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*“Where All are Welcomed and  
Fed at the Table.”*

# Christ Church Chronicle

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Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” – Hosea 6:3

## We Follow Jesus

Certain people, past and present, hold a significant place in our lives. These people may be related or unrelated to us. They have an impact upon us daily. They express their care and love for us; they encourage and support us. They remain forever in our corner; they go to bat for us. With them, we form close bonds of love. Through word and example, they teach us how to become good people. We look up to them; we hold them in utmost regard. We do our best to follow their exemplary lives. All things considered; they are human, not divine.

God the Father creates us; God the Son saves us; God the Holy Spirit sustains us. We follow Jesus Christ because He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We praise and thank God. We fully trust in God, in whom we live, move, and have our very being.

- *Fr. Henry Doyle*

## It's Greek To Me – *“Follow Me”*



When Jesus approached Matthew at the tax collection table, he only had one thing to say to him; “Follow me”. Jesus said this to many others as well. But the word that is translated “Follow” means a bit more. The Greek word is “*akolouthei*”. It not only means to follow, but also to attend and to keep company with along the road.

To attend someone implies that we are listening closely continuously, making sure we are taking careful note of what they say and what they wish.

To keep company with is to spend time with someone, extended time, and to be fully engaged with that person while we are with them.

Jesus is inviting us to an in-depth relationship with him. Our part in that relationship is to keep company with him by prayer, scripture, sacrament, fellowship with other disciples, and continual awareness of His presence throughout our daily activities. And, in all that, to listen carefully; to be sensitive to the movement of the Spirit within us, guiding us in what to think, to say, to do, throughout the day.

And, little by little, step by step, we are transformed, without our even noticing it, into someone more loving, more peaceful, more capable of riding over the circumstances of life with peace and joy.

Today, practice keeping company with Jesus and being attentive to his Spirit within you.

- *The Rev. George Favell*

## Some Things That Happened This Summer



It was nice to have Rev. Colin Maltbie as the celebrant on May 28th. Colin is the head chaplain at Shattuck-St Mary's School in Faribault and a school associate of Fr. Henry.

In June it was great to see Jane Skinner Peck as a visitor. Jane grew up in Albert Lea at Christ Church and now lives in Lanesboro, MN. Jane went to school at Shattuck-St Mary's and enjoyed seeing Fr. Henry again.



August 6 was a very special Sunday with newly ordained priest Rev. George Favell, who also is back at the desk as our church secretary, as the celebrant. Special Native American flute music was provided by Albert Lea native, Jon Romer. The beautiful music for the eucharist ranged all the way from Native American people thousands of years ago to a chorale by Johann Sebastian Bach in the 1700's; from the ever beautiful hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" from Germany in the 1800's to the lovely "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" by contemporary American composer Marty Haugen. What a celebration of Transfiguration it was!

Don't forget about your UTO box and the food collection basket!



- *Gail Thurnau*



## Ordination Service

– June 17, 2023

I thought I would share with you all some pictures from the ordination. These just became available from the diocese. It was a wonderful and meaningful ceremony and I feel privileged to have been a part of it.

To the left, all the ordinands (8 of us) are prostrated on the floor during the Great Litany.



To the right, Daniel and my daughter, Elianna, vest me with stole and chasuble after the consecration.



Lower left, the newly ordained bid the exchange of the Peace.



Lower right, in a short ceremony after the main service held in the side-chapel, we are presented with our chalice and paten and our hands are anointed. The chalice pictured is the one I have used twice now in celebrating Eucharist at Christ Church, Albert Lea.



Then, the bishop surprised us all by asking each one of us to bless him! In the picture, it is I blessing the bishop, who is kneeling.

- *The Rev. George Favell*





## Sunday Worship Schedule for September 2023

Sunday, September 3, 2023 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist – 10:30am

Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist – 10:30am

Sunday, September 17, 2023 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Eucharist  
Morning Prayer – 10:30am

Sunday, September 24, 2023 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist – 10:30am



Holy Cross Day - Sept 14

*Outside of Christ, I am only a sinner, but in Christ, I am saved. Outside of Christ, I am empty; in Christ, I am full. Outside of Christ, I am weak; in Christ, I am strong. Outside of Christ, I cannot; in Christ, I am more than able. Outside of Christ, I have been defeated; in Christ, I am already victorious.*

*How meaningful are the words, "in Christ." - Watchman Nee*

**The American Legion Post 56 in Albert Lea is hosting a Fund-raiser Breakfast every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, from 8am to 12:30 pm!**

## New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

|        |                 |                           |                     |                  |
|--------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 3-Sep  | Exodus 3:1-15   | Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c | Romans 12:9-21      | Matthew 16:21-28 |
| 10-Sep | Exodus 12:1-14  | Psalm 149                 | Romans 13:8-14      | Matthew 18:15-20 |
| 17-Sep | Exodus 14:19-31 | Psalm 114                 | Romans 14:1-12      | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| 24-Sep | Exodus 16:2-15  | Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45      | Philippians 1:21-30 | Matthew 20:1-16  |



"I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – Messiah Jesus

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Saint Matthew,  
Apostle and  
Evangelist - Sept 21

**Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Henry Doyle**

**Senior Warden: Savile Lord**

**Vestry: Kenneth Johnson**

**Jeff Shaft**

**Music Director: Gail Thurnau**

**Treasurer: Joy Shaft**

**Parish Administrator/Secretary:**

**The Rev. George M. Favell**

## Fr. Henry - Please keep me in the loop

Far too often, you might hesitate to inform me of your desire/need for pastoral care, because you do not want to bother me. On the contrary, you are not bothering me when you inform me of a major illness, yours or a loved one's illness. Because of privacy issues and regulations, staff at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities will not contact me. You, a family member, or a close friend must contact me, if you have a pastoral need.

## Prayer Scripture

"Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead.

You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for? - Matthew 16:24-26, The Message

## Meditation Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer, page 231, Proper 12*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Saint Michael  
and All Angels  
- Sept 29

## Christ Episcopal Church September Birthdays

5 - Chris Boyce

7 - Henry Doyle

17 - Gail Thurnau

17 - George Favell

## September 2023

| Sunday  | Monday                         | Tuesday | Wednesday                   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                          |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|   |                                |         |                             |  | 1   | 2<br>Healing Team<br>– 9-10:30am  |
| 3<br>14 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday<br>after<br>Pentecost –<br>Holy Eucharist<br>– 10:30am     | 4<br>Yoga – 10am<br>and 6pm**  | 5       | 6<br>Chair Yoga –<br>9am**  | 7  | 8   | 9<br>Healing Team<br>– 9-10:30am  |
| 10<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after<br>Pentecost –<br>Holy Eucharist<br>– 10:30am    | 11<br>Yoga – 10am<br>and 6pm** | 12      | 13<br>Chair Yoga –<br>9am** | 14<br><b>HOLY CROSS<br/>DAY</b>                                | 15  | 16<br>Healing Team<br>– 9-10:30am |
| 17<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after<br>Pentecost –<br>Morning<br>Prayer –<br>10:30am | 18<br>Yoga – 10am<br>and 6pm** | 19      | 20<br>Chair Yoga –<br>9am** | 21<br><b>SAINT<br/>MATTHEW,<br/>APOSTLE AND<br/>EVANGELIST</b> | 22  | 23<br>Healing Team<br>– 9-10:30am |
| 24<br>17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after<br>Pentecost –<br>Holy Eucharist<br>– 10:30am    | 25<br>Yoga – 10am<br>and 6pm** | 26      | 27<br>Chair Yoga –<br>9am** | 28   | 29<br><b>SAINT<br/>MICHAEL AND<br/>ALL ANGELS</b> | 30<br>Healing Team<br>– 9-10:30am |

\*\* Please check with Clemencia to confirm location and if class is full.

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