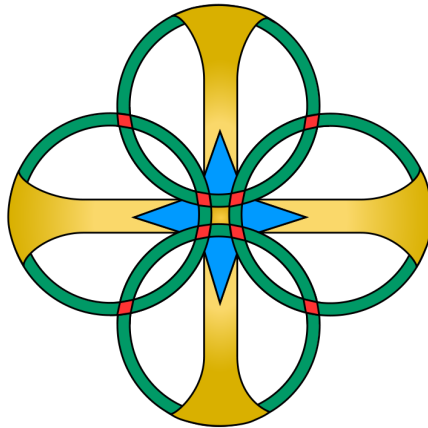

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

July 13, 2025
8:00am and
10:30am and Livestreamed on Facebook



CHRIST CHURCH
The Episcopal Church of Norcross

We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary.

We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Please silence all cell phones and other digital devices and we ask that you refrain from "texting" during the service.

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

***The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love,
and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.***

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Morning has broken

arr. Carol Tornquist

Processional Hymn

Lobe den Herren

Hymnal #390

Praise to the Lord, the almighty King of creation

Opening Acclamation

Presider

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Purity Prayer

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. Amen.

Gloria

Hymnal #S-236

Collect of the Day

Presider:

God be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Presider:

Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Amos 7:7-17

A Reading from the Prophet Amos.

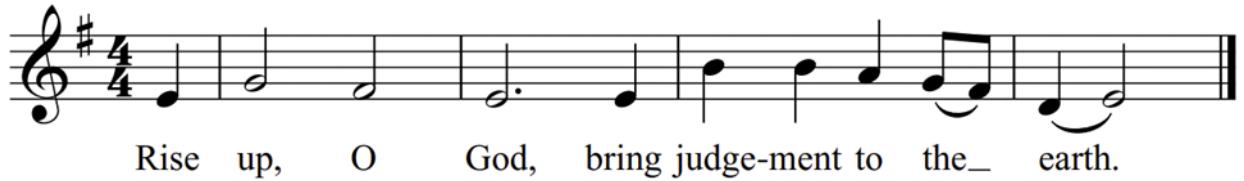
This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.



1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

Refrain

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;

Refrain

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

Refrain

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

*All remain standing.***Holy Gospel**

Luke 10:25-37

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

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

The Rev. Edgar Otero

*All stand***Nicene Creed**

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*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 human.*

*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, universal, 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.*

Prayers of the People

Presider: The creator of all that is has called us into relationship; let us now offer our prayers to the one whose love and compassion are the source of all life, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Shower your blessings on your church throughout the world, especially for Sean and Rob, our bishops, and Edgar and Dan, our clergy. Help us to be neighbors to all people; strangers and friends, those close by and those far away, of every land and language and culture.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Guide the leaders of our nation and of all nations to extend the hand of friendship, especially for Donald, our president, and Brian, our governor, Nicole, our county chair, Craig, our mayor, and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Daniel, and Andrew, that we might work together for a more peaceful world.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Inspire and embolden us that we might show neighborly love to one another to build a better tomorrow.

Lord in your mercy,

Leader: Let us glory in your abundant creation and commit ourselves to its care and sustenance.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Remind us to make time for those who suffer or who are isolated, that we might magnify your love in our lives. Especially for those who have sought our prayers, for Jack, Heather, John, Bob, Debanhi, Scott, Judy & Richard, Toni, Graham, Wes, Ron, Rann, and Val.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: We hold fast to your promises, especially your care for those whose earthly journey has ended. Grant that we, too, may come to rest in your care and rise in glory in your new age. Especially we lift up Rudean Champion, aunt of Maria Chapman & Sam Lyles; Joyce Daniel, long-time friend of Gayle Morris; LaVergne Eason, sister-in-law of John Haeger; and Janis Joslin, aunt of Kathy Smith.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

The people may add their own thanksgivings and petitions.

Leader: We ask blessings for those who minister to others, especially the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those

for whom they care, our Path to Shine volunteers, and for our Vestry.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask blessings for members of our parish that we pray for this day:

Jose Morales & Esmeralda Muñoz;

Rosa M. Morales Pérez & Jose Francisco Morales;

Gayle Morris;

Natalie Leff Morris.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the gift of the altar flowers, given by Dale and Karen Swenson, in honor of Channing and Christine Haskell, and for our many blessings.

Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Presider: Lord God, you formed us in love; you command us to live in your love. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the Son you sent to dwell among us, the neighbor who is attentive to all our needs, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Presider

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

All stand.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy recipient for July is Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD).

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

E-Giving QR Code—>



THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

*We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.
Please ask the priest for them when you are at the altar rail.*

Offertory Anthem

I sing the mighty power of God

arr. Carol Tornquist

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn

Hyfrydol
Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal #657

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy; you have called us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Presider and People

Sanctus (8:00am)

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Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

LEVAS II #255

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human

family and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may this be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People

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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal #S-164

The Presider says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

Land of Rest

Hymnal #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Communion Hymn

Aldine

Hymnal #431

The stars declare his glory

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal Giver of love and life: you have nourished us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Now send us into the world with the power of your Spirit, to preach your redeeming love, to do your justice, and to act with courage, in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

Postcommunion Hymn

Sicilian Mariners
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal #344

Dismissal

Postlude

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

arr. Carol Tornquist

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Stewardship Quote

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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Jack Brocksmith, Heather Emery, John Emery, Bob Haer, Debanhi Hernandez,
Scott McCue, Judy & Richard Moore, Toni Mocharski, Graham Perrins,
Wes Quesenberry, Ron Rice, Rann Warr, and Val Wilson.

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul

Rudean Champion, aunt of Maria Chapman & Sam Lyles;
Joyce Daniel, long-time friend of Gayle Morris;
LaVergne Eason, sister-in-law of John Haeger;
Janis Joslin, aunt of Kathy Smith.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O'Keefe, and Andrew Pridgen.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Connie Bentley, Margo Biringer, Brad Burns, John Buchek, Gary Cobb, Sophia Crawford,
Ralph Donnangelo, Will Drummond, Nick Forleades, Richard Freeman, Lynn Catherine Jester,
Mozelle Johnson, Val McCall, Kaye McRoberts, Lisa Matthews, John Mocharski, Riley Moore,
Julie Murray, Anita Oliver, Patty Peña, Bonnie Pitman, Ann Pruitt, Frances Rich,
Gary & Cindy Russell, Andrew Thompson, Bill Wall, and Noah Withrow.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

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TIME-SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read The Christ Church Chronicle (CCC) at www.ccnorcross.org for detailed announcements.

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To make your visit smoother, please scan the QR code with your smartphone. This will take you to our electronic visitors book, where you can quickly and easily enter your details. Your information helps us keep in touch with all new family members. Welcome home!

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025

Join us at 9:15am in Room 107 of the Education Wing and via Zoom to enjoy the book study of *Holy Envy* by The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor, who shares her spiritual insights from teaching world religions in rural Georgia. For more information, please contact Kathy Smith at ksmithd106@gmail.com or read the Chronicle for more information.

VBS at NCM THROUGH JULY 23, 2025

With the exception of July 2, 2025, the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries will host the 2025 Vacation Bible School located at their facility at 500 Pinnacle Court, Norcross. Dates and times: June 4th through July 23 between 10am and 12 noon, for ages 4 thru 12. Snacks, games, and Bible stories provided, no registration needed, and no fee to participate.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, & REAFFIRMATION ON OCTOBER 19, 2025, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION

Registration now open (see applications on the table in the Narthex), with the first class beginning at 11:45am on August 3, 2025, and continuing through October 12, 2025. Bp. Rob Wright will be with us on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the combined bilingual service for these events.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, July 13, 2025

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| Celebrant..... | The Rev. Edgar Otero |
| Deacon | The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows |
| Acolytes | McKenzie Wortman, Jodi Arminio, Kristie Bernard |
| Altar Guild | Rita Boughrum, Joyce Proctor |
| AV Team..... | Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD |
| Eucharistic Ministers:..... | Channing Haskell; Mike Breedlove |
| Greeters..... | Robert Richardson; Gayle Morris |
| Lectors..... | Channing Haskell; Diane Lynch |
| Ushers | Robert Richardson; Scott Gottuso, Gayle Morris |
| Vestry of the Day | Kathy Smith; Diane Lynch; Matt Tuel |

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, July 20, 2025

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| Celebrant..... | The Rev. Edgar Otero |
| Deacon | The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows |
| Acolytes | Afiong Ekong, Kassie Diehl, Eleanor Diehl |
| Altar Guild | Cathy Canfield, Heather Durham |
| AV Team..... | TBD, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD |
| Eucharistic Ministers:..... | Kathy Smith; Cathy Canfield |
| Greeters..... | Elliott Brack; Carla Johnson |
| Lectors..... | Elliott Brack; Mike Wood |
| Ushers | Janet Orr; Scott Gottuso, Stephanie Usher |
| Vestry of the Day | Janet Orr (8am & 10:30am); Diane Lynch (1pm) |

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, July 27, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes..... McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild Ange Justice, Amy Ross
AV Team TBD, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD
Eucharistic Ministers: Ange Justice; Angela Becker
Greeters TBD; Amy Ross, Annette Stewart
Lectors Ange Justice; Myrna Campbell-Kelly
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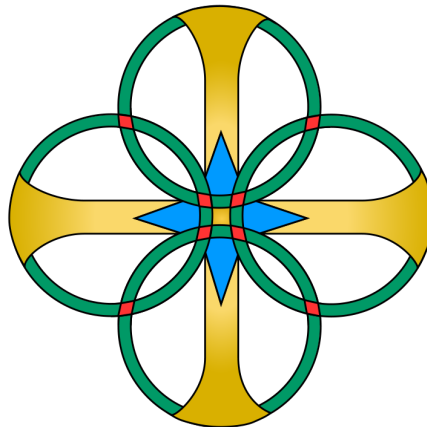
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