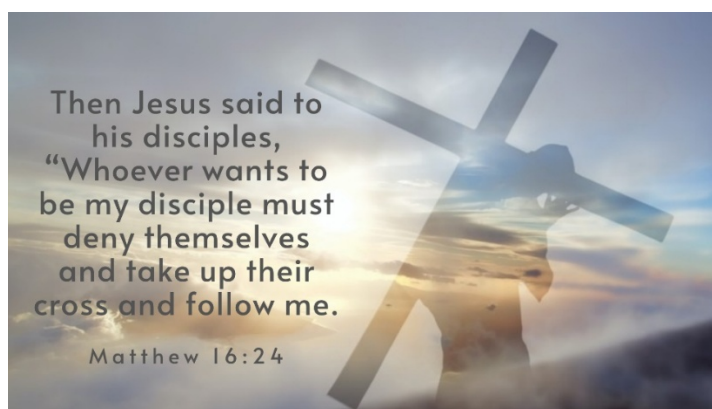
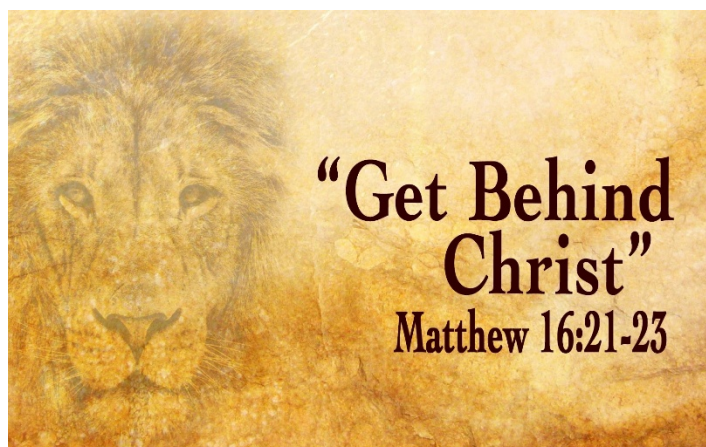




St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Bill Masters
Processional	<i>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus</i>	H-460
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Exodus 3: 1-15	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c	Attached

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen**

Second Reading	Romans 12: 9-21	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	Matthew 16: 21-28	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form VI		Attached
Confession		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>You Raise Me Up by Loveland and Graham</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father</i>	Hymnal Inside Front Cover
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	H-383
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>There's A Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	H-470
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP
The 1982 Hymnal = H
Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant:	The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Betty Roddy
Gospel Bearer	Patty Emanuelson
First Reading and Psalm	Dick Young
Second Reading	Patty Emanuelson
Prayers of the People	Beth Mayhew
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Patty Emanuelson
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites,

‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The Psalm
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

1. 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
3. 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4. 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
5. 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6. 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
23. Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24. The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
25. Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26. He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
45. Hallelujah!

The Epistle
Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 16: 21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Prayers of the People Form VI

L: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

L: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

L: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

L: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

L: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

L: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, Gerardo, our Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

L: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in our military serving at home and abroad, including the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force and Merchant Marines. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, and Tierra.

People: Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; grant them a sense of your adding presence wherever they may be.

L: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence – The People may add their own petitions

L: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

L: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

L: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

L: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

L: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

L: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements August 30, 2026

Our Vision: One congregation worshipping and serving in two languages.

Our Mission: We are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus: welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.

Please leave the music inserts and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.

LADIES WHO LUNCH: The ladies (below), enjoying lunch at Grandview Terrace this past week. (Al Franco managed to slip in there and join them.)



MAILBOX AND VOICE MESSAGES: Have you emptied your voice mailbox recently? We have been asked to mention this as several people have mentioned trying to call and leave a message for a parishioner, only to receive the message "mailbox is full", with the result no message can be left. Please check – several people may be trying to get in touch with you. 😊

SPARKLE & SHINE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: It is that time again! The Christmas Boutique will be **October 23-25, Friday - Sunday**. We need our crafters to get those beautiful items ready for our St Christopher's Boutique table. We have postcards available for you to share with your family, friends and neighbors and invite them to attend. You can also share them with vendors if you are visiting other Craft shows or Events and invite them to join us in October. If you have any questions please see Barbara Jackson or Mona Guarino during coffee hour or send a note to Cathy in the office and she will forward it to me. Working together will help us have another successful event.

HOSPITALIZATION AND ADDRESS CHANGE: Please remember to contact us if you or a family member is ill, or hospitalized, or if you move and change address. Call Patty Emanuelson at 602-228-2316 with the information or contact the church office. Thank you.

STREAMING LINK: As a reminder, if you are unable to attend church in person, you can view both the English and Spanish services via our streaming link (below). Both English and Spanish bulletins can be found on the webpage and are sent out via email on Fridays. If you have any questions regarding the link, please speak with Bill Lynn.

https://www.youtube.com/@StChris_SunCityAZ/streams

WATER DRIVE: This year we will be collecting money and/or water for Valley View Food Bank as a way of assisting St. Christopher's community. Valley View will provide will share the water with the homeless who find themselves outside in the summer heat. There is a blessings container available to leave monetary donations or you can drop a check or cash (in an envelope) in the offering plate. Be sure to mark the envelope or check "Valley View Water Donation." Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR

You're Invited! – Coffee Fellowship Gathering

We'd love for you to join us for a time of fellowship and warm conversation and friendly faces.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: After Worship Service

Location: Parish Hall

We can't wait to see you there!

Coffee hour is in need of extra hands to help in the kitchen. And coffee hour is always in need of donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays – anything you would like to bring. Look for the sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

Kelly Thomas hosts this week's coffee fellowship.

We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Soup and Chili” Sunday. Please bring cans of soup or broth, or packets of soup, bean mix or canned or dry ingredients for chili. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.~*There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.*— John Holmes

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	August 24	2026 Total
Weight		1,212 lbs.
Cash	\$100.00	\$810.00
Water Project		\$579.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	August 24	August Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$510.00	\$1,717.00	\$16,758.15**
Bookstore	\$78.00	\$247.00	\$1,718.55

****Bargains total includes all monies received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters.**

This Week's Prayer List

One of the ways we care for one another in this church is through prayer. We believe that prayer is powerful and can bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the people below.

* Kelli Abel * Makayla Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Chinenye Anako * Nnenna Anako * Anne *
 * Jim Barnette * Bob Bonham * Judy Broeder * Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia *
 * Tim Buffery * Karen Butler * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Claudio *
 * Sharon Cook * Jane Cooley * Jean Durrett * Kathryn Frantz * Fr. Gerardo * Cathy & Gary Gustin *
 * Karen Harry * Michael Heap * Judith * Kim * Barbara Kimball * Archie Lafferty * Gene Lapham *
 * Terry Lewis * Domingo Lopez * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez * Larry Mayper *
 * Jeff McBride * Brenda McCormick * Mia * Shawn Mirigian * Hivanny Oliver * Marla Karla Pallas *
 * Don Palm * Paul * Paula * Jean Phelps * Ramon * Jill Renner * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy *
 * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * Sherrie * Stella * Anna Van Scoter *
 * David Scott (Barbara Kimball's son) * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Carol Weber *
 * Barbara Welsh * Steve Wheatley * Janet Young * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Carol Masters * Jo Anne Hansen *

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