ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLE OF HOPE
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Welcome All. Grow Together. Serve with Love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Dale Wood

THE OPENING HYMN *Crown him with many crowns* Hymnal #494

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE S-236





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY — BCP 236

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of

the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

PSALM 95:1-7A *(read responsively by half verse)* BCP 729

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Where cross the crowded ways of life* Hymnal #609

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did

not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY — The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr

THE NICENE CREED — BCP 358

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 man. 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 catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Litanist United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Litanist All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Litanist Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Litanist Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. We pray for those we name aloud or silently within our hearts *(brief silence)*. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Litanist Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Litanist Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. We pray for those we name aloud or silently within our hearts *(brief silence)*. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Litanist Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Come, Let Us Sing* Walter L. Pelz

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

8:00 am – Eucharistic Prayer II – BCP 340

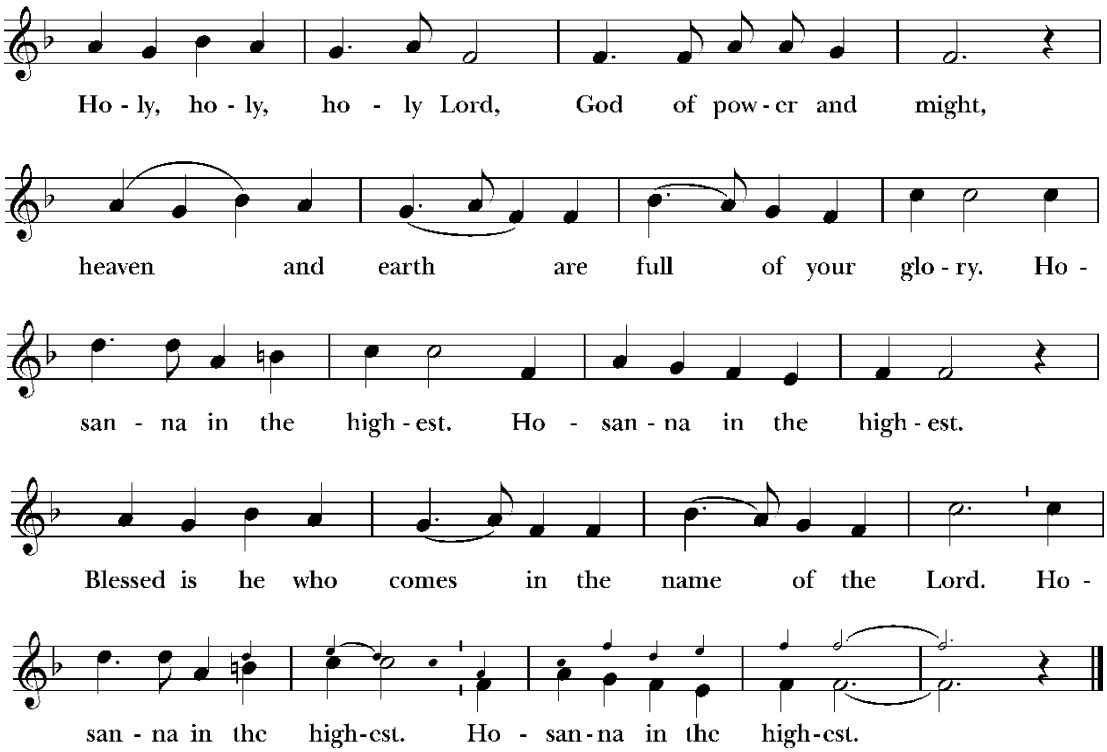
10:00 am – Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name,

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The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 363

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION *We Shall Overcome* arr. Lloyd Larson
Cantors

O Jesus, I have promised Hymnal #655

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those unable to take communion today may pray this prayer:

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body as we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Be careful as you go into God's creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle to yourself and to each other, for you are the dwelling place of God. Be alert and silent for God is a whisper. And may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN *Alleluia! sing to Jesus!* Hymnal #460

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Give Thanks* Choir

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE *In Christ There Is No East or West* arr. Dale Wood

The flowers on the altar are given by the Mary Hill and Mary Hardee to the glory of God and in celebration of Thanksgiving and our St. Thomas' family.

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, November 22	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Church
	10:00 am	Children's Chapel, CE Building
	2:30 pm	Savannah Scottish Games Meeting, Parish Hall
	5:30 pm	AA, CE Building
Monday, November 23	10:00 am	Plarning, CE Building
	1:30 pm	Created to Create, CE Building
Tuesday, November 24	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch, Parish Hall
	3:00 pm	Private Funeral
Wednesday, November 25	11:30 am	Healing Service, Chapel
Thursday, November 26	Closed	Happy Thanksgiving!

Serving In Worship Today

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: (8:00 am) Chris Conner
(10:00 am) Karen Otto and Charlie Barrow
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Charlie Barrow
Acolytes: Crucifer: Billy Steinhauser; *Book Bearer:* Marin Brooks; *Children's Cross:* Gabe Ochsner
Lectors: (8:00 am) Chris Conner (10:00 am) Will Calver
Ushers: Bob Lupacchino and Dick Young
Vestry on Duty: Jennifer Calver
Altar Guild: Stacie Bacon, Tracy Edgar, Mary Haley, Salli White
Hospitality: Ellie Titus
Worship Tech: Blake Haynes
Nursery: Barbara Arnott and Eva Aguilar
Children's Chapel: Candice Calver and Jennifer Steinhauser
Cantors: Emma Reardon and Kaleb Reavis
Flower Guild: Mary Hill and Mary Hardee

Announcements

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, November 24th at 11:30 am. Kay Zukowski, Director of Resource Development for Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, our November outreach, will be the speaker. The topic will be information about their tiny homes project pictured below. Contact Betty Henderson for more information 708-341-8325.

November Outreach

The Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless (CSAH) provides housing, outreach, and supportive services to reduce and end homelessness for individuals and families across Chatham County. We are still collecting gift cards to help support independent living: Mastercard, Visa, Kroger and Target cards. Cards can be put in the box in the parish hall.

Commitment Sunday - Pledges

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their pledge cards for 2027! To date, we have received $426,140 in pledges. As we begin preparing next year's budget, we are currently facing a shortfall of $156,763. Your pledges are essential in helping us plan responsibly for the coming year. They not only support the many ministries that make St. Thomas' such a special place, but also provide for the day-to-day expenses of maintaining our buildings, supporting our staff, and keeping our church running. Every pledge, regardless of size, makes a difference and helps us continue the work God has called us to do.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card but intend to pledge, please mail it or bring it to church next Sunday. If it's easier, you may also call in your pledge to our bookkeeper, Mallory, at (912) 355-3110. Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to the life and ministry of St. Thomas'!

Food and Wine Donations for the Christmas Tour of Homes

Help St. Thomas welcome guests for the Christmas Tour of Homes by donating a favorite appetizer, a sweet treat, a bottle of wine or giving a donation for items needed for the event. Text or call Boo McCullough (912-657-5091) or Lizann Roberts (912-507-2035) to let them know what you'd like to bring. Thank you for sharing your holiday hospitality!

Items Needed:

Pork tenderloin (one double pack - NOT marinated), Smoked salmon platter,
Frozen meatballs (one 2-lb. bag), Roast turkey breast - cooked and sliced, Shrimp or crab dip

Cheese straws, Finger sandwiches (by the dozen), Vegetable tray with dip, Roasted pecans,
Brie rounds, Fruit tray, Assorted homemade cookies (by the dozen), Red or White wine (1.5 liter bottles)

Advent Wreath-Making

Celebrate the beginning of Advent with a special family activity! Join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 29, after the 10:00 a.m. service to create your very own Advent wreath. Bring the whole family and enjoy this meaningful tradition as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christmas.

The Feast of St. Nick

Our Wednesday Night Supper is special in December. We will celebrate **The Feast of St. Nick** on December 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Children will enjoy festive activities and crafts, followed by a service and a special visit from St. Nick himself! Children under 5 are free, adults are $8.00, and the family maximum is $25.00. Come enjoy this special holiday tradition with your St. Thomas' family.

Canticles in Candlelight

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 6th, at 6:00 pm. The St. Thomas' Choir will present a beautiful Christmas cantata. Enjoy an evening of inspiring music and the joy of the Christmas season as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. Please stay afterward for a festive reception in the Parish Hall.

Memorial Brick Sale

Honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or create a lasting tribute with a personalized memorial brick at St. Thomas. These engraved bricks provide a meaningful and lasting way to commemorate someone special while becoming a permanent part of our church community. Bricks are $100 each. Order forms are available in the Parish Hall. We invite you to take part in this special opportunity to leave a lasting legacy at St. Thomas!

All Guests

We're so glad you're here to worship with us. Restrooms are in the Parish Hall and the Christian Education (CE) Building.

Children's faith formation is offered during the 10:00 am service for infants through 5th grade. In the Nursery (ages 0–4), children sing, hear Bible stories, enjoy crafts, play, and have a snack. If you use the nursery, we invite you to bring your child back into the church to receive Communion or a blessing.

During the school year, children are invited to participate in Children's Chapel during the first part of the service. They will process out behind the cross to the CE Building and return to the church at the Peace. Parents and caregivers are always welcome to accompany their child to either the nursery or Children's Chapel. If you have any questions, an usher will be happy to help.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians—of any age or denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion. At St. Thomas', we share the common cup. You may either consume the bread and sip from the chalice or hold your bread and dip (intinct) when the chalice comes to you. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

If you'd like to learn more about our worship or traditions, please feel free to speak with The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr.

We'd love to stay connected—please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and return it to a member of the clergy or an usher so we can greet you more personally in the days ahead.

If you would like to give electronically towards our offering today or if you are traveling during the year, there are two easy and safe options: through our website at www.stthomasioh.org/give or through Venmo.