

## OUR CHURCH

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## THE LIBERTI COMMUNION

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# Welcome

**Welcome to Liberti Church Collingswood** and thank you for joining us! We hope that you'll be able to connect with God, God's mission, and other people here this morning. As you've already seen from the cover of this worship folder, we seek to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs. We aspire to pursue this mission through the practice of **worship, community, and mercy** - our three core values.

**Info Jaws!** Unless you've done it before, please take a second to fill out one of our "Info Jaws" and drop it in an offering box in the foyer as you exit the building. This information is really helpful for us to have as we grow as a community.

**Bathrooms** are located down the steps from the rear sanctuary entrance and also out the front sanctuary entrance, at the top of the steps.

**Nursing Mothers Room** is located in Holy Trinity's chapel just outside the front entrance of the sanctuary. Follow the sign!

**Liberti Kids** - First time? Please register your child by scanning the QR code and then check them in at a Check-In Station.



**Nursery:** Crawling - 2 years are invited to our Nursery from the Passing of the Peace until the end of the service, down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary just past the main entrance.

**2&3s:** 2 and 3 year olds are welcome in our 2&3s class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Pick up at the end of the service.

**4&5s:** 4 and 5 year olds are welcome to our 4&5s class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Children will be escorted back to the sanctuary before Communion.

**Primary:** 1st - 3rd Grade are invited to join our Primary class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Children will be escorted back to the sanctuary before Communion.

**Liberti Bridge:** Liberti Bridge is for 4th and 5th Graders. Bridge is CLOSED for the summer. Stayed tuned for updates.

**Liberti Youth:** Liberti Youth is for 6th through 12th Grades. Youth is CLOSED for the summer. Stayed tuned for updates.

**Consistory** The Consistory is made up of our elder and deacon boards. If you're in need of help (whether physical, spiritual, or mental) or simply want to talk to someone more about what our church believes, please reach out at [consistory@liberti.org](mailto:consistory@liberti.org).

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# Upcoming Events

*It's impossible for us to list everything that's going on at Liberti Church Collingswood, but here are a few things happening soon that we would like to highlight.*

## URBAN PROMISE BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE, ENDS 8/13!

We have been invited by one of our primary local ministry partners, Urban Promise of Camden, to take part in their back to school drive! Between now and Thursday, 8/13, we'll collect back to school supplies for Urban Promise Academy, their K-12 school. Scan the QR code, purchase any amount of items, and they'll be shipped straight to UP. Let's be generous in service of these dear students.



## LIBERTI KIDS CLEAN UP, 8/29 & 8/30

Please join Taylor Postalwaite in preparing our Liberti Kids classrooms for next year! We will be vacuuming, mopping, sanitizing, decluttering, and organizing. All hands welcome! There are two time slots available: 7-9am on Saturday, 8/29 or Sunday, 8-11am on 8/30. Let's start the school year with squeaky clean classrooms!



## LIBERTI KIDS REGISTRATION

If your child(ren) will be attending Liberti Kids in the fall, please reregister/update your family form by filling out the form attached to the QR code in the front of the worship folder. These updated records are needed to ensure that your children are placed in the correct classroom. Please email [taylor@liberti.org](mailto:taylor@liberti.org) if you have any questions.

## PIZZA PARTY THE THIRD, 8/30

Time to throw-away that summer salad, loosen your belt, and throw down some PIZZA! It's the 3rd annual church pizza party! The final part of the trilogy! (it will be better than Return of the Jedi). We will provide the pizza and drinks (soda, iced tea, water, etc) but otherwise, BYOB! So, come on down to the Fellowship Hall at Holy Trinity on **Sunday (8/30) from 5PM - 7PM** to eat and fellowship (we will have activities for kids and trivia with prizes!) It's FREE but registration is required so we know how much pizza is needed! Please email [patrick@liberti.org](mailto:patrick@liberti.org) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

## LIBERTI YOUTH RETREAT, 9/18-20

The youths are retreating! From 9/18 to 9/20, Liberti Youths from across the Communion will gather at Greta Glen to worship and learn, focusing on ways we meet with God in our everyday lives. The cost is \$160 a person. If cost is an issue, scholarships are available. Reach out to Josh Postalwaite ([jpostalwaite@liberti.org](mailto:jpostalwaite@liberti.org)) for more info or questions.

## SUMMER OFFERINGS

- Summer Hangout - Double Nickel Brewery (8/15)

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# Engage with Us

*Whether this is your first time at Liberti Church Collingswood or you have been regularly worshipping with us for some time, we would love to help you take a next step in following Jesus and engaging more deeply in our community.*

## CONNECT TO A HOME MEETING

Small groups (aka "Home Meetings") are the primary environment where Christian community is developed and fostered. People are introduced to what it means to be a Christian, encouraged in their relationship with God, and supported to make a contribution to the welfare of people in Collingswood and surrounding boroughs. They also provide an opportunity for intimacy, mutual support, practical service, learning about the Christian faith, prayer, and sharing of what God is doing in our midst. Visit our website to see all the available groups being offered and sign up. If you have any questions about Home Meetings, contact Jim ([jim@liberti.org](mailto:jim@liberti.org)).

## SERVE OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD

There are numerous opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings. Whether it's setting up, teaching a kids' lesson, or running the sound board, it takes many volunteers each week to make Liberti Church Collingswood an inviting community for our friends and neighbors. To see all of the volunteer teams open to you, please, visit our website. If you have any questions about serving our church, contact Jim ([jim@liberti.org](mailto:jim@liberti.org)). Additionally, we are connected to a number of local and international ministry partners serving in areas from South Camden to South Sudan. To learn more, visit our website or contact Jim ([jim@liberti.org](mailto:jim@liberti.org)).

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

It is our practice to offer a sacrificial portion of all of our resources – time, skills, possessions – as a tangible act of worship, faith, and gratitude in response to God's grace and generosity to us in Christ. You can give on Sunday mornings or online. Contact our Finance Team ([liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com](mailto:liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com)) if you would like to speak with someone about giving or receive help with your personal finances.

## INVITE A FRIEND

Yes, you! If you won't invite your friend to Liberti Church Collingswood, who will?

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# Gathering Before God

August 9, 2026  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*We have now resumed the period of "Ordinary Time" in our liturgical calendar. This season is the longest of the year and falls between other major commemorations in the life of the church. Ordinary Time reminds us that even though much of our lives are, in fact, ordinary—as it was as well for Jesus!—we yet mark these days as occurring in our Lord's world and in our Lord's time. During Ordinary Time, the cloth on our worship table is green, which symbolizes growth into Christian maturity.*

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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And crown Him Lord of all

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## The Sending

### BENEDICTION

*Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and forevermore, go in peace.*  
(2 Cor 13:14)

**People: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

*Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

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## What He's Done

See on the hill of Calvary  
My Savior bled for me  
My Jesus set me free  
Look at the wounds that give me life  
Grace flowing from His side  
No greater sacrifice

*What He's done  
What He's done  
All the glory and the honor to the Son  
My sins are forgiven  
My future is Heaven  
I praise God for what He's done*

Sing for the freedom He has won  
Even death is dead and done  
His life has overcome  
Speak say the Name above all names  
Over every broken place  
He is risen from the grave

Now on a throne of majesty  
The Father's will complete  
He reigns in victory  
Sing hallelujah to the King  
He is worthy to receive  
All the worship we can bring

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.*

**People: He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.**

*Leader: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,*

**People: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

(from Psalm 147:7)

## GREETING

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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## Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore*

*But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its  
treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

*But mine is peace that flows from  
heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me*

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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## PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. If you are unable to receive Communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the following prayers:

**Prayer for those Searching for Truth:** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Prayer of Commitment:** Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Leader: The Lord be with you*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts!*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.*

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Leader: Here is the bread of life given for us;*

*Let all who hunger come and eat.*

*Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;*

*Let all who thirst come and drink.*

Holy Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

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## How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign Lord, our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against you, O Lord, turning our backs on you, our God, speaking oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. So justice is driven back, righteousness stands at a distance, and truth is nowhere to be found in us.

**Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face to shine upon us, that we may be saved, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Silent Confession

## WORDS OF PARDON

*And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, [Christ] has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.*  
(Colossians 1:21-22)

## PASSING THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy.*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

# The Lord’s Table

## MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

*Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.*

*We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed.*

*We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world.*

*We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.*



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## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*Leader: Let us say what we believe.*

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
**Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**The third day He arose again from the dead.**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,**  
**whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

## OFFERING

*We encourage our members and regular attenders at Liberti to give to the church! To make a contribution, people are welcome to drop an offering in the box as they exit to the Holy Trinity courtyard, or to give online via the web page linked to this QR code.*



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## The Word of God

### SCRIPTURE READING - Romans 10:1-4

**1** Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. **2** For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. **3** For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. **4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### DOXOLOGY

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  
Amen

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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**SERMON**

Speaker: Josh Postalwaite  
Title: "Law and Gospel"  
Series: "Paul-pourri: Studies in Paul's Letters"

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**SERMON NOTES:**