



Episcopal CHURCH of the Ridge

Covered Dish and Birthday Bash Alert!

This Sunday is not just any Sunday—it's Trinity's Birthday Celebration! Join us for an unforgettable afternoon right after the service. The Endowment Committee is generously providing the cake and ice cream, so bring your favorite dish and come hungry.

Let's make this celebration one for the books!

See you there!   

NO DESSERTS AS CAKE AND ICE CREAM WILL BE PROVIDED



Rev. Lathrop Mosley, Vicar

October 13 10 AM Trinity
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Acolyte /Liz Wilson
Lector / Muffy Sander

Intercessor /Scotty Scott
Eucharistic Minister /Ray Melton
Greeters /Sarah Schwarz / Muffy Sander
Altar /Ann Byrd / Betsy Willis
Usher / Buzz Byrd / Jack Schwarz
Hospitality / Birthday Bash abd Covered Dish
Reading 1-Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Reading 2 - Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Livestream the Sunday Service here:

[ECOR YouTube](#)

Did you know we are on Facebook and Instagram? Look for us. Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram. Share our news and events on your social media!



Offices will be closed on Monday October 21st for Columbus Day.

Unfortunately the best way to get in touch with the Vicar is by phone or text. Internet services have yet to be restored and are presenting a challenge for communicating.

A word about Hurricane Helene ...

For the month of October, the Old Testament readings will be from the Book of Job. If you are not familiar with Job, it the story of a man who has almost everything taken away from him by Satan. And as I shared on Sunday, perhaps Job is ringing a little too close to home after Hurricane Helene coming through. Now we are certainly not in the same situation as those in Western North Carolina, but it has been tough. I know. I was without power for 8 days and I still do not have internet.

Job's wife and eventually others suggest that Job should go ahead and curse God and die. Job's answer to his wife is a question – Shall we receive the good from God and not the bad? Now, I think we can all agree that we are not in the group of people who believe God is going to punish us with a storm or other natural disaster. In fact, we have already done that and there is a story in the Bible about a guy, a really big boat, and a lot of rain.

But the past couple of weeks have not been fun. It has been downright challenging, un-nerving, stressful, and everything else. We have seen images of the flooding in Western North Carolina, whole small mountain towns gone, lots of trees

down, landscapes changed forever, trees on houses, and the list could go on.

We have experienced loss of power, no hot water, loss of all the food in the refrigerator and freezer, concern about loved ones, concern about animals, concern about fellow parishioners. On social media we have seen complaints about the power not getting restored fast enough, the government not stepping in quick enough, lines for gas and food, gas and food being hard to find, and on and on.

But we have also seen some amazing stories of hope and neighbors and communities coming together. In Edgefield, our local restaurants came together and had to think outside the box to cook and serve the community. Christine's Farm to Fork partnered with local businesses to do some things for the first responders. Power companies sent crews from all over the country who are now in turn headed to Florida. In our Diocese, churches are stepping up to help other churches and their parishioners with debris removal. Our Diocese is already laying the groundwork to form teams to go to Western North Carolina when it is safe, and we get the green light. Churches in our Diocese are partnering together to gather materials and send them to Western North Carolina. Local organizations pulling together to provide water, MREs (meals ready to eat), supplies, and meals. Local schools stepped up to house and feed all from the power companies.

In our church, we have seen stories of hope as well – those who have opened their homes for people to do laundry, take a shower, and charge devices. Those who have opened homes for people without power to stay with them. Big Ace Hardware opening even though they did not have power, getting needed supplies in, and keeping everyone updates via social media. Jack and Sarah cooking for the town of Ridge Spring. And of course, there are many more.

Granted there has been much devastation, loss of life and property, but I hope we chose to focus on what is good and what is hopeful around us. Or at least balance the hard stuff with the good stuff.

However, it is not enough to just focus on the good and the hope. As we get our own little corners of the world back to normal, it is time to turn our attention elsewhere and be the hands and feet of Christ to someone.

So, what are we called to do? Well, that is going to depend on our gifts. For some it is wielding a chainsaw or axe. For some it might be signing up for a mission team to go into Western North Carolina or perhaps helping in the same way in our diocese or our community. For others it might be helping people get their house back in order after a week or so of no power. For others it might be cooking or handing out food or even gathering food to take to Western North Carolina.

I challenge us to think in the coming days and the next few weeks about what we are called to do and how we are called to serve in the aftermath of Helene. We all know it is going to take an incredible amount of time to rebuild, so we will continue to do stuff. And we have Hurricane Milton headed to Florida and there will be lots to do there as well.

I will let you all know about opportunities, but there will be so many others, so be on the lookout. And it starts right here with our own people and the people in our surrounding communities.

Blessings,
Lathrop+

Hurricane RELIEF

Please let us know if you have any needs after

Hurricane Helene. We are here for you!

If you also have any updates please let us know so we can get the word out to everyone. Contact Mother Lathrop for assistance at your earliest need.

Here is the [link](#) on the diocesan website for any and all resources for disaster relief related information,



🔍 Lost and Found Alert! 🔍

Great news—We now have a Lost and Found section in our newsletter!

Our illustrious organist, known for her stunning jewelry, has misplaced one of her cherished clip-on pearl earrings at Trinity Church.

She believes it might be in the Parish Hall somewhere. It could be clipped to her robe or even someone else's robe. It might even be by the Organ.

If you find it, please turn it in to the church office so we can reunite Miss Peggy Ann with her valuable earring.

Thank you for your help!



Important Directory Update! 🌟 We're excited to announce a new directory, and we need your help to make it awesome! 📄 Please make sure to fill out the contact form with all the requested information and return it to the church, either in person or by mail. It is extremely important we have all your contact numbers in case of another large storm again, like Helene. Though many forms are pouring in, we still need more of you to submit yours. Expect weekly reminder texts until we've got everyone's details. Thank you to everyone who has turned in your forms. It is very very helpful. Thanks for being a team player! If you need any help, reach out to Muffy Sander at 303-565-7741 or muffysander@gmail.com. Appreciate your cooperation! 🙏

🌸 Flower Arranging Workshop 🌸

Join us for a creative morning hosted by the Daughters of the King! On Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00am in the parish hall at Our Saviour, we're bringing you a flower arranging workshop exclusively for parish members. This event is free, but donations to support the work of DOK will be warmly welcomed.

Stay tuned for more details! 🌸

Hope you have a blooming good time! 🌸





🐾 Edgefield County Animal Shelter Needs Your Help! 🐾

As the weekend approaches, here's some important information about the Edgefield County Animal Shelter.

We're always in need of donations specifically, sheets (no pillowcases), towels, blankets, and quilts.

We currently need dog walkers for Tuesday afternoons and Fridays.

Financial contributions are also welcome and help with much-needed medications and surgical supplies. We're currently overloaded with large dogs and would love for anyone looking for a new companion to stop by in the afternoons

Wednesday thru Friday 11:00am to 3:00pm or call to make an appointment.

Check out our Facebook page, Friends of Edgefield Animal Shelter, for more updates! If you have any used sheets and towels you'd like to donate, bring them on Sunday, and I'll take them to the shelter next week.

Thanks for your support, Kelly 803-380-2644 Friends of Edgefield Animal Shelter

Your support makes a world of difference! 🐶❤️



Show Your Support for Church of the Ridge! ☀️

If you need a lanyard to proudly display your support for Church of the Ridge, please reach out to Mother Lathrop at vicar@churchoftheridge.com. Wear it with pride and spread the word!

Thanks for being part of our community! 🌈



Make sure you mark your calendars. We have a very busy 4th quarter and don't want you to miss any of the details! aLWAYS REFER TO THE EBLAST FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING ANY OF THE DATES BELOW. AS THE DATES COME CLOSER MORE DETAILS WILL BE ADDED

- **October 13** Trinity's Birthday Celebration And Fellowship Pot Luck! Remember NO DESSERTS
- **October 16** Food distribution at Ridge Spring Farmer's market 8:30am until they run out of food.
- **October 16th** Convocation meeting at St. Thaddeus. Aiken
- **October 20** Eucharistic Minister training Our Saviour
- **October 21-23** Fall Clergy/Spouse Retreat @ Lake Logan (Mother Lathrop attending)
- **October 27** Halloween Celebration hosted by Ellen Courtney
- **October 31** Edgefield Town Square Trunk or Treat 6-8PM
- **Nov 1** All Saints Day/ Dia de las Muertos
- **November 3** All Saints Day Celebration
- **November 3** Eucharist Minister Training at Trinity.
- **November 4** Convocation Prayer Vigil, In addition to **Mother Lathrop** being the celebrant for the Vigil for National Life at St. Thaddeus in Aiken, **Bishop Richards** will be the preacher for that service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this service along with others in our Gravatt Convocation.
- **November 8-9** Diocesan Convention at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia (Cindy Vann is Contact)
- **November 10** Gravatt Pop-UP Store

- **November 12** Our Saviour DOK is sponsoring a flower arranging class Please see announcement in eblast for details
- **November 17** Grace Church 150th birthday Celebration. Lots of details to come!
- **November 17** 4:00pm service at Trinity
- **November 24** Stewardship Ingathering
- **December 1** Advent (Beginning of New Liturgical year)
- **December 8** Christmas Parade - Edgefield
- **December 8** Tour of Churches Ridge Spring 2-4pm
- **December 8** Wine and cheese Party Beth and George Thornton's 5-8pm
- **December 15** Edgefield Tour of Churches 2-4pm
- **December 15** ECOR 52nd birthday and Parish Status Celebration (Trinity)
- **December 20** Cook Dinner for Military Retreat at Gravatt
- **December 24** Christmas Eve 4:00pm Our Saviour
- **December 25** Christmas Day 10:00am at Our Savior



☀️ One-Minute Sermon of Thanks ☀️

Here's your one-minute sermon lineup:

- **10/13 (T) Food Bank:** Jack
- **10/20 (OS) Cindy Vann - Our Saviour Building**
- **10/27 (G) Sunday School:** Mother Lathrop
- **11/3 (T) Altar Guild:** Jean Covar
- **11/10 (OS) Gravatt:** Connor Children – all stand up and say one thing they love about Gravatt
- **11/17 (G)Kathie Stallworth DOK** Grace's 150th Birthday Celebration – it's going to be BIG!
- **11/24 (T) Acolytes:** Pledge Ingathering

Let's keep the spirit of gratitude alive! 🙏

Here's Scotty Scott's breakdown of year-to-date building expenses for all three churches:

Category	Trinity	Our Saviour	Grace	Total
Building Maintenance	\$11,763.67	\$6,704.12	\$1,398.98	\$19,866.77
Housekeeping	\$1,486.08	\$1,362.24	\$922.93	\$3,771.25
Internet & Phone	\$1,344.03	\$1,062.09	\$0.00	\$2,406.12
Lawn & Outdoor	\$700.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,180.00	\$3,110.00
Elec & Gas	\$2,816.66	\$3,275.26	\$2,388.18	\$8,480.10
Water	\$297.32	\$707.19	\$421.89	\$1,426.40
Total	\$18,407.76	\$14,340.90	\$6,311.98	\$39,060.64



☀️ Sunday Afternoon Monthly Services ☀️

October 20 at Our Saviour

November 24 Trinity

December: December 22 - Our Saviour

Good news! Our Sunday afternoon monthly services will continue on October 20th. Each Sunday, we see more and more attendees, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there! 😊🙏

Notes Along the Way.

Meditations from Bishop Daniel Richards
updated weekly from the diocese Website

[http:// https://mailchi.mp/edusc/notes-along-the-way-15874051?e=6f718b27f4](http://https://mailchi.mp/edusc/notes-along-the-way-15874051?e=6f718b27f4)



You can subscribe to the newsletter as well as check out the diocesan website for any additional news regarding assistance for Hurricane Helene

Ways you can SERVE

👤 Request for Volunteers to Help with Livestreaming 👤

We've been live-streaming our Sunday services for about 6 months now, with an average of 3 viewers live and 15 views during the following week. This initiative allows members who can't attend in person to "visit" with friends and fellow members on Sunday.

To continue this valuable ministry, we need 2-3 members to step in and learn the process to ensure our services are streamed every Sunday. Due to the technical nature of this role, we need volunteers with a working knowledge of streaming to YouTube and a general understanding of how sound/video systems work.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Jay Summer at 330-991-3157 or jaysummersc@gmail.com.

Your help would mean the world! 🌍 ✨



👉 ACTS - Area Churches Together 👉

Every third Wednesday of the month, join us for a meaningful and fun morning at Ridge Spring Farmers Market! The next date for distribution is October 16th, from 8:30am to 11:00am.

Rev. Lathrop, Sarah, Greg, Jack, and Jerrold will be there to guide you. Remember, many hands make light work.




We'd love to have you with us! ✨



 **Bingo at the Edgefield Senior Center!** 

Every 3rd Thursday, join us for Bingo at the Edgefield Senior Center from 9am to 11am. We're looking for volunteers to help purchase gifts or call Bingo.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Cindy Vann at 706-833-3328.

Hope to see you there!   


 **Sunday Food 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.

Requested Items:

- Non-perishable food items (no glass)
- Spices
- Toiletries
- Cleaning supplies
- Pet food

Please do not include any clothing.

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





Jennie Boatwright
 Dana Buchli
 Deacon Chris
 James Courtney
 Suzanne Derrick
 Linda Heos
 Bob Hodges
 Harriet Boatwright Huiet
 Meg Jolly
 Joe Lojewski
 Jason Mathis
 Mary Mathis
 William McCollough
 Carol Rhoads
 Vic Roof
 Rebekah Robeson
 Brannon Rowland
 Mary Lou Seymour
 Joe Smith
 Bill Turner
 Libba Ingram Zion



Art Amos
 Pauline Berry
 Emma Lou Easley
 John Eubanks
 Carolyn Lovell
 Rick Lovell
 Susie Watson



MISSION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jean Covar (2024)
 Deborah Neese (2024)
 Cindy Vann (2024)
 Bettis Rainsford (2025)
 Kathie Stallworth (2025)
 Sarah Schwarz (2025)
 Muffy Sander (2026)
 Caleb Connor (2026)
 Jay Summer (2026)

Rev. Lathrop H. Mosley—Vicar
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Monday: 9-1
 Tuesday: 10-1
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 Friday: Office Closed
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