



The 10th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 18

August 2, 2026

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

*Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book and are numbered at the top of each hymn. We will celebrate Holy Communion today – all are welcome, and directions are included after the invitation to the Table. If you have trouble coming forward, or need gluten free bread and wine, there are element cups near the door for you to use. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!*

Changes and additions to the prayer list are published every Sunday in the announcements. Please share your prayer concern with Pastor, or Cindy Carper, if you would like it included on the prayer list. Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the parsonage at 267-362-8129.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God,
Blessed be God forever, Amen.

Called by the Holy Spirit and seeking God's abundant grace,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #533, OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY (NEXT PAGE)



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so-e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

GREETING

The grace of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence. The Prayer of the Day is offered as we join in our hearts.* The prayer concludes: ... our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

THE FIRST LESSON is from Isaiah, the 55th chapter. (Isa. 55: 1-5)

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ *Silence* +

PSALM 145 is read responsively.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;**

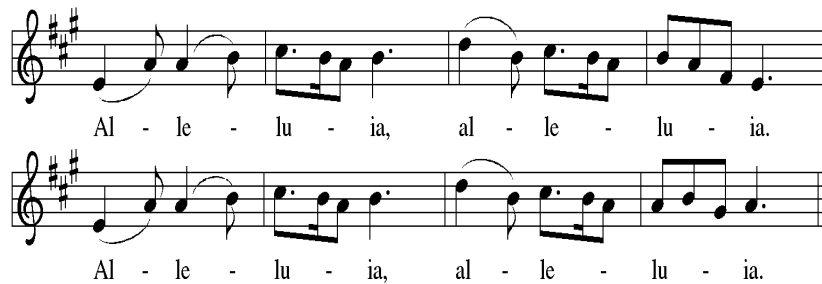
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING is from Romans, the 9th chapter. (Rom. 9:1-5)

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence, then, please stand, in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!** (Matthew 14:13-21)

+ Alleluia repeats +

Please be seated.

TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #793, BE THOU MY VISION (NEXT PAGE)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Together we confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Empowered by the Spirit and trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us pray for a world in need.

*A brief silence. We offer our prayers for the church, our community, neighbors and nation. Each petition concludes: '...in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**'. A time to offer our own petitions aloud or in silence follows the invitation '...for what else shall we pray'. The prayers conclude:*

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Meal

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

Feel free to step out of your pew! Following the peace, please be seated.

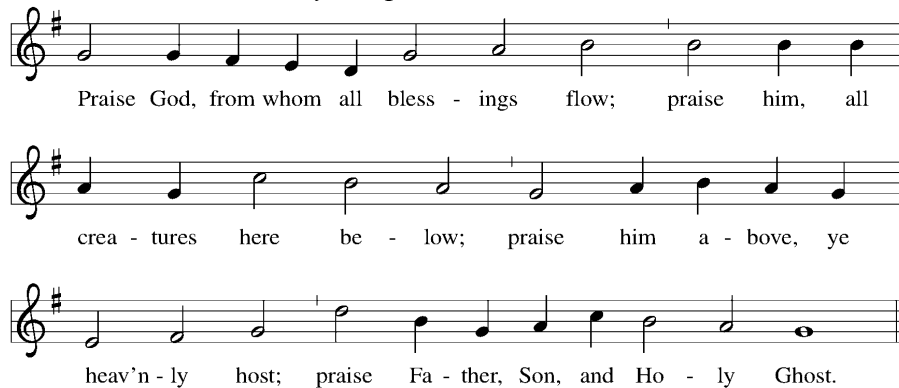
OFFERTORY, AS WE GATHER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / ANTHEM

We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies.

In-House the offering is collected. If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code.



OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Please stand in body or spirit.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creating God:

**The fields and forest, sea and sky are the work of your hands
and we are blessed by their bounty.**

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a joyful thing to give you thanks O God...

Pastor offers the Eucharistic prayer; we join in our hearts. The prayer concludes:

...as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI: O LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God - come to the Table,
for all is now ready. **We shall come with joy, alleluia, amen!**

Please be seated.

We believe Jesus Christ is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation. The elements are offered with the words: 'The Body of Christ given for you' and 'The Blood of Christ shed for you'. The recipient may respond "Amen".

Those online are communed, then the musicians. The congregation follows by the organ side, then the pulpit side. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Host from Pastor. Then move towards the side aisle to receive the Wine by intinction, dipping the Host into the cup, and returning to the pew by the side aisle. Take your time – be in prayer, sing, pray as you come to the Table. The hymn during communion is ACS 981, All Who are Thirsty.



All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,



come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.



There's e - nough for all.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979
Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel
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When all have communed, the Table is cleared. Please stand at Pastor's invitation.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray a *brief silence*

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us

through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,

in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated for Mission & Ministry Announcements.

Sending

Please stand in body or spirit at Pastor's invitation.

THE BENEDICTION

The Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

OUR SENDING SONG is hymn ELW #547, SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING (ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to YouTube and our website (www.christpipersville.org).

THE AUGUST WEB SITE is sponsored by Amy Zearfoss and Debbie Davis in loving memory of our beautiful mother Gail Zearfoss.

THE AUGUST BULLETINS are sponsored by Rick and Genya Hopf in thanksgiving for our many blessings and our prayers for those in war torn countries.

WE WELCOME Louise Gerdemann as our organist this morning and thank her for her musical leadership.

GREETER: Don (L.B.) Lindquist

LECTOR:

FELLOWSHIP:

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – The prayer list is printed in today's announcements, the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

EMS COLLECTION: Today is the final day a basket is available on the table by the sanctuary doors for anyone wishing to help support our local EMS services.

GREETERS: We need volunteers to welcome everyone to worship on Sunday mornings and distribute bulletins. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to select a week that's convenient for you. Greeters are needed for any of the remaining Sundays in August.

FELLOWSHIP PERIOD hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

LECTORS: Volunteers would be appreciated to read the lessons each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board & copies of the lessons are available at least a week in advance.

SERVICE PROJECT to support Tabor Children's Services and the many programs they have to help children and families in Bucks County: Today we will be assembling the school backpacks and cleaning supply buckets following worship. Today is also the last day to make a donation of \$25 Giant gift cards to help those facing food insecurity (monetary donations can be placed in the basket by the doors or see Cindy or Kim S to purchase gift cards). We also continue to collect **Baby Diapers** (sizes 4, 5 & 6 preferred) for families in need.

SIMPLY GIVING is a program that enables you to financially support our ministry easily, securely and faithfully. You choose the amount and the schedule: weekly, bimonthly, or monthly. You can easily change the amount or timing. You can be a blessing! Contact the church office with any questions.

The Week of August 2nd at a Glance

- Sun. 08/02 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period
Assembly of Backpacks & Cleaning Supplies for Tabor Services
Happy 70th Anniversary, Jim and Jane Henry!
Happy Birthday, Rick Hadland!
Happy Birthday, Heidi Hedin!
- Wed. 08/05 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal
- Thur. 08/06 7:00AM Morning Prayer, NO Bible Study
Office Closed, Cindy Day Off
- Fri. 08/07 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Happy Birthday, Pastor Marie Caron!
- Sun. 08/09 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

In August 2026, let us pray for...

Joseph Apgar (AF), Tait Blethen (AF), Jim Campbell (H,R), Pr. Caron & Family (Pr/C), Pr. Bill Coleman (Pr/C), David Cook (H,St), Cory Cox (AF), ELCA Bishop Yehiel Curry (Pr/C), Pr. Ginny Goodwin (Pr/C), Paul Gruver (NH), Rick Hadland (H,R), Sonja Hadland (NH), Mark Kallenbach (H,St), Bob M (H,R), Darryl M (H,St,R), Riley Ann M (H,St,R), Bev Maddux (H,R), Doris Maddux (H,St,R), Carol Mulhatten (H,R), Leslie Osterberg (H,R), Bishop Bryan Penman (Pr/C), Kirk Reed (H,R), Emma Roberson (H,R), Bunnie S (P), Bailey Sanford (pregnancy), Thomas Schumacher (AF), Thomas Shiiba (AF), Stephen Spadaccino (AF), and Rich Weidner (AF).

Thanksgiving for the birth of Augustine (Auggie) William Shiiba to Stacey and Thomas Shiiba (grandson of Holly & Bill Hanisak).

Those who mourn: The family and friends of Roy Clement (esp. wife Joanne, son Mike Clement, Nick, & Pastor Caron), Jackie Menagh, Betty Hager Blatz (esp. Hager/Blatz families), Stephen Reinard Sr. (esp. Jane, Stephen Jr. & Blake), Justin Kling (esp. DJ Kling/Livezey families), Butch Wood (esp. Point Pleasant Fire Co. mourning the loss of Justin & Butch), Pam Welsh (esp. daughter Stacey Swope (David) & family), Deanna Pownall (esp. husband Vinnie Salvatoriello, brother Jim Campbell (Kim), her children & family) and Pr. Bradley Gow mourning the death of his uncle.

AF: Armed Forces, H: Healing, P: Peace/Patience, R: Recovery, St: Strength, M: Mourning, W: Wisdom T: Thanksgiving, NH: Nursing Home, HB: Home Bound, Pr/C: Pastors/Church Professionals

Please consider visiting, writing or calling these people who need the support of this faith community. If you know of others for whom you would like the congregation to pray, please notify the church office, 215-766-8730. Let us pray also for anyone besides the ones listed above, who may have some special need or desire.