St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026 + 8:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

The Procession into the Church **Hymn 561**

THE WORD OF GOD

Gloria **BCP 324**

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: **Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.
At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Psalm 123 **BCP 780**

The Second Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Homily **Rev. Mark Lafler**

The Nicene Creed **BCP 327**

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 **BCP 333**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 336**

The Communion

All Christians who have been baptized and of a clean conscience are welcome to receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.

Healing Prayers

The Post Communion Prayer **BCP 339**

The Blessing

The Procession into the World **Hymn 541**

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The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026 + 10:00 am
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession into the Church **Hymn 561**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for Purity **BCP 355**
Gloria **Hymn S-280**
The Collect of the Day
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
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Psalm 123 **BCP 780**
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The Sequence **Hymn 574**

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The Homily **Rev. Mark Lafler**
The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**
The Prayers of the People (Form III) **BCP 387**
Confession of Sin **BCP 360**
The Peace **BCP 360**
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory **Teach Me Thy Ways**
The Doxology **Hymn 380, vs. 3**
Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**
The Sanctus **Hymn S-130**
The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**
Fraction Anthem **Hymn S-164**
The Communion
Communion Hymns **Hymn 314**
Hymn 707

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Healing Prayers
The Post Communion Prayer **BCP 365**
The Blessing
The Procession into the World **Hymn 541**

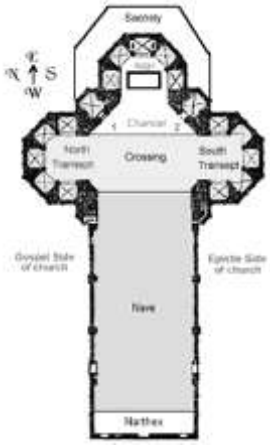
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November 15, 2026

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 will not meet.
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.



Why does the church always face East?
Churches traditionally face east because the rising sun symbolizes Jesus Christ, the resurrection, and the expectation of Christ's return. The early Christian custom was for believers to face east when praying, leading architects to place the main altar at the east end of the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jane and Tom Brust in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Samuel, Asa, Shiloh and Avie.

THE VESTRY will meet on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 pm in the church hall. Members, please pick up your packets in the narthex.

THE MONTHLY EUCHARIST will meet at Waterman Village on Wednesday, November 18th at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

A NEW MEMBERS CLASS will meet on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE will be celebrated on Thursday, November 26, 2026 at 9:00 am.

OUR DAILY BREAD devotional guide is available in the Narthex. This latest booklet includes a daily reading for the months of December, January, and February. You are welcome to pick up your free copy today.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	EYC will not meet
	AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm
Tuesday	Knitting Group-10:00 am
	Reading with the Rector-11:30 am
	Vestry-6:30 pm
Wednesday	Eucharist @ Waterman Village-11:00 am
	Preschool Chapel will not be held
	ABC-6:30 pm
	Kid's Bible Study-6:30 pm
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
Saturday	Newcomer's Class-9:00 am

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Nancy Beebe	11/15	Ruth Lashar	11/17
Barbara Minkoff	11/16	Jackie Kohl	11/18
Jerry Marsh	11/19	Geoffry McCord	11/20
Fred Fitte	11/20		

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Buddy Hart	11/16	Faye Cole	11/16
Orin Sadler	11/17	Rev. Alfred Johnston	11/17
Charles McLin	11/18	Anthony Drogo	11/18
Patty Hill	11/18	Lois Sheldon	11/20
Paula Cordner	11/21		

PRAYERS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Merrill S. Bob Ellen D. Sandra R. Barbara M. Mickey M. Ed M.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Mary Hyland	Hunter Penley
Trevor Orr	Andrew Seley
Christian Reeves	Will Mckinney

CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Haines City
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Inverness
For our parish members Jerry and Linda Marsh

SERVING TODAY

	8:00 AM	*10:00 AM*
First Reading	Tré Conrader	Janet Martin
Second Reading	Tom Felcher	Joe Welch
LEM 1	Tré Conrader	Randall Sluder
LEM 2	Tom Felcher	Janet Martin
Ushers	Russ Hammer	Tom Brust
	Cynthia Hamer	Jane Brust
Deacons	Mickey Maxwell	Mickey Maxwell
Altar Guild	Leah Felcher	Cheryl Hogan
Flowers	Joe Welch	
Screens	Walter Burkhalter	Harry Hackney
Video	Amanda Burkhalter	
Nursery	Chloe Hatcher and Madeline 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