



St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 + 8:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

The Procession into the Church

Violin

THE WORD OF GOD

Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The First Lesson:

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes."

So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Psalm 124

BCP 781

The Second Lesson:

Romans 12:1-8

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For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Homily

Rev. Mark Lafler

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

The Peace

BCP 332

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Doxology

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Communion

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Healing Prayers

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Procession into the World

Violin



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The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession into the Church

Jesus Does

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP 355

Gloria

The Collect for Purity

Song of Praise

The Collect of the Day

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The Homily

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The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Praise

The Doxology

Sacrifice of Praise

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

The Communion

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Communion Hymn

Ancient Words

Healing Prayers

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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The Procession into the World

Sing for Joy

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August 23, 2026

WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

What is *Filioque*?

Latin for "and the Son." The words were added to the Nicene Creed at the Council of Toledo in 589 and gradually grew in acceptance in the west. The *filioque* states that the Holy Spirit proceeds not only from the Father, but from the Father and the Son. The Eastern Orthodox churches condemn the addition as



contrary to the admonition of the Council of Chalcedon (451) that no change be made in the faith expressed in the Nicene Creed. Disagreement over the *filioque* was a major cause of conflict between the eastern and western churches and one of the primary reasons for the schism in 1,054 AD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Betty Hensinger and Bill Pixley in thanksgiving for our many years of God's blessings.

READING WITH THE RECTOR resumes on Tuesday, August 25th at 11:30 am in Hartridge Hall.

THE VESTRY MEETING will be held on Tuesday evening, August 25th at 6:30 pm in the church library. Vestry members please pick up your packets in the narthex.

THE GOLFING GROUP will meet on Thursday, September 3rd. Tee time is 7:30 am. Please call the office if you would like to join us.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Carol McQuagge will be held on Saturday, September 5th at 11:00 am. A reception will follow in Hartridge Hall.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST has been moved to Saturday, September 12th at 8:30 am in Hartridge Hall.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday EYC-12:00 noon
AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm
Tuesday Reading with the Rector-11:30 am
Vestry Meeting-6:30 pm
Friday EYC Back to School Prayer-7:00 pm

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Tré Conrader	8/23	Sue Furlong	8/23
Michael Schiescz	8/23	Gerald Hejduk	8/25
Tom Felcher	8/26	Larkin Gluck	8/26
Audrey King	8/26	Betty Chernault	8/27
Linda Marsh	8/27	Theodore Lafler	8/28

ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

John and Patti Conrader 8/24/1991

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

William Edminsten	8/23	Sara McCain	8/24
Nell Norris	8/25	David Head	8/25
Raymond Kirk	8/25	Wilbur Dobson	8/26
Frank Woodson	8/27	Jerry Mathis	8/28
Edward Gisch	8/29	Bruce Gibbs	8/29

PRAYERS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S. Joel	Greg A.	Barbara G.	Bob	Ellen D.	Brandi	Cale
Hannah L. Sally C.	Mickey M.	Mandie O.	MJ S.			

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon	Mary Hyland	Hunter Penley
Trevor Orr	Andrew Seley	Christian Reeves

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Cross Church, Winter Haven
St. Paul's Church, Winter Haven
For our parish members David Kees & Pat Klingaman

SERVING TODAY

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Janet Martin	Gloria Vest
Second Reading	Tré Conrader	Joe Welch
LEM 1	Tré Conrader	Randall Sluder
LEM 2	Janet Marin	Gloria Vest
Ushers	Pam Bow	Steve Wilbanks
	Steve Nichols	Alicia Wilbanks
Deacon	Deacon Micke	Deacon Dan
Altar Guild	Leah Felcher	Cheryl Hogan
Flowers	Leah Felcher	
Screens	Jerry Marsh	Harry Hackney
Video	Madeline Lafler	
Nursery	Mary Jeanty & Mallory Lafler	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

VESTRY

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Margaret Dohnalek
Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden	James Cartlidge	Michael Viel
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer
Amanda Burkhalter, Clerk

PARISH STAFF

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell
Steward: Walter Burkhalter