

St. Chad's Episcopal Church

Welcome All ~ Follow Jesus ~ Bless Others

JESUS REPLIED: **“LOVE THE**
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR **HEART**
AND WITH ALL YOUR **SOUL** AND WITH ALL
YOUR **MIND.** THIS IS THE **FIRST AND**
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE
SECOND IS LIKE IT: **“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**
AS YOURSELF.”
MATTHEW
22:37-
39

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25

October 25, 2026



Holy Eucharist — Rite II

8:30 and 10:30 am

*To help create a prayerful atmosphere
please silence your cell phone.*

Prelude [10:30] O God, Our Help in Ages Past arr. Cindy Berry

Opening Hymn No. 401 [vs. 1-4]

**The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.**

**He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.**

**There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.**

**The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,**

and “Holy, holy, holy,” cry,
“Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.”

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

Gloria [8:30, spoken] [10:30, sung]

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our
prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

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.
People **Amen.**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 *[8:30 & 10:30, spoken in unison]*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ***
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, ***
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,**
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
- everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; ***
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, ***
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ***
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn No. 685

**Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Should my tears for ever flow,
should my zeal no languor know,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown
and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

Celebrant	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Sermon

Father Jeremiah Griffin

Nicene Creed

All

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.

Prayers of the People—Form III *People respond with bold words.*

Leader	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People	That we all may be one.

Leader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People	That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Leader Remembering especially countries involved in turmoil and strife.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader Remembering especially _____.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Leader Remembering especially _____.

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

All

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 upon us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant

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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Anthem

St. Chad's Choir

Doxology Hymn No. 43 [vs. 4] [8:30, spoken; 10:30, sung]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 [8:30, spoken] [10:30, sung]

All

**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.**

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer *[8:30 & 10:30, spoken]*

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

Our Father in heaven; hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

[All are welcome to participate in Communion. If you prefer a blessing, cross your arms in front of you. Gluten-free wafers available on request.]

Communion Hymn *Here I am, Lord* [10:30]

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

The Post Communion Prayer

All

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

Closing Hymn No. 680 [vs. 1-4]

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *The Solid Rock*

arr. Mark Hayes

St. Chad's Services and Christian Formation

Sunday Holy Eucharists at 8:30 and 10:30 am in the Commons

Coffee Fellowship after each service

Wednesday Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Commons

Sunday Christian Formation

Children Sunday School at 10:30 am. Grades 4 yr-1, 2-5, 6+

Adult Education at 9:30 am

Midweek Bible Study —Father Jeremiah's Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesdays at 8:30 am via Google Meet (link in eNewsletter)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Adult Christian Formation — 9:30 am, thru October, *Half the Story: Recovering Women's Voices in Scripture and Christian History*.

Sunday Youth Gathering — 11:45 am on November 22. Lunch, games, and a lesson.

Veterans Fellowship Dinner — 5 pm at Sandia Casino Council Room Restaurant. RSVP to Leslie Garland, abqthornpatch@gmail.com.

All Saints Sunday with Ofrenda — November 1. Please sign names of people to be remembered on the Narthex bulletin board and place remembrances on the Ofrenda table in the Narthex.

Convention Cookies — 6 dozen cookies are requested for the DRG Convention. Please place your donations on the kitchen cabinet marked DRG by Wednesday, November 4.

Want to Go Deeper in your Spiritual Life? — Contact the church office to make an appointment with Father Jeremiah to discuss prayers or other ways to get closer to God.



Pumpkin Carving

Sunday, October 25

11:45 am

All are Welcome

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