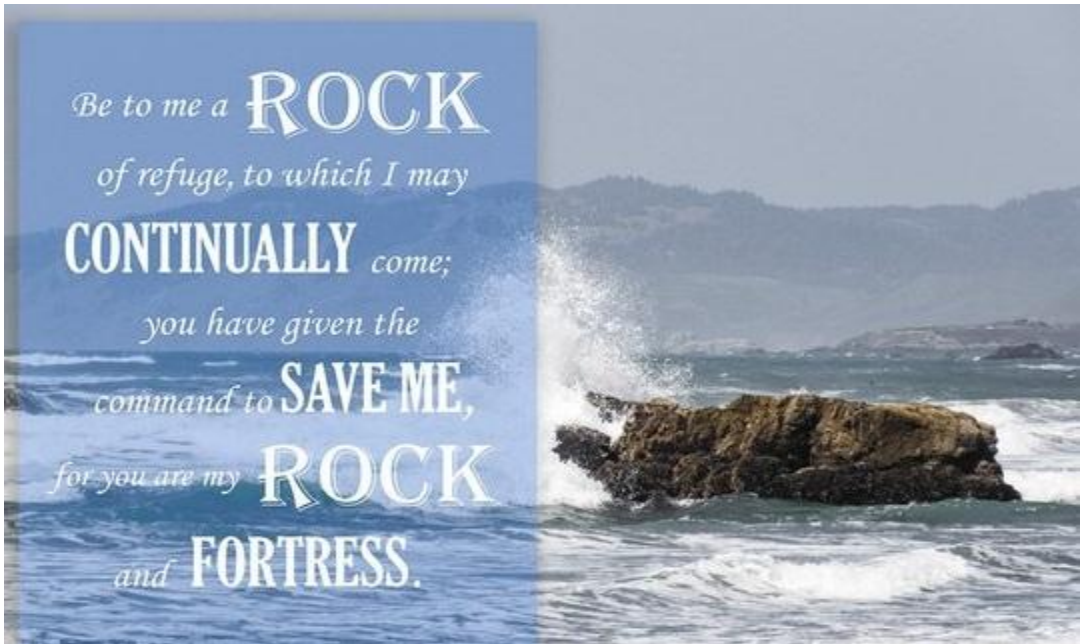


The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16 August 24, 2025



Mission of Nativity and St. Stephen

To seek and serve Christ through service to others.

To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.

To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.

To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.

To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

We invite your prayers before our mass begins. Please be reminded of the importance of Holy silence that prepares us to listen to God. Conversation, food, and fellowship following worship. All are welcome.

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Service begins at 9:30am: you can join by 9am.

Wednesday Morning Devotions, 9am

Join in for short devotions and conversation.

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Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn

“Morning has broken” Hymnal 8

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

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

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Celebrant: 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.

Glory to God

“When morning gilds the skies”

V 1- 3

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day insert
People: Amen

Lector:

A Reading from Jeremiah 1:4 - 10
insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1 – 6 insert

Lector:

A Reading from
Hebrews 12:18 – 29 insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”
Hymnal 493

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 13:10 – 17 insert

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Ryan M. Tobin

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen. We believe in one Lord,

Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy
Spirit, he became incarnate from
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. With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified. He
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
Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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.*

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen
you in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep you
in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace BCP 360
(Stand and greet each other.)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord
be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Offertory Sentence BCP 376

Offertory Hymn

*“Thou, who at thy first Eucharist
didst pray”* Hymnal 315

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v.3
*Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here
below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost!*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

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.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 129 See page 10

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand

before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: *We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and

thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
 presenting to you, from your
 creation, this bread and this wine.
 We pray you, gracious God, to
 send your Holy Spirit upon these
 gifts that they may be the
 Sacrament of the Body of Christ
 and his Blood of the new
 Covenant. Unite us to your Son in
 his sacrifice, that we may be
 acceptable through him, being
 sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the
 fullness of time, put all things in
 subjection under your Christ, and
 bring us to that heavenly country
 where, with Mary, Joseph, Stephen
 and all your saints, we may enter
 the everlasting heritage of your
 sons and daughters; through Jesus
 Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all
 creation, the head of the Church,
 and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever.



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

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

People and Celebrant:

*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, for ever
 and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our
 Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the
 feast. Alleluia.*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and People: *Dearest
 Jesus, we believe that you are truly
 present in the Holy Sacrament,
 and, since we all cannot receive
 communion in the consecrated
 bread and wine, we pray you to*

come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Celebrant: The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

***Celebrant and People:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“Rock of ages, cleft for me”

Hymnal 685

Dismissal

BCP 366


Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:** Thanks be to God.*

Postlude



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to thee - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 thee - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

The Holy Eucharist II

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. ____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Announcements

Please include the following in your daily prayers. Wendy, Sue, Gary, Lesley, Mary Jeanne, Marie, Jim, Lynne, Tammy, Ray, Nedra, Jake, Matt, Linda, Katherine, Marlene, Kate, Pat, Alfred, Sandy, Heidi, Kelly, Cindy, Enslee, Natalie, Mark and Sharon.

Upcoming Conversation and Devotions

Friday, August 22, 11:30am, Haldeman Park, Thompsonstown

Wednesday, August 27, 9am, Zoom

Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, August 26, 6pm, via Zoom

Being Episcopalian: Learn about our Church and our Faith.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm starting September 3rd, as we explore the fundamentals of Christian belief and worship as it is understood in the Episcopal Church. All are welcome to attend. See Father Ryan for more details and a full schedule.

Save the Date: Celebration of New Ministry, December 13th at 4pm.

All are invited to join in this special celebration, as Bishop Audrey Scanlan will officially install Father Ryan as the 8th Rector of this parish. This will be a special parish celebration that will include representatives of all of our parish's ministries, as well as clergy from neighboring parishes. A reception with food and fellowship will follow after the service.

Help set up and staff our table at Canal Day, Saturday, October 4.

Help is needed to get the materials, table and chairs to and from our location. Set up is 8am and take down is 3pm. Help is also needed to staff the table – sign up for an hour time slot or longer. See a member of vestry if you can help.

Help fill our community food pantry!

Items that seem to be taken first include canned pasta meals, soups, and macaroni and cheese. Vegetables don't seem to get taken. Also, please don't use this as an opportunity to clear out your pantry.

Savor: A Strolling Supper, Saturday, September 20, 5 – 8pm, LEAF Home Farm, 554 Warm Springs Road, Landisburg

Savor connects food, land, and people. This event features 6-7 stations that highlight chef partners, farmers and beverage artisans, a silent auction, and a VIP Youth hour, offering guests the opportunity to wander the natural landscape, connect with LEAF's powerful young leaders, and savor the season's bounty through curated small plates and beverage pairings. To learn more or register for the event, visit:

<https://app.betterunite.com/leafprojectinc-savorastrollingsupper202592025>

Service Participants

Greeter: Karen Kern

Lector: Mary Price

Prayers of the People: Jan Yocum

Acolyte: Miles Jezewski

Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Amsler

Organist: Andrea Jezewski

Tech Assistant: Aiden Shiffer

Coffee Hour: Terry Stanton

Altar Guild: Susan Rice and Shannon Burns

Counters: Wendy Day and John Cramer



Vestry

Jill Hoover, Sr. Warden

Darlene Amsler

Sue Beamer

Wendy Day

Mary Price

Terry Stanton

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer