TODAY'S LESSONS: THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 25

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Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Psalm 65

- You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the Altar Guild.

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Sunday Worship Leaders

Today		Next Week	
Cross	Daniel Angel	Torch	Paulette Pawa
Lector	Selia Danes		Myrna Burkhalter
LEM	Barbara Hall	Cross	Izabella Stanis
2nd Chalice	Clergy	Lector	Nick Bell
Vestry	Barbara Hall	LEM	Monica McLeod
Prayer Room	Chris Burkhalter	Vestry	James Thornton
Ushers	Team 3	Prayer Room	Erin Biggs
		Ushers	Team 4
		LEV	D. Brehob/B. Caldwell

The Calendar

Sunday, October 27

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

10am Holy Eucharist, Church

10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room
11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:20am Pumpkin Carving, Fellowship Hall
11:20am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Monday, October 28

Tuesday, October 29

4:30pm Sonneman Studio, Church

Wednesday, October 30

Thursday, October 31

Friday, November 1

Saturday, November 2

10am League of Women Voters, Lounge

Sunday, November 3

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel 9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 10am Holy Eucharist, Church

10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall11:20am Adult Forum, Fellowship Hall

Spiritual Offerings

Centering Prayer, Room 19 Tuesday 6:15pm

Yoga, Room 213 Tuesday 7:15pm

AA meets

Monday, 8pm, Lounge Wednesday, 8pm, Room 213 Thursday, 11:30am, Room 213 Thursday, 6:30pm, Resource Room Saturday, Noon, Room 213

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Tuesday nights, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge Wednesday 1pm

Listening Group, Resource Room 1st & 3rd Monday 7pm

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall Sunday 2pm Wednesday 7pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano, Choir Room Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-9pm Saturday 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:30am



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THE COMMUNICATOR: PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan (St. Luke's [Shelby Township] and St. Andrew's [Waterford]); for the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic (St. Barnabas [Pizarrete]; for Bishop Gibbs as he prepares to retire in December; for Bonnie A. Perry, Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

The Sick and Suffering: For Lori (Phillips), Dennis (Kirchoff), Kaitlyn, Joan (McNally), Gene (Gullett), Stan (Aldridge), Peggy (Peters), Carol (Shulman), Jean (Gilbert) and the Gilbert Family, the Johnson family, Anne, Hannah (Sears)Susan (Gianfriddo), Marcus, Mary (Hawthorne), Richard (Sanchez), Clarence (Branham), Betty (Kirton), Samuel (Kirton), Chuck (Jezewski), Lenny (Provencher), Mark & Dorothy (Jones).

Armed Forces: For all those serving in harm's way.

Concerns in the World: For those who are suffering from natural disasters and extreme weather conditions.

Departed:

To place someone on the prayer list or request a pastoral visit please contact the church office.

Special Events and Announcements: Pumpkin Carving

An invitation for all of us to gather during coffee hour after the 10am service on today for a pumpkin carving party. Whether you like to carve your pumpkin or paint it, draw on it with markers, or decorate it with sequins and other material, join us for some fun. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any crafty items you may want to share (or use up with the group). Some pumpkins will be provided – but you can also bring your own.

Clothing Drive

Again this year Christ Church will be having a clothing drive for warm clothes, however this year will be a little different. Instead of just asking for men's clothing, we will be taking donations of any warm clothes. So as you are breaking out your winter wardrobe, check to see if there is anything that you might want to donate. Also we will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear, as these are two of the most needed items. Donations can be dropped off at the Church office through November 24th. Thanks for your support.

Blessings in a Backpack Fundraiser

Christ Episcopal Church is the proud host of a Blessings in a Backpack fundraiser and pizza dinner with the Dearborn High School Jazz Band. Donations are being accepted for Blessings in a Backpack to provide food security for Dearborn School kids. Join us November 14th at 6:00 PM for Pizza and 7:00 for DHS Jazz under the Direction of Jim Walters. Blessings in a Backpack supplies children at risk for hunger from 6 Dearborn Area Public Schools with food for 38 weekends of the school year. Chris Burkhalter runs the program and our church houses the food and supplies for Blessings in a Backpack. Blessings in a Backpack aims to improve kids test scores, reading skills, health and attendance to improve learning and strengthen our community. To RSVP contact Erin at office@christchurchdearborn.org or call her at 313.565.8450 by November 11th.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving for or in memory of loved ones. To honor your loved one on a special date, notify the church office, a donation of \$20-35 is recommended, please give as you are able.



What do you have that you have not received? (1Corinthians 4:7)

Is the offering in your envelope today a sacrifice of thanksgiving? Is it a true sacrifice for you and your family? Is it given in thanksgiving? We here at Christ Church believe that all we have and all our time, ability, and money are gifts from a glorious and generous God. Today, we are thankfully offering back to God only a part of that which God has given us. We thank you for your faithfulness in your giving.

-Weekly Thought from the Stewardship Commission