate, it is YOUR special day. The Endowment and Stewardship Committees have come up with another way to celebrate this day. How about GIVING a gift that will KEEP ON GIVING? Each year on your birthday, we are inviting you to join the Birthday Club by writing a check in the amount of your age to Christ Church, which will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is invested with the diocese. By giving to this fund on your birthday, you will be contributing to the day-to-day life of the parish as well as the future of Christ Church. It is truly a gift that will keep on giving! How can you donate? Simply write out a check for the amount of your age, put Birthday Club in the memo and put it in the offering plate, mail it or drop it off to the office mailbox. So that we can all watch our gifts grow, we will update you on what we have received. We look forward to celebrating each of your birthdays! **The total for the month was AUGUST is \$294 (4 birthdays)!**

**JEWELRY REQUESTED:** While many of us are spending more hours at home these days, now is a good time to look through that jewelry for any you would like to donate to the Women of Christ Church (WCC). The WCC are interested in all kinds of jewelry, including costume, tarnished and broken. Please set these items aside until the church doors reopen and it is again safe for you to visit the building. There will be a collection bin labeled “jewelry” on top of the mailboxes. Thank you!

**JOIN US IN DAILY PRAYER AT 8:00PM:** Pray, wherever you may be ...at home, at work, in the car...let us pray together for a resolution and end to the COVID-19 pandemic...let us pray for health care workers, first responders, law enforcement and all essential workers... let us pray for our federal and state government officials ... let us pray for those that are sick and those that have died from the virus...let us pray for the families of the victims of the virus and all those who are poor and more vulnerable to the virus...let us pray for New Jersey, the United States of America and the World. There is no right, wrong or specific way one should pray ... pray the "Our Father", the "Prayer in Time of Pandemic" from our Sunday bulletins, or pray using words expressing how your heart feels.

**IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU, WOULD WE KNOW ABOUT IT?** Do the people who care about you know to notify the church right away in case of your hospitalization, or an accident, or an extended illness, etc.? Please give them the church's contact information with clear instructions to contact us right away. We hope to be praying for you during any incidents rather than after the fact. Thank you!!

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