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Rev. Lathrop Mosley, Vicar

September 1, 2024 10 AM Trinity  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte | Ryals Connor  
Lector | Bettis Rainsford  
Intercessor | Peggy Moss  
Eucharistic Minister | Ray Melton  
Greeters | Caleb Connor, Jean Covar  
Altar | Lynn Melton, Helen Mims  
Usher | OPEN  
Hospitality | Beth Thornton  
Readings | Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Livestream the Sunday Service here:

[ECOR YouTube](#)



**The Office will be closed Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day Holiday.**

A word about going home....

This past Sunday, August 25th, I was able to Celebrate the Eucharist at my sponsoring parish, St. Christopher's in Spartanburg. It was not planned and happened at the last minute. In fact, I was looking forward to sitting in the pews and perhaps even going to an Episcopal Church where I could be incognito and simply worship. However, I attended the General Convention Forum at St. Christopher's on Saturday morning and realized how much I missed being there and being with the people who supported me and raised me to the priesthood and continue to support and pray for me. So as much as I wanted to go somewhere that I was not known, I decided I wanted to be back in the pews at St. Christopher's. After the Forum, I was talking to their Vicar, Mother Beth Hendrix+, who was ordained both to the diaconate and the priesthood with me. She asked if I wanted to be a part of the service. I told her that I did, but that all I really wanted to do was Celebrate the Eucharist. Celebrating and being behind that altar as a priest at St. Christopher's is something I had not done yet until Sunday and was incredibly special. It was a gift to both me and those who have walked with me through this part of my journey, especially being able to place the wafer in everyone's hands.

St. Christopher's and its people hold a special place in my heart along with St. Mark's Jacksonville and its people. Both are very much a part of who I am today both as a Christian and as a priest. They have both walked with me through the good, the bad, and the ugly, through some critical times in my life. And while I do not have the long histories with them that many of you all have with Trinity, Our Saviour, or Grace, I get how you all feel about whichever historic building is your home church. I understand how it feels to walk in and immediately feel like you are home. How much the people and the memories mean and how you couldn't imagine life without them, whether it is one particular building or all of them.

I am simply grateful that you all have invited me and are allowing me to be a part of all of those memories and history and help make some new memories and history!



Blessings+  
Mother Lathrop

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I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all your encouraging words, patience and support while I learn all the processes and terminology for the Prayers of the People, eblast and bulletin. This new journey I have been assigned is so much fun and I want to make sure you all know how much I love doing this. Without your support i am not sure it would be fun.

On a second note please send me all your information regarding family events or news you would like to share to the church family. I can be reached at 303-565-7741 or email me at [muffysander@gmail.com](mailto:muffysander@gmail.com)

Again thank you all for everything.

Blessings,  
Muffy Sander

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## From the Director of ACTS in Aiken SC

Rev. Mosley,

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Episcopal Church of the Ridge for their commitment to ACTS. Without your help, we could not serve the many needs of our Aiken County citizens. Your contributions help us fulfill our mission and are so very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Wanda Scott

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Please add these dates to your calendar to hold the date!

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training

St. Augustine of Canterbury in Aiken

Save the dates for Lay Eucharistic Minister Training!

Calling all those who are Lay Eucharistic Ministers and those who would like to be Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Please plan to attend one of these training sessions. They will be after Hospitality. Current Lay Eucharistic Members are required to attend to update their license. If we need to schedule another one in November we will.

September 22 at Trinity



October 20 at Our Saviour

In case you are wondering, a Lay Eucharistic Minister is a lay person licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the eucharist. Lay eucharistic ministers may be licensed to administer the consecrated bread and wine at any celebration of the eucharist in the absence of a sufficient number of priests and deacons to assist the celebrant. Prior to the current lay ministry canons, specially licensed lay readers administered the chalice at the eucharist and were known as “chalice bearers.”

Please let Mother Lathrop know if you have any questions.

Sept 29th 12:00 noon

Covered dish Sunday at Our Saviour. Bring your favorite dish and share some fellowship

October 3:00pm

Blessing of the animals Our Saviour. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Vigil for National Life St. Thaddeus in Aiken

November 8th & 9th

Diocesan Convention in Columbia. We will be voted to become a Parish.

December 8th 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Wine and Cheese Party at George and Beth Thornton's

Bring a nicely plated hors d'oeuvre, cookie or candy and of course your beverage of choice. So much Christmas Fun with our friends.

Okay we know it is early, but we want everyone to come, so put this on your calendar NOW!!!



## One-Minute Sermon of Thanks:

9/1: Stewardship Announcement

9/8: Renovations to Our Saviour

9/15 Renovations to Grace

9/22 Renovations to Trinity

9/29 Information Technology

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### Notes Along the Way.

Meditations from Bishop Daniel Richards

updated weekly from the diocese Website



Please consider subscribing to his newsletter so you can get all the diocese news in your inbox.

<https://mailchi.mp/edusc/notes-along-the-way-6176052?e=ad64a6cb46>

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October 20 at Our Saviour  
November 17 at Grace  
December: TBD

Our Sunday afternoon services continue to be a success! We had another small, but joyful crowd at Our Saviour on August 18. Mother Lathrop has decided to extend the trial period to the end of the year. We hope that it will give everyone another option, especially if a later service is easier.

**All services are at 4:00pm**

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Do you play a sport? Are you in a band or chorus? Do you take part in a school or community play? Do you volunteer somewhere? Are you in a club or community group? Is there something else you love to do? One of the many things I love about Episcopal Church of the Ridge is that we are small enough for me to do things that are not as feasible to do in

a larger church. One of those things which I am excited about is getting out and seeing you do what you love to do. I want to come and see you and cheer you on when you are doing those things. And it can be anything, and this is not just limited to our children and youth. While sports, plays, band, chorus, or volunteering are some of the obvious things. If you participate in something and would like me to come check it out, I want to know! Please email me at [vicar@churchoftheridge.org](mailto:vicar@churchoftheridge.org).

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### **Request for Volunteers to help with Livestreaming**

We know! We have heard your silence. And at the risk of sounding like a :Broken Record, here we are asking again.

We truly need a volunteer or 2 to help with the livestreaming. We need someone to step up and help Jay at the services. Possibly an teenager or young adult who wants or knows how to do this. and add this skill to your knowledge base. This is NOT an every week committment. It is however; a committment to us that we have someone in place with the knowledge to carry on this responsibility to our church family on sn sd needed basis.

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#### **ACTS - Area Churches Together**

Every third Wednesday of the month.

Next date for distribution is **September 18th** at Ridge Spring Farmers Market!  
8:30am-11:00am

Please consider joining the fun

Rev. Lathrop, Sarah, Greg, Jack, Jerrold and will guide you in helping.  
and remember many hands make lite work.



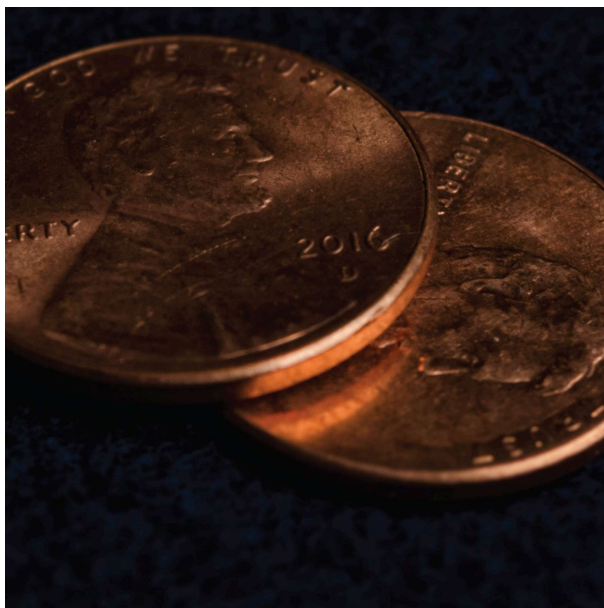
#### **Sunday Collections - If you bring it, we will deliver it!**

In an effort to simplify our Outreach Ministries, we encourage you to bring donations whenever the spirit moves you! We will sort and transport the donations to the proper agencies. *Non-perishable food items (no glass), Spices, Toiletries, and Cleaning supplies, and pet food.*

#### **Please do not include any clothing.**

For additional information, please contact Jerrold Watson or Ric Vann. Thank you!

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Online giving is easy Just click [HERE](#). You can set up a one time donation or monthly donations for your pledge.

There are also places to give to the DOK, Endowment, and Building funds.

Please remember The Episcopal Church of the Ridge in your Estate Planning. Bettis Rainsford or Caleb Connor will assist you with questions regarding estate planning

If you have any questions how to use online giving through ChurchTrac or to set up a new account, please contact Muffy Sander or Jay Summer and they will be glad to help you set up your account.



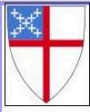
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Jason Mathis  
Mary Mathis  
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Birthday  
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CHURCH FAMILY





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