



September 1st, 2022

Christ the King Episcopal Church
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Pray for your fellow Parishioners:

(this is a list of our parishioners which is rotated weekly)

Serving Sunday 9/4

Acolyte—Patrick B
OT—Cassandra D
NT—Sharon R
POP—David K
Ushers—Alice B., Clyde H., Bill D.
Altar Guild—Debbie G

JoEllen Gibson, George Giesman, Pam Giesman, Jim Giles, Chris Gray, Debbie Greene, Cliff Greene, Judy Heath, Clyde Heath, Angel Heist, Jacob Heist, Karissa Heist, Nathaniel Heist, Neila Heist, Richard Heist, Debbie Hilliard, Diane Holdrum, Sueanne Jacobs, Joshua Johnson, Helen-Ann Kinder, David Kinder, Edna Leimbach, Gordon Leimbach, Beryl Lemmond, Carolyn Lowery, Tony Lowery

Prayer for healing and wholeness for members, friends, and family.

People on Christ the Kings prayer list: Brian, Connie, Roy, Ronnie, Judy, Carolyn, Ed, Rayma, Alex, RoseMarie, Marilyn, Kevin, Janice, Joy, Alice. All those effected by Covid 19, those who have committed suicide and the families they have left behind, and those who have been affected by disasters

Our **Prayer Team** continues to pray for the needs of our church. Please be in touch with Joy Parker should you, a friend, or family member need to have prayers during this time of pandemic. Please feel free to send an email to Dr. Joy Parker at: greatgg26@gmail.com. OR 863-712-5594

We all have missed Mother Carolyn these last several months. She is still going to the doctor and having tests done. As soon as I know something new, I'll tell you.

We've missed a lot of you at Church lately, too. I know everyone gets very busy sometimes, with work schedules and family responsibilities. But taking a break from all the things that shout for our attention and spending some time with God and our church family on a Sunday can be revitalizing.

Father Gary has been our supply Priest for the past couple of weeks and he will be with us for the next 3 Sundays. I think you'd like him. He is friendly and easy to talk to. He is a bit like Mother Carolyn in that he just talks to you during his sermon. He isn't preaching at you, he just talks to you.

Please come and be with us on Sunday. We'd love to see you back in your usual seats. I've missed seeing you at church and your church family misses you.

Debbie Hilliard
Senior Warden



A Message from Mother Carolyn

Dear CTK Family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, calls/
texts, cards and lovely gifts.

How am I doing? I feel much better, now
that I've had time to rest and recuperate.
Unfortunately, we still have no idea what the
problems are after nine months and many tests.
It took five months to (maybe) find the right
type of doctor. Then two more months to get
appointments, then two more to get the
appointment for the MRI; and now we have to
get an appointment with the doctors to tell me
the results of the tests or another path to follow.
I have one more test to take for this round on
September 7th.

When all this began we called Mayo,
Shands, etc. The time to get on the waiting list
was about a year and a half. I do have an
actual appointment at Shands on September
6th, 2024.

Please forgive me for not returning calls or
answering texts. It is very labor intensive and
difficult for me.

I love you all and pray for you daily.
PLEASE keep in touch, don't stop trying when I
rally. I will get back to you.
Much Love and prayers,

Mother Carolyn

**Everything You Always Wanted To Know
About Being An Episcopalian
(But were afraid to ask.)**

What is a "collect?" Why do we read our prayers? What do the candles mean, and which comes first, Epiphany or Lent? The more you know, about the worship service the more meaning the activities and actions will have for you. This month we begin a series of twelve topics that seek to help explain some of the mysteries of the Episcopal liturgy. There are unexplained riches hidden within the framework of the liturgy, riches which reveal themselves at many levels. Unfolding in new and vital ways in which to deepen your spiritual life. In the coming.

What Are We Doing In The Liturgy?

The Prayer Book.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Church Year.

The Lessons.

Kneeling, Sitting, and Standing

Making the sign of the cross.

Vestments, Candles, and Incense.

What is the Eucharist?

Collects and Prayers.

The Eucharistic Words and Actions.

What is Episcopal Worship About?

13th Sunday in Pentecost, September 4th, 2022

Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Praise Team—9:15 a.m.

Worship -10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Activities-

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| September 18th | Vestry Meeting |
| September 22 | Ladies Night Out |
| | Men's Night Out |

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND Study Groups—

Sunday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Study—Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Study Group— 1st and 3rd Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Care Givers Support Group —2nd and 4th Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

*Please note the loose Sunday Offering is designated for
1st Sunday Mission and the 3rd Sunday Discretionary Funds*

This week's Anniversaries
or Birthday's

Sharon Rogers, 9/4; Deacon Ed (85), 9/5; Lorraine Pavlisko, 9/8; JoEllen Gibson, 9/9

Given to the Glory of God—

General Fund Offering last week was—\$1,653.00

Weekly Expenses: \$288.77

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

We are still looking for a Director of Music. Please share the job description below with anyone you feel would be interested in applying or anyone who you feel would be able to help us in this search.

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We are a family size congregation located in North Lakeland, fl. We are a progressive parish that worships in a blended style of traditional and contemporary music. We recognize that music unites us together as a community and draws our hearts and souls closer to God. We are seeking a talented Director of Music who is well versed in a variety of musical genres to lead our congregation and volunteer Choir / Praise Team in worship. The primary instruments that we use in our worship are a Yamaha Clavinova and a Yamaha Grand Piano.

Director of Music Job Description

The director of Music Reports to The Rector. The Minister of Music is a quarter-time position, however there will be times during the church year that additional hours will be necessary for the mission and ministry of the parish. Our worship service is at 10:00a.m. on Sundays, a short rehearsal before the service as well as one other rehearsal during the week would be anticipated. There are other services that occur throughout the year as coordinated with the Rector. These include, but are not limited to:

- Christmas Eve
- Ash Wednesday
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Easter Vigil
- Extra Christmas Performances, plays and Caroling
- Boar's Head Festival (Epiphany)
- Ceili (St Patrick's Day)

Additional rehearsal times to be determined

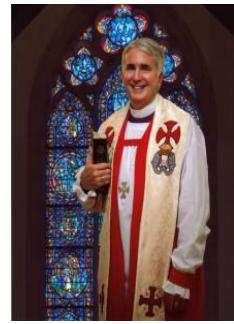
Qualifications and skills

- The Director of Music must exhibit a mature faith and have a passion for music as an act of worship, not a performance opportunity.
- Exhibit experience and competency directing a Choir / Praise Team, and forming individual members of various proficiencies into a unified voice.
- Knowledge and experience in liturgical worship, and familiarity with Episcopal liturgy.
- Be able to Create Easy Worship slides for the music on Sunday.
- Broad knowledge of traditional and contemporary church music in its varied forms and genres.
- Be able to pass a comprehensive background check.
- Please note that all Church staff are required to complete the mandatory Safeguarding God's Children training prior to the commencement of employment and will be required to maintain current certification as a condition of continued employment.

Job expectations

- In collaboration with the Rector, seek to nurture joy, reverence and participation in music as part of the congregation's life and worship.
- Participate in staff meetings with the Rector and other staff as necessary.
- Select music appropriate to the liturgical season for congregational singing, choral anthems, and/or instrumental reflection.
- Whenever possible, be available for weddings and funerals (with supplemental compensation). If necessary arrange for a substitute.
- Arrange for substitute when absent

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THE BISHOP's COMING

November 20th, 2022

Since the Bishop will be here, we are asking him to do reception of

New members

Reaffirmation of faith,

Baptism,

Confirmation

of those persons who are interested, as long as they are over 14-18. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m.. There will be 6-8 classes. Attendance at class will be required.

If you would like to learn more about your faith, but, are already a member, please know you too will be welcome to attend these classes.

So, we ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment to our congregation by becoming a member, once your decision has been made, we ask that you contact Jo Ann Tatlian (joann@ctklakeland.com) or 863 858 1948.

Thanks

Jo Ann

This Sunday is MISSION SUNDAY –

The Loose Cash and Change as well as special donations
from our Offering today go to:



Episcopal Relief & Development works with church partners and other local organizations to help people have healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities that are struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. They also work around the world and here in the US responding to and rebuilding after disasters.

Their programs impact the lives of over 3 million people annually. They respect the dignity of all people and view them as our neighbors, working alongside participants regardless of religious affiliation or background.

In their disaster response and recovery work, they offer resources and training to help people prepare for disasters and provide support so vulnerable people can make a full and sustained recovery.

For more information, here's their website:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/who-we-are/>

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Pray for the people around the world who are helped with these programs and the men and women who administer them

Make a financial donation If you would like to make a financial donation, make your check out to Christ the King with a note on your check in the Memo line: EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT or you can send a check directly to them at: **Episcopal Relief & Development P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058** or donate online: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS please contact our church office.

13th Sunday in Pentecost, September 4th, 2022
Proper 18, Year C, RCL

The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament—Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Psalm 1—Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle—Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to

command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Gospel—Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

GOOD NEWS DAILY

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Sunday, September 4—Matthew 5:13-20 “*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*” (v.16 NRSV)

In my life I have been inspired by a number of people whose lives have intersected with mine at crucial times in my growth. I was looking for people who wanted to walk a Christian path. Incorporating society’s positive values, goals, and actions similar to Christian values was important in order for me to relate in a helpful manner to those who may not yet believe in Christ yet share many of the same values.

Parenthood, marriage, faith, forgiveness are a few areas that most of us share an interest in and welcome activities which provide assistance and people with similar concerns. Growth groups were very useful. They often include people of different ages in various stages of life. I found that these friends were a light which helped me walk through times of darkness. Having a spiritual director was useful in significant ways. Participating in Cursillo was a way I found exceptionally inspiring in living a Christ-centered life. My hope is that I may be a lamp for others.

Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6; Psalms 63, 98; Revelation 14:1-7, 13

Monday, September 5—Psalm 41 *All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me, that I will not rise again from where I lie.* (vv.7-8)

Memories of when I was working on my relationship with Christ were helpful to me in exploring what I needed to do to make it more connected. I realize that it is important for me to have a community of loving, caring people. The negativity of seeing life in the worse possible way is poisonous to me. Seeing everything through a lens of “the worse it can be” affects the person and the society in a harmful manner.

It is not clear how to solve the problem of viewing life through a negative lens, but rarely does it just go away. However, I learned if this behavior is not addressed damage will be done. Seeing the world as God made it, with all the beauty and love, helps me to feel gratitude and to be more aware of my words and power they have.

Job 32:1-10, 19—33:1, 19-28; Psalm 52; Acts 13:44-52; John 10:19-30

Tuesday, September 6—Job 29:1-20 “*If I could only go back to the old days, to the time when God was watching over me, when his lamp shone above my head, and by its light I walked through the darkness!*” (vv.2-3)

We lost many years. I don’t know where mine went, but I know I can’t possibly be entering a new decade of life. I have given up some activities that provided my freedom and ability to go on my own to do whatever activity I want to do. Not driving anymore because of a medical condition requires a change in my thinking about life and what is important. My prayer is that God will continue to provide the lamp to help guide me through the darkness of this part of my life. Now, there are no “later” years to wait for to do something that I really want to do but think I can’t take the time. My body continues to cry out that it is not as young as it used to be. I know that I must keep up the exercise to be able to be involved in future activities. I want to be able to participate in activities where I can make a difference in others’ lives.

Job 29:1-20; Psalm 45; Acts 14:1-18; John 10:31-42

Wednesday, September 7—Acts 14:19-28 *They reported all that God had done through them and how they had thrown open the gates of faith to the Gentiles. And they stayed for some time with disciples there.* (vv.27-28)

One of my family members was elected to political office. He lives in an area where taking on this role can make a difference in county policy. He believed that wildlife and environmental issues were critical and were being ignored to an extent that we could suffer irreputable damage. He won the race and began his

term getting to know and understand the other members point of view. He was involved in changing policies to ones that could have a positive impact on the environment.

My family member realized he needed to stay in this role for another term to help ensure that the progress made in environmental issues would not be undone. To run again was a difficult choice because it impacted harshly on the family. The climate of this group had become one of negativity not based on truth. All the changes he had seen would probably disappear if he was not there. After much consideration he made the difficult decision to serve one more term if he was elected. He won.

Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31; Psalm 119:49-72; John 11:1-16

Thursday, September 8—Acts 15:1-11 “*Then why do you now provoke God by laying on the shoulders of these converts a yoke which neither we nor our fathers were able to bear? No, we believe that it is by the grace of the Lord Jesus that we are saved, and so are they.*” (vv.10-11)

People who are different have a tough time in our society. There are so many ways to be different. Being alienated from the world, he discovers there is a decided difference with what he feels in his life and what the rest of society feels. The person who is different does not share what others experience. Many live with a shame which won't leave. Believing that you must give up this sinful life before you can be loved is false and against the teachings of Jesus. They look for someone who will love them. It is a long and painful “no win” journey with the feelings of shame hovering over the top of them. I pray that I will be able to mirror the love of God within a person feeling this pain of rejection.

Job 29:1, 31:1-23; Psalm 50; John 11:17-29

Friday, September 9—John 11:30-44 “*Lazarus, come forth.*” *The dead man came out, his hands and feet swathed in linen bands, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said, “Loose him; let him go.”* (vv.33-34)

When I read this passage, I realized that at times I feel like Jesus is going to have to call me to get up and come out because I am just too tired. I am glad to say this is not a regular state of my being at this time. I had surgery recently and I experienced one of the serious complications which included seizures. I was on several prayer lists. I had great doctors, and a wonderful husband.

Looking back at this situation I consider it a gift because my level of understanding and compassion for so many more people has increased markedly. The aftereffects of thinking slowly, not being able to remember simple things, getting confused, getting lost walking in my neighborhood, driving my car, just to name a few, are improving.

Job 29:1, 31:24-40; Psalms 40, 54; Acts 15:12-21

Saturday, September 10—Psalm 55 *Such men do violence to those at peace with them and break their promised word; their speech is smoother than butter but their thoughts are of war; their words are slippery as oil but sharp as drawn swords.* (vv.18-19)

Our world is in a precarious time where the level of trust and honesty within our leaders is almost nonexistent. There is little if any cooperation; the basic atmosphere of meetings is negative; nothing seems to be off limits. I am confused at the goings on in our part of the world. People are using words in a very hurtful, degrading manner that takes us further away from the ideals of a Christian community. My family suffers from the general malaise affecting and infecting our country. Our family has agreed to disagree. Many times, we just agree to not talk anything about politics. This makes it easier for God to work in us and through us in each of our lives as we listen for His Word. Praying for our country and world is our constant activity.

Job 38:1-17; Psalm 55; Acts 15:22-35; John 11:45-54

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