



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE COMMUNION TABLE

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration is an open and affirming Christian community in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. We acknowledge the living culture of the *Salt River Pima and Maricopa people*, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in the life of this region.

As a Christian community, fellowship and prayer are among the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please, observe quietude when entering and exiting the sanctuary for worship so that members may greet one another quietly and pray and light candles.

For those in need of and seeking silence for prayer and reflection, we are opening the **Parish House Chapel** before each service for prayer. The Chapel will be open at 7:30 am and at 9:30 am respectively. Please, observe silence when in the chapel so that this may be a space for those in need of silent prayer and contemplation.

If you are unable to attend the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, you can join us on:

Livestream at 10:00 a.m. using:

facebook.com/transfiguration.mesa or

youtube.com/@transfigoffice7704/streams

Thought for the Week

“We’re all a work in progress — thankfully God is patient.”

Announcements

A Special Message from Fr. Caleb

Dear Church Family,

Last Sunday I shared some bittersweet news at our Sunday services. I have accepted a call to serve as the next Priest-in-Charge for the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles in Hilo, Hawai'i. While I am deeply saddened to be leaving this wonderful church family, I am excited to follow God's call into this next chapter of ministry in the Church. I take all that I have learned and the richness of our congregation's life with me on this journey. My last Sunday as the Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration will be Sunday, October 4, 2026 to celebrate the Blessing of the Animals. I believe this is fitting and beautiful. One of the rules of transition is that I will not be able to communicate with anyone from the Church of the Transfiguration for at least one year. I know that this rule is often experienced as difficult, but it is there to give everyone space and time to process and discern where God is calling them to be next. As I prepare for this major transition that will bring both blessings and challenges, I remember this scripture passage from Ecclesiastes, chapter 3.

Blessings, Fr. Caleb Collins

From Ecclesiastes, chapter 3:

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted... A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones..."

A FAMILY IN NEED... We have a local family facing a difficult season, and we're asking our parish community to help if you're able. Even a small contribution can make a meaningful difference as we work together to support them with care and dignity. If you feel called to give, please reach out to the church office or mark your donation **"Family Assistance."**

Thank you for embodying Christ's love in action

ALTAR FLOWERS If you'd like to donate altar flowers, please sign up on the flower sheet posted on the wall in the Narthex. **Ruby Seyffert (rubyseyf521@gmail.com) will then reach out to you** regarding any special requests.

September's **SECOND SUNDAY PLATE** is: **Syrian American Medical Society...** As a leading Syria charity, SAMS (Syrian American Medical Society) delivers urgent medical care to the country's most vulnerable communities. From rebuilding hospitals to protecting children and supporting cancer patients, your support helps make SAMS one of the most trusted charities for Syria.

BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE HOUR are on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They are currently studying **ACTS**...

FOOD BANK suggestions for next week: canned and dehydrated soups
Please place items in the basket either in the Fellowship Hall or a basket marked **Food Bank Donations** in the Narthex. **35 lbs.** of food goods were donated in July.
Thank you, Christine Farrell and Pam Paul!!

ECM (Episcopal Church Men) met on Saturday, Aug. 15th at Birdie's Bar & Grill.
John Collins would like to thank all who attended. Our wonderful men's group once again has scheduled a delicious breakfast on Sunday, October 11th after each service.
We are grateful for this ministry and the spirit it brings to our parish and the church community.

THE LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN faithful hands have continued to lift the spirits of our community, sharing comfort, kindness, and a warm bowl of soup with every visit. If you feel called to be part of this ministry, please reach out to: **Miriam Waddington** at **559-707-5810**.

The Lord's Soup Ministry will not meet in August.

THE BOOK CLUB for September 18th (Fri.) is: "The Light Pirate" by Lilly Brooks Dalton.
Discussion led by: Terri Heller. (ZOOM)

Synopsis: Set in the near future, this hopeful story of survival and resilience follows Wanda—a luminous child born out of a devastating hurricane—as she navigates a rapidly changing world.

COMPLINE services will continue to be held indefinitely on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER is at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 740-940-1419
Passcode: 514514. Contact **Barbara Press**: 847-651-1396.

2026 EPISCOPAL CHURCH CALENDARS and **FORWARD DAY BY DAY** for: **August, September, October** are available in Regular and **LARGE** print in the Narthex.
A small donation to help offset the cost is appreciated.

THE STITCHERY MINISTRY meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish House Living Room. Please join them with your special talents of knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, any needlecraft. The ministry donates items to hospitals, nursing homes, shelters or other charitable organizations and crochets scarves for teddy bears. Contact **Linda Jo Johnson** at: lindaajo3@gmail.com

Calling All Helping Hands for the Church Kitchen! We're looking for volunteers to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. No experience needed—just a willing heart and a smile. If you're able, please **bring a dish to share** as well. To volunteer, contact the office at **480-986-1145** or officetransfig@gmail.com

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 3rd (Thurs.) **BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE HOUR** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
They are Studying **ACTS**.

Sept. 8th (Tues..) **VESTRY** meets in the Parish House Living Room 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 10th (Thurs.) **STITCHERY MINISTRY** 1:00 p.m. (Parish House Livingroom)

Sept. 12th (Sat.) **ALTAR GUILD** 9:30 a.m. (Church)

Sept. 12th (Sat.) **ECW** (Episcopal Church Women) 10:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Sept. 19th (Sat.) **ECM** (Episcopal Church Men) will meet on at: ***Birdies Bar and Grill within the Fountain of the Sun Community*** 500 S 80th street, Mesa 85208. 8:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 (Saturday) The wedding of Father Caleb and Frankie Tenebra
1:00 p.m. (Rectory)

A joyful celebration will follow immediately in The Fellowship Hall.

TREKKING ON TUESDAYS will meet again in the fall.

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Music for August 30, 2026

PROCESSIONAL: *H 450 “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”*

S 280 “Glory to God” (pg.2 Order of Worship)

GOSPEL: *L 115 “Spirit of the Living God”*

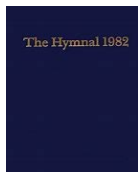
OFFERTORY *L 107 “There’s something About That Name”*

Doxology (pg. 6 Order of Worship)

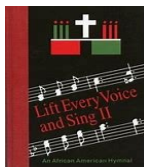
S 130 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (pg. 7 OOW)

COMMUNION: *L 149 “In Remembrance of Me”*

RECESSIONAL: *H 708 “Savior Like a Shepard Lead Us”*



**H Hymnal*



**L Levas (Lift Every Voice & Sing II)*

**S Service Music (Hymnal or Order of Worship)*

ALL ARE WELCOME to receive God's blessing at Holy Communion

To receive communion, please come to the Altar Rail. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come forward to receive, let an usher know, and the priest will bring communion to you. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms across your chest at the Altar Rail



Lanyards are available in the Narthex for those who prefer them over the clip-style badge.

PRAYERS

People on our prayer list are posted in the Narthex. Prayers are offered up for them each weeknight at Compline, by the Daughter's of the King, and in the Sunday Service. Please contact the office with your requests and updates.