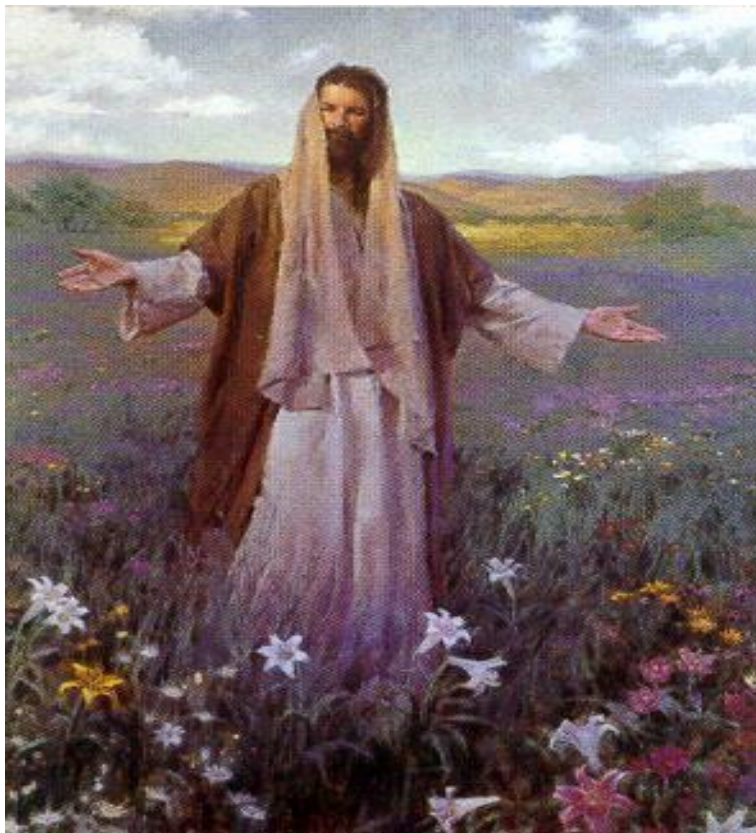




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- Holy Eucharist - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 12, 2026, 8:00am

*“Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away”*

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THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 55: 10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65: (1-8), 9-14

[1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND READING – Romans 8: 1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang

up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for those we name in silence or aloud, especially: Goldie Ungar, Tom Mertz, Joseph and Jackie Crawley, Claire Hamilton, Oswald & Cescell Howard, John Cabibbo, Katie and her family, Gladys Owusu Sekyre, Andre, Elba Pagán, Calista Dibble, Cecily Perez, Sherry Branstetter, Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Kathy McBride, Monique Ray Burwell, Milagros Lopez, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Joyce Howard, Lukas Christoforakis, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Elsie Riley, Cathy and Bob Duane, and Mary Tyler.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially Charles Larson, Craig Cox, Dora Campbell, Jackson (Jack) Chamberlain, Carl Greene, George Hamilton, and Edward G. Cook.

Let us also give thanks to those celebrating anniversaries especially Kathy & James McBride.

We pray for all those departed the week of July 12th, especially James A. Noyes, Rose Chagnon Briggs, Donald Waldo, Marien Eager Fitch, Lawrence F. Carnes Sr., Clyde R. Shea, Catherine C. Terry, Steven Ziemba, Lillian Ritter French, Claudia Westfall,

Marion Waleryszak, Carl Crawford, Lucille Landers, Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro, Ellen N. Ennis, Emma A. Maher, and James Climo Sr.

The Flowers on the Altar are given in memory of William and Jean Humphries, John A. and Christine Parker by Pat Parker.



THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL ON THE GO

The Cathedral is on the go once again! Join us July 25th for a sweet treat at Maple Valley Creamery in Hadley combined with a walking trail stroll! More information coming soon. If you have any questions, please contact the office at cccspfld@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL Book Club: "Rough Sleepers" by Tracy Kidder

The Cathedral Book club's will be reading Tracy Kidder's Rough Sleepers. Book Club will be meeting on Monday, July 13th at 7:00 Via Zoom! For more information, please contact Laura or the Office.

CATHEDRAL MISSION TRIP TO STONE BRIDGE FARM

The Cathedral is leading a 5-day mission trip from August 17th-21st to **Stone Bridge Farm** in Newton, New Jersey. Stone Bridge Farm is led by Dr. Lisa Kimball, a retired professor from Virginia Theological Seminary and a dear friend of your Dean. Stone Bridge Farm is committed to knowing, loving, and supporting creation as sponsors and supporters of a space in nature for the nurture and healing of souls. The farm comes with a chapel, a pool, a river you can go fishing and kayaking and we will help them build two bridges that will give them access to an area of the farm where they hope to raise goats. If you're interested in participating, please reach out dean@cccspfld.org and if you would like to learn more about Stone Bridge Farm and their ministry, go to stonebridge.farm.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Who are the Daughters of The King? They are prayer warriors. We are blessed to have a chapter right here at Christ Church Cathedral. We have a confidential prayer list which includes prayers for guidance, travel, special concerns as well as healing. If you would like prayers, please contact BishopsChapter96@gmail.com or Phyllis Larson at 413-374-4453 phone or text. We look forward to praying for you and or your family.

FINANCE TEAM NEWS

First off, we want to say how very grateful we are to everyone who has made donations to the Cathedral during this first six months of 2026. We count on your generosity, and we're prayfully hopeful that you will continue your support throughout the rest of the year.

Ways to support the Cathedral:

- (1) Giving envelopes -- There are quite a few already assigned envelopes waiting to be picked up on the table in the foyer. Please check and see if your box is there! If your box is not there, and you'd like one, please let Laura Manship know.
- (2) Bill pay through your bank's website.
- (3) PayPal -- take a photo of this QR code:



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