

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# WELCOME

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

**September 20, 2026**

## OPENING WELCOME

The Rev. Jeff Wallace

## ACCLAMATION

## WORSHIP SONGS

## COLLECT PRAYER

## FIRST READING

**JONAH 3:10-4:11**

Pew Bible p. 1438

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 145:1-8**

BCP p. 801

*Recited Responsively*



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

## SECOND READING

### PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Pew Bible p. 1826

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

Pew Bible p. 1529

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

This is Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Gerry Gardner

## THE NICENE CREED

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

The Rev. Jeff Wallace

## 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.**

## The Week Ahead | September 20 - September 27

**Sunday 20** Holy Eucharist | 10:00am | In Person & Online

**Tuesday 22** Reunion Group – Cursillo | 6:00pm | Zoom

**Wednesday 23** Morning Prayer | 10:00am | In Person & Online

**Thursday 24** **Sarabella ALF** | 11:00am | In Person  
Bible Study | 6:30pm | In Person

**Saturday 26** Parish Adventure Day | 9:00am | In Person

**Sunday 27** Holy Eucharist | 10:00am | In Person & Online



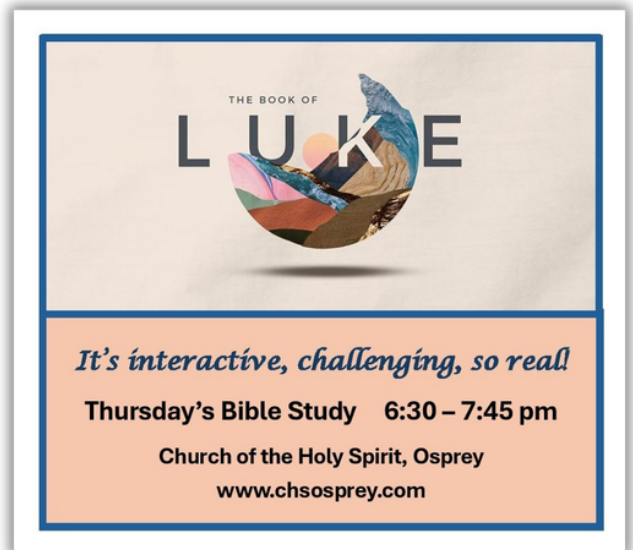
**PARISH  
ADVENTURE  
DAY**

**IT ALL MATTERS!**

**OUR PARISH ADVENTURE DAY**

**Saturday, September 26th**  
**9:00 am - 4:30 pm**  
**at CHS**

*Pastor Gerry and the Vestry  
are requesting all to attend.*



THE BOOK OF  
**LUKE**

*It's interactive, challenging, so real!*

**Thursday's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:45 pm**

Church of the Holy Spirit, Osprey  
[www.chsosprey.com](http://www.chsosprey.com)

## Want Healing Prayer?

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

## Donation Request

**Help Us Support Our Youth!**

We are currently collecting boys' and youth clothing  
and are asking for donations of:

*The* **Twig**

Boys' jeans: Sizes 5-18

Teen boys' short-sleeve shirts: Size Medium

If you have gently used or new items to donate, we  
would be so grateful for your generosity and support!

*Thank you so much for helping us bless our youth!*

## The Church in Prayer – Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

*If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email [admin@chsosprey.com](mailto:admin@chsosprey.com).*

- Prayers that Judy stays healthy and well.
- Prayers for Gracie and her surgery.
- Prayers for three children recently murdered by their mother, for them to rest in the loving embrace of God.
- Healing for niece, Kathryn, who has very aggressive breast cancer.
- Healing and restoration for Pastor Gerry's sister, Susan.
- Prayers that Robert and John to find their way to the Lord.
- Prayers for Pam's granddaughter to be accepted in as a FL resident to attend Florida State University.
- Prayers for Karen's sons and their wives.
- Prayers for Roger and his family as they grieve his daughter Beth who tragically died by suicide.
- Prayers that Nancy adjusts to the use of oxygen and for her tank to work well.
- Prayers for Steve as he moves to New Mexico.
- Prayers for my brother, Peter, as he battles cancer.
- Prayers for my sister, Michele and her son, Rob.
- Guidance in upcoming work decision and prayers that I get back to CHS soon.
- Prayers for Steve, Sue and Todd.
- Prayers for CHS leadership structure that places people in their giftings with both joy and accountability.
- Pray for CHS, my family in love and heart.
- Pray for continued healing and blessings for Danny as he returns to his home.
- Pray for Pastor Dex and Pastor Heidi after multiple hospitalizations for blood pressure issues and stroke-like symptoms.
- Prayers for sister Cindy.
- Healing prayers for Robert's son.
- Pray for Niel in the 4th stage of liver cancer and his wife and family.
- Prayers for nephew who is in prison and needs salvation.
- Good health for Deb's sister, Karen.
- Prayers for Kathy's family.
- Prayers for Cassie as she battles cancer.
- Prayers that I begin to seek God more each day and not just when I need him, but always.
- Prayers for all involved in the conflict in the Middle East.
- Prayers for Linda Alampi.
- Prayers for Lacey who is feeling lost after graduating and needing direction.
- Prayers for Marilyn, Joanne, Karl and Sheri, Donna, Judy, Xenia & Sandee.
- Prayers for my grandson and his family.
- Pray for an increase of faith for my daughter-in-law.
- Reconciliation for Rob to God and family.
- Prayers for a friend that needs to realize peace, healing & strength comes from Jesus.
- Prayers for salvation for sister.
- Prayers for my son that he may receive Jesus' grace and mercy.
- Prayers for my granddaughters as they face challenges.
- Prayers for our country and leaders.
- Prayers for friends showing signs of dementia and needing clarity of mind and purpose.
- Prayers for Joseph and Carol.
- Prayers for friends who are adjusting to life without their loved ones.
- Peace for my sister, Deb.
- Recovery for Cindy, and strength for Nancy.
- Prayers for Liz M. for direction & provision in God opening doors to where she should live and peace & fellowship of good Christian friends.
- Prayers for my nephew, Tyler.
- Prayers for Jodie and Vicki.
- Prayers for Eric, Linda, Kathy, Bob and Darlene.
- Prayers for greater release of Holy Spirit within us.
- Prayers as I accept the loss of my vision.
- Healing and spiritual guidance for loved ones who are suffering with anxiety, depression and mental illness.
- Prayers for all those overcoming cancer and for their caregivers for strength, encouragement and faith to continue.
- Salvation for those who do not know Jesus: Jonathan, Michael, Amy, Kim, Karen, Todd, Linda & Steve.
- Prayers for Jay's sense of taste to return.
- Prayers for grandchildren who have drifted away from going to church.
- Healing prayers for Robert, Michelle, Robin, Cindy, Judy, Peter, Audrey, Sue, Joni, Maureen, Tara, Bob, Betty, Erin, Daniel, Lisa, Aaron, Matthew, Evelyn, Art, Al, Donna, Todd, Owen, Haven, Bob, LouAnn, Gus, Ron, Tom, Linda, Sonia, Joyce, Holly, Suzanne, Dona, Judy & Danny.



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