



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

*We are so glad you
have chosen to
worship with us
today!*

October 11, 2026

OPENING WELCOME

The Rev. Jeff Wallace

ACCLAMATION

WORSHIP SONGS

COLLECT PRAYER

FIRST READING

EXODUS 32:1-14

Pew Bible p. 137

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
A LOVING COMMUNITY INSPIRING OTHERS TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

BCP p. 741

Recited Responsively

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

Pew Bible p. 1829

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MATTHEW 22:1-14

Pew Bible p. 1534

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged.

He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Gerry Gardner

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BCP p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP p. 392

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 359

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY SONG

HOLY COMMUNION

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION SONGS

CLOSING PRAYER

FINAL BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING WORSHIP SONGS

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Want Healing Prayer?

A prayer team is available at the front
of the sanctuary during communion.

The Week Ahead | October 11 - October 18

- Sunday 11** Holy Eucharist | 10:00am | In Person & Online
- Tuesday 13** Reunion Group – Cursillo | 6:00pm | Zoom
- Wednesday 14** Morning Prayer | 10:00am | In Person & Online
Remnant Café Outreach | 10:30am | Remnant Café
- Thursday 15** Yard Sale | 10:00am | In Person
NO Bible Study
- Friday 16** Yard Sale | 9:00am | In Person
- Saturday 17** Yard Sale | 9:00am | In Person
- Sunday 18** Holy Eucharist | 10:00am | In Person & Online

GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE

OCTOBER 15TH - OCTOBER 17TH

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

DONATIONS CAN BE
DROPPED OFF
TUESDAY - THURSDAY
FROM 9:30AM - 4:00PM
OR SUNDAYS

TO COORDINATE ANOTHER DROP OFF TIME CALL
THE OFFICE AT 941-966-1924

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
FOR MULTIPLE POSITIONS AND DATES.

SIGN UP NOW IN FULTON HALL!



It's interactive, challenging, so real!

Thursday's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Church of the Holy Spirit, Osprey

www.chsosprey.com

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY

September 2026		Year-to-Date Jan-Sept	
INCOME:	\$25,805	INCOME:	\$159,357
EXPENSE:	\$17,319	EXPENSE:	\$165,299
DIFFERENCE	\$8,486	DIFFERENCE	-\$5,942



THE HOLIDAYS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

As we prepare for the holiday season, CHS is excited to support our community through two upcoming outreach programs.

These special opportunities allow us to share God's love and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved and help make this holiday season brighter for those in need!



This holiday season, CHS is partnering with Mayors' Feed the Hungry to help provide meals for local families in need.

20 Boxes measuring 16" x 12" x 12 delivered: First weekend of November

What we need: Non-perishable food donations
Boxes picked up: November 20

Your generosity can help put food on the table and share the love of Christ with our neighbors this holiday season. Thank you for helping CHS make a difference!



We are excited to once again partner with Better Together to help provide Christmas gifts to children in need in our community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of Christmas and the love of Christ with children and families who may be facing a difficult season.

Stay tuned for more details on how you can help make Christmas a little brighter!

October 8, 2026

Dear CHS Community,

What I am offering as my “Stewardship Letter” is actually a Devotion or Reflection. Since it appears on the back of your church bulletin, you may be tempted to read it during worship. Of course, you are free to take this home and read it later.



I hope to have my first tattoo one day soon. It will be a three-letter Greek word that has a special meaning for me. That word is “sos” and it means “yours.” In hymns, it is “thine.”

Sos is at the heart of what stewardship means to me. It stands for me and for what tentatively belongs to me, until I surrender it to him to whom I belong and to whom all my stuff belongs. What belongs to me tentatively is my stuff. This includes my physical stuff, as well as my mental and emotional stuff, even my behavioral stuff and my memories of the stuff I have done and memories of the stuff done for me and to me, good and bad stuff. It includes graces and grudges. It includes personal stuff, even private stuff. It includes my memories of stuff that I could have said and done and did not. It includes memories of missed opportunities.

O yeah, It also includes the financial stuff, what is in my bank account from what I have accumulated and earned. In my case, it is what is in “our” bank account. Again, it is all “yours, O Lord.” It is all thine, all sos.

Included is the emotional stuff of my fears, anxieties, and insecurities about surrendering stuff to Him to whom I belong, to whom my stuff belongs. Of all my stuff, I cling most tightly to my fear of giving my stuff away.

It is because my Lord God understands my tendency to cling, that He only asks for a tiny ten percent of my finances. What He mostly wants from me is all of my fears, anxieties, and insecurities because he wants to leave me with His peace and joy, cheerfulness. As St Paul said “God loves a cheerful giver.”

I was inspired to become a priest while reading *Reaching Out* by Henri Nouwen. It took me an additional thirty years to realize that I cannot reach out fully until I let go fully. Father Nouwen has also written a book entitled *The Spirituality of Fundraising*. Indeed, the funds necessary for our Lord’s ministry at Church of The Holy Spirit are funds that belong to Him, even as they tentatively belong to us.

While I do not yet know you as well as I will know you, already I know you to be cheerful givers and I hope to affirm you with this letter and with this one little three-letter Greek word, sos.

When I get my tattoo, I suspect that I will still be struggling to let go more fully so that I may reach out to you more fully. Thankfully, this is not a salvation issue. Nevertheless, it is an issue having to do with fears, anxieties, and insecurities that are compromising the peace and joy and cheerfulness that God wants for me and you.

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