

The Herald

August 2026



SEASON OF PENTECOST In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

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Saturday Service
5:00 PM

Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion
is celebrated at
all services.

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Music Rehearsal
Choir resumes on
September 27th.

PASTOR'S PAGE

August is a 5 Sunday Month!

On the first Sunday in August we will witness Jesus' ability to feed us abundantly, even with scraps. He meets earthly needs by feeding the crowds and continues now to offer himself as holy meal, freely given to all, no matter their income or rank in society. Advertisers have trained us that what's proclaimed as "free" usually isn't. More often, it's a ploy to get our money for some other, larger, purchase. Today we are invited to trust and receive Jesus' free gift of love without mistrusting that he's got some scheme up his sleeve. It can be hard to relax and trust God to take care of us and nourish us with the mere scraps we often see around us. We panic and take matters into our own hands instead of trusting. We experience that crushing sense of responsibility, not just to ourselves, but to our children or parents or other loved ones to keep them fed and clothed and healthy. Trusting as the crowd did that day seems completely foreign to those of us living in North America, abundant in resources.

On the 5th Sunday of August we will observe that Peter may be the "rock" on which Christ will build the church (Matt. 16:18), but when Jesus reveals the suffering that will come first, Peter becomes a tempter and stumbling block. Assuming God must have a different way to save the world, Peter protests Jesus' suffering and death. Jesus explains to Peter and all his disciples that, in fact, this is the way to life—losing one's life in order to find it.

By tempting Jesus to an easier way than his journey through suffering to resurrection, Peter personifies a temptation common to all generations of Jesus' disciples: seeking a way to avoid "losing oneself" instead of surrendering all to and with the one we follow. Rather than losing our lives—our selves, possessions, and time—we hold on more tightly, afraid of what will happen to our comfort, success, and identity if we let go. Those things we hold onto then become, like Peter, stumbling blocks along the way of self-giving love.

This is the way of our God who becomes human in Jesus: emptying himself of power and dignity, losing his very own life for the sake of the world's life. Seen through the lens of resurrection just ahead on the journey, what other way could there be?

For Sunday's 2, 3 and 4 you will just have to stop by and see what Matthew will teach us on those weeks about *The Emerging Kingdom of God!* Meanwhile, beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, have a safe and enjoyable August!

Pastor Andy

CHURCH CALENDAR

August 2026

God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 Worship
2 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	3 AA Meeting	4	5	6 11:00 Bible Study 4-7 pm Wenonah Farmer's Market 7:00 Nature Club	7 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	8 5:00 Worship
9 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	10 AA Meeting	11	12 6:30 pm Council	13 11:00 Bible Study	14 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	15 5:00 Worship
16 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	17 AA Meeting	18	19	20 11:00 Bible Study 4-7 pm Wenonah Farmer's Market	21 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	22 5:00 Worship
23 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	24 AA Meeting	25	26	27 11:00 Bible Study	29 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	29 5:00 Worship Potluck following the service
30 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	31 AA Meeting					

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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PRAYER LIST

Prayers for the friends and family of Lindsay Graham as they mourn his passing, Prayers for Bishop Christa Compton and her family with the passing of her mother Nancy, Prayers for St. Ambrose in Pennsville as they continue their pastoral search, Prayers for our service men and women serving in the current military actions, especially for those we have lost, Holly & Duane, The family of Norman Albinson as they mourn his passing, Dawn Allen, The family of Anthony Assante as they mourn his passing, Nicholas Baud, Jessica Black, Lorraine Brecht, Carol (daughter of Laurie Brown), Wanda Bryan, Madelene Budd, Mike Bundy, Justin Buzby and family, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Josh Clarke, Maverick Cleavenger, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., The family of John Cusack as they grieve his passing, The family of Nicholas Damiani as they mourn his passing, Lou Deaine, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Dylan Dinh, Kathy Drew, the family of Harry Duckinfield as they mourn his passing, Kristen Dymond, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Bill Flynn, Francis, Jeannie Gapinski, Alma Garcia, Stephen and Juliet Genovese, Gavin Gigliotti, Lauren Stott Gilbert, Jay Goheen and family, Randi Gordon, Collet Grasso, The family and friends of Gretchen Gravinese as they mourn her passing, The family of Steve Harris as they mourn his passing, the Hatcher family, The friends and family of Jim Hynes as they mourn his passing, the Hogan family, Ed Jeffers, The friends and family of Tom Jones as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, Chaley Klotz, Prayers for the friends and family of Ralph Konschak as they mourn his passing, Martha Kryzwonas, John Lafferty, William & Adrienne Lafleche, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joe Lewandowski, Joseph Lonia, Bill Ludwig, Bill Mann, Joseph Mansfield, John Markovski, Janaq Minzy and her family, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, Bob and Sue Nevins, Janet Ostrowski, Lucas Otey, Otis, Donna Paone, Rita Paul, Danielle Peters, Debbie Post, Lauren Rebstock, The family of Bill Reese as they mourn his passing, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, Jen Rossi, The friends and family of Carole Rund as they mourn her passing, The family of Scott Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Ken Sauer, The Sauer family, Mark Sauer, Joseph Schiffer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsad, The family of Deb Solt as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, Claudia Storhoff, Nathan Storhoff, Samantha Sumner, Donna Testa, Ed Tutka, The friends and family of Lynne Rasmussen Walker as they mourn her passing, Sharon Walker, Wayne Weaver, The Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Jill Wilt, Glenn Wrigley, The family of Kevin Yandach as they mourn his passing.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received to date—\$75845.81 Amount needed to date--\$78420.00. (Please don't forget the church if you will be away.)

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 1st and 3rd Thursdays through September—Wenonah Farmer's Market. Vendors, food trucks, etc.
- Saturday, August 29th—Potluck following the service, sponsored by the Saturday night attendees. All are welcome.
- Tuesday, September 29th—Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6pm.)

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: John Brecht, Bill Kaiser, Joan Scott, Harriet Vico, Anthony Vinciguerra, Heather Vinciguerra

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Lori & Dean Kershaw

IT'S GLEANING TIME—The Greater Woodbury Cooperative Food Ministries is seeking volunteers to sort fresh vegetables for our food pantry. A schedule and complete information can be found at www.bushelsofblessings.org. Questions? Contact Lori Kershaw (609-221-3880) or Lenore Cronlund (609-220-4079).

BREAKFAST MINISTRY—Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury has launched a new breakfast ministry. It offers free cold breakfast to the Woodbury community on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 10 am in the Parish Hall at 62 Delaware Avenue. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. The next date is August 15, 2026.

COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services on the first Sunday of the month. Due to the holiday and vacation schedules, there will not be a coffee hour in July Please join us Sunday August 2nd and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship. (Please note that due to the Labor Day holiday, the September coffee hour will be on September 13th.)

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE-- Jesus' yoke (caring for community) is light and refreshing



Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

According to many of the intelligent and the wise in the world, a major life purpose is to accumulate money and other resources as a hedge against insecurity, and to use time and talent for one's own pleasure. While not denying the need for long-term security (not only for oneself

but for all in the community), and while rejoicing in the gifts of life, the steward recognizes that one of the most important acts in life is the deeply symbolic act of placing something in the offering plate. That is a commitment to the welfare of all. The invitation to accept a new yoke – the yoke of Jesus - is a bidding to reject the old ways of the old realm that were life denying and to instead embrace way that is life giving. As it pertains to stewardship, the old age is exhausting, and ill-fitting. The more we have, the more we want. And seldom do we have enough. By contrast, life in the community that is centered on Jesus is a journey to world that creates positive, life-affirming, meaning-bestowing energy that is “easy” and a “good fit” for those who will try it as a discipline for ordering their existence. Investing time, talent, money, and other resources in the values and practices of the Realm both helps to enact qualities of the Realm in the present and thereby helps keep alive for future generations the possibility that things can be different—in a good way—in comparison to the way they are now.

HOLY NATIVITY MEMORIAL GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS--Our congregation created a memorial garden in our back yard years ago to honor or memorialize loved ones. We are offering the opportunity once again to purchase a paver to honor a loved one(s). The cost of each engraved paver is \$60. If you are interested in purchasing one please fill out the form found in the narthex and include it with payment in the offering plate or deliver to Pastor Andy or Kim Theriault. Each paver can have up to 5 lines/15-17 characters per line. There is a sample paver in the narthex for viewing. All pavers purchased by September 15th will be dedicated on All Saint's Day (Nov. 1st). Any questions, please see or contact Kim Theriault (609)420-8453.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, August 15th.



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