

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 12, 2021



Church of the Redeemer
A Spiritual Harbor of Hospitality

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer, Daily 7:00 a.m.

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The Rev. Chris Walk, Rector

We welcome you to the Church of the Redeemer

We are delighted to have you visit. We hope you will come again and again to worship Our Lord Jesus at Redeemer. We are a constituent parish of the Anglican Church in North America and the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.

The **Mission** of the Church of the Redeemer is to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to maintain the truths, values and beliefs of the historic and apostolic Christian faith, and to affirm the authority of the Bible as the rule for our lives. As a loving, caring congregation, we reach out to each other, to our community and to the world, boldly proclaiming the good news that salvation comes through Christ alone.

Our **Vision** and hope for our worship and ministry is that it will be thoroughly Biblical and Holy Spirit-filled. This means we strive for it to be **EPIC**:

- **Evangelical** – promoting salvation through Jesus Christ by the proclamation of the gospel of the Kingdom of God
- **Pentecostal** – experiencing the Holy Spirit and ministering to one another by the gifts he gives.
- **Inspirational** – blessed and inspired by God and His Word to engage in the Mission of God in the church and world.
- **Catholic** – participating in the “one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic Church” through sacramental liturgy.

Our **EPIC** elements are expressed in the areas of **worship, mission, discipleship, and fellowship**.

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Holy Eucharist Service

Processional Hymn Hymn 379 "God Is Love"

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us;

People **Christ, have mercy upon us,**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

A Time of silent prayer for the congregation

Celebrant Amen.

The following is said once at the 8:00 am service and sung twice at the 10:30 am service

Trisagion S-102

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

The people standing, the Celebrant says

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And with your spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Isaiah 50:4-9*

The first lesson is a reading from the book of Isaiah

- ⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
- ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
- ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
- ⁷ But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
- ⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
- ⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Lay Reader	The Word of the Lord
<i>People</i>	Thanks Be to God

The Psalms *Psalm 116:1-9*

Let us read responsively by the whole verse from Psalm 116

Lay Reader I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Lay Reader The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

People Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Lay Reader Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Lay Reader Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

People For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

Lay Reader I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

The following is Said at the 8 a.m. service and Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [Amen]

The Second Lesson *1 Peter 2:4-10*

The second lesson is a reading from the book of 1 Peter

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone,"

⁸ and

"A stone of stumbling,

and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks Be to God

Sequence Hymn Hymn 432 “O Praise Ye The Lord!”

The Gospel *Mark 9:14-29*

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹ And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³ And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

People The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon The Rev. Chris Walk

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For *Foley Beach*, our Archbishop, and *John*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, we especially lift up to you *N*.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Clergy Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord at this time

The Offertory

Today's offering is designated by the Vestry for the Kenyan Christian Education
Partnership

The Anthem: Amazing Grace, Eternal Life

At Holy Communion

All baptized Christians who have sincerely repented of their sins and are in love and peace with their neighbors are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing that can be requested by folding your arms over your chest as you approach the Celebrant.

Bread and wine may be received by eating the bread and drinking from an individual cup. If you do not want to receive the wine, you may take bread only by returning to your seat after receiving bread.

The sanctus (altar) bells are rung three times during the Communion prayers to make a joyful noise to the Lord in thanksgiving for the miraculous gift of the bread and the wine becoming for his faithful people the body and blood of Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

The Sanctus S 129

All say together at 8 a.m. and sing together at 10:30 a.m.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

The Prayer of Consecration

The People stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he

became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.



After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. *Amen***

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the cross.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Agnus Dei

Said at the 8 a.m. service; Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service (3 times)

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. [Give us your peace.]**

The Ministration of Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Song Hymn 336 "Come With Us"

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have
given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

The Blessing

The Priest gives a blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Procession into the World Hymn 473 “Lift High The Cross”

The Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Go forth and bear witness to Jesus Christ, who is gloriously risen from the dead.

People **Thanks be to God, He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Today's Lay Assistants

8:00 Service Lay Assistant: Judy Hummer
10:30 Service Lay Assistant: Marie Justiss
Altar Guild: Stephanie Miller
CEO: Marty Surface

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given by David & Kate Seavey in celebration of Susannah Surface's birthday

Attendance

8:00 Service: 14
10:30 Service: 32

Tithes & Offerings

Weekly Offering Given	\$ 3415.00
Budgeted Need Each Week	\$ 3,879.00
Mortgage Balance	\$ 12,728.28
2021 Pledge Drive	\$145,050.00 of \$ 192,438.21

Weekly Events

- **Adult Classes/Discussions:** Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am in the Parish Hall – Vices and Virtues
- **Prayer Group:** Mondays, 9:30-11:30 am at Bert & Jeanie Kuhl's home (1506 East Penny Drive, Elizabeth City) - Restart date not yet determined
- **Men's Prayer Group:** Tuesdays, 7:00 am at Grouper's Restaurant (400 S. Water Street, Elizabeth City)
- **Choir Practice:** Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in the Nave
- **Men's Discipleship Group:** Thursdays, 7:15 am in the Parish Hall

Monthly Events

- **SOULS Feeding:** 1st Wednesday of the month, 5:00 pm (corner of N. Road and Elizabeth Streets, Elizabeth City)
- **Finance Committee:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Chapel for the Benjamin House:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm 102 Meads Pool Road, EC
- **Vestry Meeting:** 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 12 Happy Birthday Suzanne Stonikins

September 13 Happy Birthday Susannah Surface

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