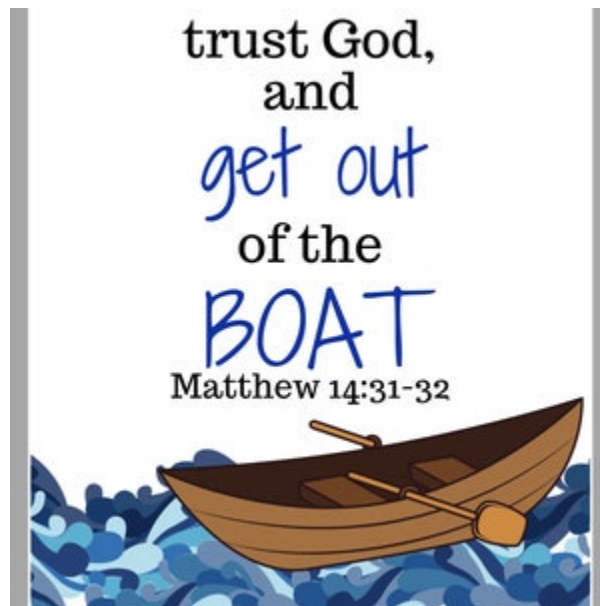




St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 9
9:30 a.m.

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Bill Masters
Processional	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	H-372
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b	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 10: 5-15	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	H-178, Vs 1, 2
Gospel	Matthew 14: 22-23	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>O Light of Life by Mark Wilberg</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>Let Us Break Bread</i>	H-325
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	H-525
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	Lisa Wolford
Second Reading	Marva Martinez
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Patty Emanuelson
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Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

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He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Psalm Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

1. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
3. Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4. Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
 5. Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
 6. O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
 16. Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
 17. He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
 18. They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
 19. Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.
 20. The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
 21. He set him as a master over his household, *
as a ruler over all his possessions,
 22. To instruct his princes according to his will *
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45b Hallelujah!

The Epistle Romans 10: 5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the

same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 14: 22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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 9, 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.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generous response to the recent request for school supplies. Even though the notice was short, your willingness to step up and help was truly a blessing. We donated about forty back packs with numerous school supplies to help children in our community have a great start this academic year.

We are pleased to share that all of the donated items were delivered to Cheyenne Elementary School and will be put to good use by children preparing for the new school year. Your kindness and generosity will help ensure that many students have the supplies they need to learn, grow, and succeed in the classroom.

Thank you for demonstrating God's love through your actions and for supporting the children in our community. Your gifts will make a meaningful difference in the lives of these students and their families.

We are grateful for your compassionate hearts and your continued commitment to serving others.

With sincere appreciation,
The Vestry



SUNDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Effective August and September, the Spanish Sunday service will begin at 8:00 a.m. English service remains the same at 9:30 a.m.

READINGS: If you would like to receive large print copies of the lectionary readings, please notify the ushers. Several copies are always available.

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.

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

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is "Canned Goods" Sunday. Valley View Food Bank is also in need of canned goods—canned vegetables, fruit, including low salt and low sugar, canned meat (spam, etc), canned tuna, sardines, salmon.. Please bring any canned goods to share. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	August 3	2026 Total
Weight		1,172 lbs.
Cash	\$5.00	\$710.00
Water Project	\$111.00	\$556.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	August 3	August Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$357.00	\$357.00	\$15,375.15**
Bookstore	\$53.00	\$53.00	\$1,524.55

****Bargains total includes all monies previously 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 * Kia Browning *
 * Tim Buffery * Karen Butler * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Claudio *
 * Sharon Cook * Jane Cooley * Jean Durrett * 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 *
 * Jeff McBride * Brenda McCormick * Mia * Shawn Mirigian * Bryan Nance * Hivanny Oliver *
 * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Paul * Joanne Porter * 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 *
 * Barbara Welsh * Steve Wheatley * Janet Young * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

*Steven Blankenship * Carol Masters * Jo Anne Hansen *

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