



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026 8:00 a.m.

Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.

Entrance Hymn 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

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Opening Acclamation

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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah [15:15-21]

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 26:1-8 *Judica me, Domine*

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [12:9-21]

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [16:21-28]

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

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Offertory Hymn

Hymn 644

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

St. Pete

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This is God's table, all are welcome. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the minister. Communion can be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder

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People in our Prayers

Healing: Tiffany, Ronald Dunbar, Sr., Carmel, Kathy Wolfe, Rebecca Vogt, Sally Ann Williamson, Ronald Dunbar, Michelle Gabrielsen, Kim Murphy, Gordon, Karen Nolan, Paul H, Kate Pinson, Tim C, Jan & Bill, Jan L, Jeff, Sandra Covington, Br Richard Biernacki, Donald Verdery, Charles Lewis, Timothy Jackson, Catherine, Gay Schueler, Ezra, Gwen Prosser, Lochlin, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan Bailey, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Percy, Joan Grey, Jan Schaefer, Jason, Jeanie, Brian, Corey and his mom Heidi, Fr Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Vicki Boetsch, Janice Boetsch, Margery, Stephanie

Died: Patricia Olds

September Birthdays: Pam Bardon (4); Deborah Whittaker (7); Diane Purkey (12); Lola Black (13); Lucy Ebbert (17); Ruth Tolman (18); Alie Angell (18); Evie Bridges (19)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: For all who labor and work and for all who seek the dignity of meaningful employment

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, August 30 4:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Centering Prayer – Lady Chapel

Tuesday, September 1:

All Day Staff Retreat – Church Office is Closed

Wednesday, September 2:

9:30 a.m. Healing Prayer and Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom (*Contact Br. Donvan Bowley for link*)

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2026:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Lemonade and iced tea on the front lawn*)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Refreshments on the front lawn and parish hall*)

4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.

Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Announcements

Today, we welcome Wells Alexander Lawless into Christ's household through the Sacrament of Baptism. Wells' parents are Jon and Elizabeth and brother, Graham.

Lemonade and iced tea are available on the front lawn after both services, weather permitting. Additional refreshments are also available in the parish hall following the 10 a.m. service.

Midcoast Churches will meet at beautiful Camp Bishopswood in Hope on Sunday, September 13 for Baptism, Eucharist and Picnic. The service will begin at 11 a.m. Bring salad or dessert to share and a lawn chair may be helpful. We will have an 8 a.m. Eucharist at St. Thomas that day but there will be no 10 a.m. service at the church.

Update: Our Christian Formation Team is inviting you to become part of an Agape Group that will meet in a home or at church around a meal and Scripture reflection. Participants will be assigned to a group of 6-8 people and will meet four times between the beginning of September and January. Each group will determine meeting dates and places and rotate leadership for hosting. Groups to be announced by September 8.

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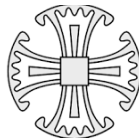
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Our Transition Vision Statement

"We will be a healthy and thriving multigenerational church whose rich liturgical tradition inspires us to live out God's love in our actions and decisions to better meet the needs of our community."

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