

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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*Our Mission: To transform lives with the love of God In Jesus Christ.
All are welcome! No Exceptions!*



August 2, 2026 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Today's Celebrant -

Holy Eucharist - 9 am - The Rev. Scot McComas, Rector

All church activities may be internet streamed, video recorded, and photographed for church uses. Entry on to the church campus or into any church building constitutes consent to be streamed, videotaped, or photographed for church purposes. Scent-Free Seating in the Nave - Because some folks have allergy issues, we have created a scent-free section in the front left part of the sanctuary. Please sit in that section only if you are free of scented items such as perfume, hairspray, after-shave, body spray, hand lotion, etc. It's an act of hospitality.

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity is situated on the ancestral land of the Huhugam and Salado people and present day O'odham, Yavapai, and Apache people who traveled throughout this land. We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Tribal communities - past and present - for their ongoing stewardship of this land. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person.

Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hymnal 594, vs 1,2,4
Collect of the Day Prayerbook 232

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 17:1-7,16 *Let us read it responsively by whole verse.*

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; ***
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 **I give no offense with my mouth as others do; ***
I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; ***
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

16 **But at my vindication I shall see your face; ***
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel Hymn: *Holy Spirit, ever living*
Hymnal 511 vs. 1 before Gospel vs. 2 after the Gospel

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon: The Rev. Wayne V Whitney, PhD., Associate Rector
(a few moments of silence follow the sermon)

Nicene Creed Prayerbook 358

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy God, be in the midst of us now as we pray for ourselves and the world saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the Church, the body of Christ, that you would be in our midst everywhere we are. Strengthen us, reorient us and send us to be your people to the world. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: We pray for the health, welfare and legacy of this nation. We pray for the prosperity and needs of our brothers and sisters across our country and around the world. Embolden us to serve the common good and advocate for the needs of all people. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: We pray for all creatures on the earth, and for the earth itself. We pray for an end to pollution and the apathy that destroys the creation that you called Good. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: We pray for this congregation, give us hearts that long for you and hands that serve others in your name. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: We pray for those who are sick, suffering, anxious, hopeless, imprisoned, persecuted or alone. We especially pray for those who are ill and for those who provide them care. Especially we lift up Cheryle, Therese, Glenn, Kevin, Clint, Jim, Nancy, Paul, Fred, Mack, Bill, Susan, Carole, Mary Anne, Jeff, Margaret, Susan, Inge, Riley and the Graves family. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: Be with the dying, comfort the grieving and hold us in your heart, this day and always. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: Create peace around the world where conflict abides: in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Africa; as well as in our own United States. We pray for the people affected by earthquakes. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Lutheran & Episcopal Campus Ministry in Flagstaff. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: Lord you have promised to be with us whenever we gather in your name, be with us now. Hear and respond to our prayers. Show us the path to be your people more perfectly. All this we ask in Jesus' name.

People: Amen.

Offering Music *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Logan Talarico & Tamra Duncan

Communion Music *Lord I Need You*, Matt Mahler, Logan Talarico & Tamra Duncan

Closing Hymn *Be Thou My Vision*, Hymnal 488 vs 1-3

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God,
in joyous celebration of Michael's birthday
by Mary Carr*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Wine Night

Wine Night is Thursday, **August 6** at 5 pm at The Living Room in DC Ranch, located at the SE corner of Thompson Peak and Pima Rd (20751 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255). PLEASE RSVP to Kay Blinn at kayblinn@gmail.com by Wednesday noon.

Men's Pub Fellowship

Pub Fellowship is Thursday, **August 6** at 5 pm at Flemings in DC Ranch (20751 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255). for more information contact Bob Blinn bob@robertblinn.com.

St. Mary's Food Bank – Please plan to help our hungry neighbors by gathering at St. Mary's Food Bank at 8am on Saturday August 8, This is a great way to spend a couple hours having fun working shoulder to shoulder with other food advocates. New volunteer center: 2804 N. 29th Ave. 85009 (SW corner of W. Thomas Rd. and 29th Ave.) RSVP to Isabella Roby at isabellakproby@gmail.com.

Take Them A Meal:

"Would you like to help some Nativity friends in need? Are you a good cook and enjoy your time in the kitchen? Do you like preparing meals? We have a "TAKE THEM A MEAL" program here at Nativity that jumps in whenever someone in the church is home recovering from surgery or a hospital stay. We use an online site that organizes dates and meals that can be prepared and delivered by you to our friends in their homes. Fortunately, this only happens occasionally, but if you are interested, please either call, text or tell Haidee Williams haideeonly@gmail.com, 772,713,9502) that you would like to be on the "cooking list" next time a parishioner needs our help.

Nativity Outreach Committee

The Nativity Outreach Committee is donating \$1000 of our GALA funds to the Goldensun Ministries in memory of Jim Graves. Prior to Jim's untimely passing, we were considering adding Goldensun Ministries to Outreach with Jim as the lead volunteer. This donation will honor his efforts to reach out to our less fortunate neighbors.

Native American Ministries of Nativity

Cleaning Kitchen Drive for Native American elders being assisted by Native Health of Phoenix. Native American Ministries of Nativity will be holding a collection of the following items for Native Americans Elders who are struggling to make ends meet in the Phoenix area.

Items needed:

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toilet Cleaner, Dish Soap, Kitchen Towels, Kitchen Scrubbies, Windex, Laundry Soap, Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Pinesol, Trash Bags. Collection will be for the first 3 weeks of August in box in Christopher Hall. Please help us help these Seniors who are living away from the Reservation and often very isolated. Any questions, please contact Liz Northcott at 480-694-9084.

