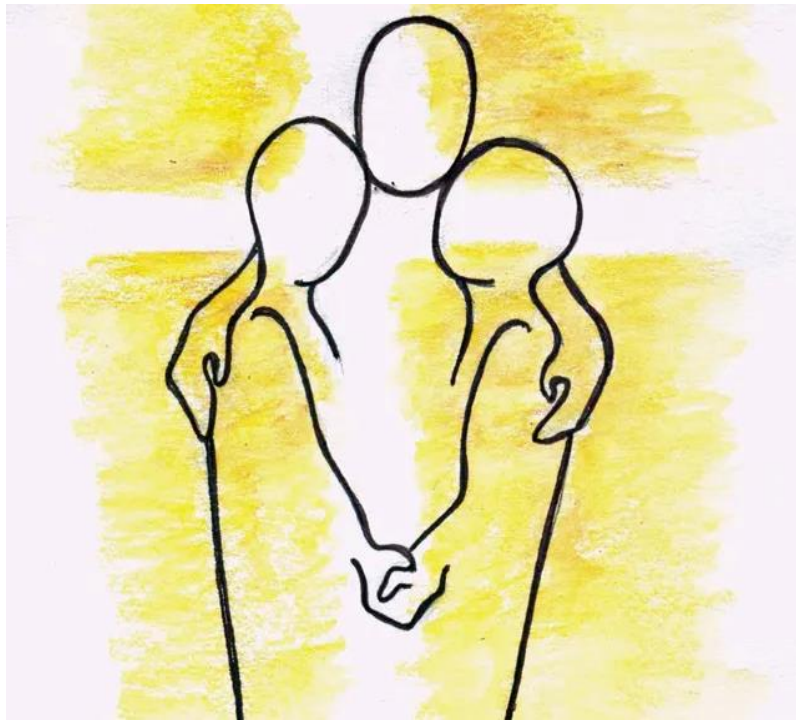




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- Holy Eucharist - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 6, 2026, 8:00 am

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 – Ezekiel 33: 7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 33-40

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

THE SECOND READING – Romans 13: 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 18: 15-20

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord
Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. José Reyes

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayers of the people are found on page 392.

We pray especially for Goldie Ungar, Tom Mertz, Joseph and Jackie Crawley, Claire Hamilton, Oswald & Cescell Howard, 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, Robert Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Elsie Riley, Bob Duane, Mary

Tyler, Peter Pappas, Burt Hansen, , Rosa, Jacob, Milagros, Henry, José, Raul Viera, Lucho, Marco, Gladys, Ronald, Elmer, Joan Robinson, Rob Soderstrom, Owen, Tom and Carmen Cooke.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially Sorin Ray, Ruben Reyes, Janyana Linares, The Very Rev. Betsy Fisher, Mark Giddings, and Carlos Fragosa.

Let us also give thanks to those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Paul and Denise McCarthy.

We pray for all those departed the week of September 6th, Nizida Arauzo Barrera, Alice Collins, Evelyn Wilson, Florence Hutchinson, Claude Violi, Harvey Violi, Stacia Egbert, Hildemarie Hoffman, Randall Betscher, and Cleminette Rutenber.

We pray especially for the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

The Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Peter Climo by the MacMunn and Climo families.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

START UP SUNDAY!

Next Sunday, September 13th, all Sunday services begin meeting in the Sanctuary again!

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.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS ☕

We are looking for coffee hour hosts! There is a sign-up board in the library and we would greatly appreciate volunteers!

FLOWER GUILD *

The Cathedral's Flower Guild is here with a few reminders! The Flower Guild is looking for members to volunteer to help display the beautiful flowers you see every week. Please reach out to the office if you are interested in joining.

Additionally, if you have asked to have dedicated flowers, please submit your \$45.00 payment to the office addressed to "Flower Guild".

FINANCE TEAM NEWS

Financial Position as of July 31, 2026:

☐ Revenue Year To Date: \$402,947

☐ Expenses Year To Date: \$375,951

Revenue minus expenses = \$26,996 surplus



If you are 72 years of age (or older) and are required to take Distributions from your IRA, you can make a Distribution directly to the Cathedral. This is a Win-Win – the Cathedral receives the donation (your pledge) and you don't have to pay taxes on the distribution.

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