



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLE OF HOPE
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 2026

*We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another
and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "So Send I You" arr. Harold DeCou

THE OPENING HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* Hymnal #481

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant
People

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

SONG OF PRAISE

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1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 234

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 106:1-6, 9-13 (*read responsively by half verse*)

BCP 741

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal #645

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. We pray for those we name aloud or silently within our hearts (*brief silence*). Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Litanist Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #380 v3

**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,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

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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

This is the hour of banquet and of song

Hymnal #317

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymnal #711

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

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal #397

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

THE POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The flowers on the altar are given by Karen Otto to the glory of God and in loving memory of her wonderful parents.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS'

Sunday, October 11	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	9:00 am	Sunday School - Proverbs, Library
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Church
	10:00 am	Children's Chapel, CE Building
	5:30 pm	AA, CE Building
Monday, October 12	9:00 am	Parkersburg Garden Club, Parish Hall
	10:00 am	Planning, CE Building
	1:30 pm	Created to Create, CE Building
	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting, Parish Hall
Tuesday, October 13	5:30 pm	NEST, Parish Hall
Wednesday, October 14	7:30 am	Unseen Guest Cook, Kitchen
	11:30 am	Healing Service, Chapel
	5:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal, CE Building
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, CE Building
Thursday, October 15	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study, Library
	5:30 pm	Organ Committee, CE Building
	6:00 pm	Women of St. Thomas, Parish Hall

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: (8:00 am) David White

(10:00 am) Rick Lanz and Robert Hughes

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Charlie Barrow

Acolytes: Crucifer: Billy Steinhauser; *Book Bearer:* Vivian Bernard; *Children's Cross:* CeCe Bernard

Lectors: (8:00 am) David White (10:00 am) Bob Lupacchino

Ushers: Will Calver and Steve Calver

Vestry on Duty: Benjamin Watson

Altar Guild: Amy Jarvis, Boo McCullough, Sally Minis, Pam Smith

Hospitality: Conner Families

Worship Tech: Gabriella Gonzales

Nursery: Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar

Children's Chapel: Jenny Bernard and Sallie Johnson

Cantors: Emma Reardon and Kaleb Reavis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Outreach – 10,006 Animals Saved!

To celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology and of animals, we are collecting items for One Love Animal Rescue. One Love's goal is to save one life at a time. Items needed include but are not limited to food, treats, toys, and heartworm and flea prevention. Items can be left on the table in the parish hall or make donations directly on their website at <https://oneloveanimalrescue.com/donate/>

Nurturing Early Steps Together - NEST

NEST is a group of St. Thomas' made up of parents with children aged newborn through kindergarten. The families will come together at on October 13th. Children will be fed at 5:30 pm and then taken to the nursery. At 6:00 pm, parents will enjoy dinner and conversation in the parish hall. Please RSVP by October 12th using the QR code or the link in the Monday email. For more information, contact Lauren Hughes at lauren.a.lantz@gmail.com.



Women of St. Thomas

We need you! Plan on attending as we continue to grow our ministry, strengthen our fellowship, and work together on the upcoming events and initiatives in the months ahead. Our next meeting will be held this Thursday, October 15th at 6:00 pm.

Growing into the Episcopal Church

Bishop Logue will be here for his annual visit on Wednesday, November 11th. During his visit we have a Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Colette and he will also Confirm, Receive, and Reaffirm people into the Episcopal Church. Adult Confirmation is for those making a mature commitment to the Christian faith, Reception is for those already confirmed in another Christian tradition who wish to become Episcopalian, and Reaffirmation is for those who want to renew their commitment to Christ and the Church and maybe brush up on what it means to say, "I'm Episcopalian." Classes will be done across two Sunday sessions: October 25th at 11:45 am and November 1st at 11:45 am. Childcare is available if needed. If you are interested in this class or if you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Colette.

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.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Staff

The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue, Bishop of Georgia

The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr, Rector

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