

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

7:30 a.m.

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*Cathedral Parish of the
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Live God's Love

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The Word of God

References to the BCP are to the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack.

Families may find materials for children behind the right lectern and near the font to the left of the pulpit.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 323*)

GLORIA (*BCP, p. 324*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my

account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 14:25-33

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. †††
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Serena Sides
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP, p. 326*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP, p. 328*)

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION (*BCP, p. 330*)

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



*Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet to leave your tithe and offering this morning.
You may also leave your tithe and offering in the offering plates as they are passed.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer 1, BCP, p. 333*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*BCP, p. 336*)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (*BCP, p. 337*)

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (*BCP, p. 337*)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 339*)

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL (*BCP, p. 339*)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sally F. Cook, Margaret E. Ross and Edward C. Blank II, by Charlie Cook and Lawrence Blank-Cook.

PRAYERS

We give thanks for the birth of James Campbell Bradshaw V, son of Sarah and Jamie Bradshaw and grandson of Sally Bradshaw.

We pray for our parishioners, especially French, Rob, Jim, Phyllis, Jan, Susan, Paul, Stratton, Roy, Mark, Peggy, Rachel, Stacey, Daniel, Mimi, Roger, Jerry, Lennon, Jerry and Bobby.

We also pray for the families and friends of parishioners especially Rob, Darci, Bernie, Patty, Sheila, Rusty, Robert, Stacie, Heather, John David, Glynn, Olinka, Michael, Liam, Brandy, Jason, Nancy, Kenneth, Brendan and his children, Quincy, Kathryn, Walker, Alehandro, Virginia, and Marta.

We pray for those who have died, especially Harper Moyski and Fletcher Merkel and we pray for their families and all of the people of Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 7, 2025

7:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite I | 8:45 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 6:00 PM - Breaking Bread @ 6, Holy Eucharist

Nursery and Toddler Atrium, 9:30 – 11:30 AM.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Formation for all ages will return on September 14.

Join us for Kick Off Sunday festivities at 10 AM (see below for more information) and
Coffee and Cookies in the Wheeler Room after the 11:15 AM service.

If you need a low-gluten communion wafer, please let us know at the communion railing.
We offer healing prayer in the Chapel during communion at our 10:00 AM Sunday morning service.

*On Sunday mornings, please reserve the spots in the lot adjacent to the Cathedral (Lot A)
for those with limited mobility.*

Current and Upcoming Events

SERVE AND ENGAGE MINISTRY FAIR Join us at the Serve and Engage Ministry Fair TODAY, September 7 during the 10:00–11:00 AM hour in the Gathering Hall to explore the Cathedral's opportunities to serve, connect, and grow alongside your Christ Church community. Whether you're a seasoned community volunteer or just getting started, this is your chance to find new ways to live God's love by contributing your time and talents. Come be inspired—and bring a friend!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH OPEN HOUSES Children's and Youth Ministries will be hosting open houses during the 10:00 AM hour TODAY, September 7 from 10:00-11:00 AM. Parents will be able to meet their children's teachers, see the spaces, and get all the info on upcoming important events and dates. The children's open house will take place in the atria downstairs and the youth open house will take place in the 810 building. Contact the Rev. Canon Anna Russell Friedman at afriedman@christcathedral.org or Director of Youth Ministries Emily Berry at eberry@christcathedral.org with any questions!

ADULT FORMATION: SHARING THE GOSPEL Join our Dean and Rector the Very Rev. Serena Sides for a Sunday morning 10:00 AM adult formation series on the Acts of the Apostles starting September 14. We will explore—and learn from—the ways in which the first disciples experienced the spread of the Gospel, told their faith stories, and shared the Good News of Christ with others.

LGBTQ+ FAITH ALLIANCE MONTHLY MEETING All are invited to attend the next meeting of the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance on Saturday, September 13, at 10:00 AM in Cheek Hall. Baked treats will be provided! The Alliance is a Cathedral Committee that strives to inspire greater inclusivity in Cathedral life through education, Christian formation, and outreach. If you are interested but unable to make it, please contact Ginny McCoy at phantomminuet@cs.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY The Christ Church Cathedral Women's Bible study is a community of women who pray and study scripture. All women are welcome to join us this month on Saturday, September 13 at 10:00 AM in the Wheeler Room! For questions or more information, email Andrea Tucker at caribbeansun365@icloud.com.

YOUTH PARENT SOCIAL All parents of youth are invited to join us for a late afternoon gathering at the home of Tara and Tommy Steffen at 4:00 PM to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones! All parents of Cathedral youth are invited; we will have plenty of drinks and snacks on hand for all. Contact Director of Youth Ministries Emily Berry at eberry@christcathedral.org to get the RSVP link so that we have a headcount (adults only, please).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast is Tuesday, September 16 and all men of the Cathedral are invited! Join us in Cheek Hall from 7:00-8:00 AM for coffee, food and fellowship. (A \$7.00 donation is requested to help cover costs.) Please contact the Rev. Richard Wineland at rwineland@christcathedral.org if you have any questions!

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB Our book club meets the third Thursday of every month and offers both a daytime and evening option for participation. This month's clubs meet on September 16 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM; this month's book is *Sisters in Law*, an exploration of the lives of Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg. All are welcome! If you'd like to join us or have any questions, please contact Susan Hudson at mozarthud@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE We are excited to share that the Cathedral's Vestry approved the formation of a Hospitality Committee under the Parish Life Commission and the oversight and leadership of our Dean and Rector to support our mission of sharing God's love through social gatherings such as receptions, newcomer brunches, and other events for the Cathedral community and the Diocese. The inaugural chairs of the Hospitality Committee are Hannah Lavey and Tara Steffen. We are always looking for volunteers to help set up, run, and break down events. Please contact Hannah Lavey at hannahlavey@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer!

SAVE THE DATE

Bible Buddies - Wednesday, September 10, 11:00 AM

New Building Celebration - Sunday, October 5, 10:00 AM

Parking During Construction

We offer parking in two lots on 9th Avenue on Sundays and for other worship services and events: at the Southern Baptist Convention garage (remove vehicle by 1:30 p.m. on Sundays) and at the Tempo Hotel garage on 9th Ave.

Church Directory

The digital church directory is available to parishioners in Realm. If you have not yet logged in, please contact cccdatabase@christcathedral.org. Be sure to adjust your privacy settings for participation in the directory. If you need assistance, please contact mpercival@christcathedral.org.

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CELEBRANT AND PREACHER
The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Dean and Rector*

SACRISTAN
Bill Koch

*Names and contact information for the Cathedral staff
may be found at christcathedral.org*

CATHEDRAL VESTRY

2026

Billy Ballard
Christina Isbell
Donald McKenzie
David Morton
Sarah Tally (*Senior Warden*)

2027

Susan Barge
Sam Bessey (*Junior Warden*)
Ellie Teal Gardner
Anna Grimes
David Paine

2028

Maura Black Sullivan
Lawrence Blank-Cook
Deaver Collins
Gina Lodge
Keith Simmons

Ellen Wright (*Clerk*)
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