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Sunday Hymns, Scripture Readings and Announcements

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025 11:00 a.m.**

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Entrance Hymn

Jesus Loved the Devil Out of Me

Jesus loved the devil out of me
Yes Jesus loved the devil out of me

When He took me by the hand
Ol' Satan just gave up and ran
Jesus loved the devil out of me

Life for me was filled with sin and shame
The devil had a plan to claim my name
But just before I crossed the eternal line
Jesus said no Satan this one's mine

No will to live my future looked so cold
The devil stood there waiting for my soul
But just before I walked into his arms
The king of kings my king of kings
Reached for my hand and saved me from all harm

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
 act, O Lord, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
 and we have sinned against you.
O hope of Israel,
 its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
 like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
 like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
 and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander,
 they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them,
 now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.
Have you completely rejected Judah?
 Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
 so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
 for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
 the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.
Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
 do not dishonor your glorious throne;
 remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this..

The Word of the Lord: “*Thanks be to God*”.

The Response Psalm 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; ***
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to height, ***
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The New Testament: A reading from 2nd Timothy
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord: *"Thanks be to God"*

The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Bill Smith

Offertory Music

Superstition

Communion Hymn

Graves Into Gardens

The blessing of the costumes

Recessional

Munsters Theme Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Altar on are given to the glory of God by Lynda Volpe in memory of her husband, Joe .

Acolyte Training: Interested in serving as an Acolyte? Join us for training on **Wednesday, October 29th, at 5:15 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for anyone (ages 8 and older) who wants to learn how to be a crucifer, torch bearer, or Gospel book bearer. Whether you're new or need a refresher, all are welcome. Dinner will be provided after at The Table.

All Saints Sunday, November 2: In the Nicene Creed, Christians affirm their belief in "the communion of saints." This great theological truth is celebrated every year on All Saints' Day, which is always on November 1. One of the ways we at Christ Church observe this day is by listing the deceased in a list called the necrology. The necrology will be listed in our worship bulletin on Sunday, November 2nd (All Saints Sunday). To submit names for the necrology, please email the church office by October 31st.

Soundbath Meditation: On October 27th, join the Sonic Ray for a soundbath healing meditation at Christ Church. Settle into stillness for a 60-minute vibroacoustic sound journey with gongs, Tibetan bowls, crystal harp, chimes, shakers and more. Sound healing is proven to reduce stress and anxiety through frequency and vibration.

Formation Classes at 10:00 a.m. "Foundations 101: "Deepening Our Ties" - in Adult Formation 1 Room

The Table: Grub, Gather and Grow: Join us on Wednesday evenings September 3rd to November 19, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for "The Table" - a weekly gathering for food, fellowship, and formation. Adults will gather in the PAC as we discuss a rotation of theological articles and scripture. Nursery, Children's, and EYC programming will coincide, and so bring the whole family! Please RSVP on the Church Center app.

Pub Theology: Every Monday at 7:30–8:30pm; McNellie's South City 7031 S Zurich Ave Tulsa, OK 74136. The format is simple: beer (or other beverage), food if you choose, conversation and God. Come bring your questions and your curiosity and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying traditions, perspectives, and life experiences.

Monos Contemplative Prayer Group: Join us each Tuesday for contemplative prayer, reflection, and discussion in the Chapel of Christ Church This is a wonderful time to enrich your soul! We meet from 9:00 - 12:00.

Yoga. Every Tuesday at 5:45–6:45pm; Christ Church PAC. Yoga practice is a way that God shows the goodness of your body, the strength and resilience of this creation he has made and given me for my care and responsibility.

If you are a guest with us today, please take a moment to fill out the "I'm New" card (located on the seatback in front of you) and place it in the offering basket. A member of our clergy or staff will be happy to connect with you this week.

