

CHRIST CHURCH

Gordonsville, Virginia

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14

August 9, 2026



Processional Hymn

390 Praise to the Lord

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a

distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 45B



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Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **Name**; *
make known his deeds among the **peoples**.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to **him**, *
and speak of all his marvelous **works**.

- 3 Glory in his holy **Name**; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord **rejoice**.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his **strength**; *
continually seek his **face**.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has **done**, *
his wonders and the judgments of his **mouth**,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his **servant**, *
O children of Jacob his **chosen**.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the **land** *
and destroyed the supply of **bread**.
- 17 He sent a man **before them**, *
Joseph, who was sold as a **slave**.
- 18 They bruised his feet in **fetters**; *
his neck they put in an iron **collar**.
- 19 Until his prediction came to **pass**, *
the word of the Lord **tested him**.
- 20 The king sent and **released him**; *
the ruler of the peoples set him **free**.
- 21 He set him as a master over his **household**,
as a ruler over all his **possessions**,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his **will**
and to teach his elders wisdom. **Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

608 Eternal Father, strong to save

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ____.



People

Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

After the reading, the priest says,

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.



People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Offertory Anthem	490	I want to walk
Communion Hymn	304	I come with joy
Closing Hymn	410	Praise, my soul, the King

SERVING TODAY

LEM/POP:	Robert Simmons
Lector 1:	Ron Howard
Lector 2:	Lorrie Pollard
Usher:	Carolyn Smith
Coffee Host:	Robert Simmons
Altar Guild:	Dorsey Comer, Margaret Hill
Counters:	Lorrie Pollard, Susette Goodwin

PRAYER LIST

Please submit your prayer to the church office or use a prayer request form available in the narthex and drop it in the office. Thank you.

Ron, Penn, David, Rudy, Bonnie, Ardine and Martin.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carley Reinhold (Aug. 6); Nelson Tucker, Julia Boisvert (Aug. 9); David Scibal, Michael Silberman & Carolyn Smith (Aug. 15); Robert Simmons (Aug. 16); Bill & Kathy Small (Aug. 18); Frank Fitzhugh, Megan Small, Parker Shifflett (Aug. 22); John & Melanie Harkness (Aug. 28).

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Trip, by Lorrie Pollard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Eucharist for the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin

The next weekday evening service will be Saturday, August 15th at 5:30pm, celebrating the Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin. Join us for this quiet, candle-lit service.

Reprise of “History of Christ Church” Talk

Fr. Lachlan has been asked to deliver his “History of Christ Church” talk, delivered last Sunday at the Orange County Historical Society picnic, a second time. If you missed it – or want to hear it again – you can come to the Orange County Historical Society auditorium at 130 Caroline Street in Orange on Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30pm.

Historian Seeks Interviews

A graduate student at UVA's architecture school named Shipley Johnson is hoping to speak to Gordonsville residents about the history of our town and its buildings. I hope you will join Shipley at 11:30 (after coffee hour) on Sunday, August 16th, in the Parish Hall parlor, where she will be conducting drop-in interviews. You can also email Shipley at phiashipleyjohnson@gmail.com.

Service Schedule Change

The “early service” will return Sunday September 6th. Beginning that first week of September, Sundays schedule will be:

- 8:30 Quiet, Spoken Service of the Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 Choir Practice
- 10:30 Sung Service of the Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 Coffee Hour

Bible Study

Our between-the-services Sunday Morning Bible Study will start on September 13th. Join us in the parlor at 9:30 to talk scripture. Contact Rev'd Connie with questions: revclc@gmail.com

Altar Guild Meeting

The Altar Guild will meet after Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 30th, to go through some changes necessitated by the additional service. If you are a member of the Guild, or would like to be, I hope you will attend this meeting.

Audit Helpers Needed

Christ Church's annual financial audit will take place on Saturday, August 29th from 10am to noon. Treasurer Ann Friberg asks for volunteers for this important -- if somewhat tedious -- ministry. "If you can balance a checkbook, you can help with the audit." [Email Ann](#) with questions

After-school Children's Chapel Volunteers Needed

"Growing in Grace" is Christ Church's new after-school formation program for Children pre-K through 5th grade. It will include lessons from Scripture and child-centered prayer, led by Fr. Lachlan; and a hands-on activity, led by a volunteer. We're looking for volunteers who:

- (1) are available one Friday afternoon per month from 4-5:15
- (2) can plan and lead a half-hour, hands-on activity
- (3) will complete online Safe Church training according to the policies of Diocese of Virginia.

This program will start on Friday, the 11th of September.

Talk to Fr. Lachlan if you're interested.

Ordination of Priests

God willing and the people consenting, the Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson will ordain four new priests on September 19th at 10:30am at St. James' Episcopal Church in Richmond, among them friend-of-Christ Church, **John Hager**. All are welcome and invited to attend.