



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

9:00 AM Liturgy of The Word, Rite II; BCP 355

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Blue Hymnal 376

OPENING SENTENCES, COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP (Red Book) 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

Blue Hymnal S277

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen. Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 33: 7-11 (All Seated)

A reading from the book of Ezekiel; You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 119 (Congregation invited to sing bolded verses)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your / statutes,*
and I shall / keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall / keep your law;*
I shall keep / it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your com/mandments,*
for / that is my desire.

Incline my heart to / your decrees*
and / not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is / worthless;*,
give me / life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your / servant,*
which you make to / those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I / dread,*,
because your / judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your com/mandments;*
in your righteous/ness preserve my life.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 13: 8-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans; Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GRADUAL HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Choir) Stay awake, pray at all times
Praying that you may be strengthened
That with confidence you can meet the Son of Man.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 18: 15-20 *(Please stand)*

A reading from the book of Matthew; Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

REFLECTIONS

The following reflections from Rev. Kate can be silently read.

How do you handle conflict? Jesus was around conflict all the time. He was preaching a message that rubbed many people in power the wrong way plus was gathering people together from many walks of life. Conflict was bound to arise. In our gospel today, we see Jesus lay out how we are to address this conflict. First, talk to the person directly. Then, bring in a few trusted others to mediate. If that doesn't work, take it to the whole community. It makes a lot of sense to start with one-on-one conversation and then move outward, but we rarely do this in practice. We like to talk to others, complain, gossip, but never really address the issue with the person head on. What would it look like to come into conflict directly but with an open heart and assuming the best intention of the other person? What would it feel like to know that God is with you even in those uncomfortable moments? What does it mean to you that God not only understands that conflict is natural but blesses it as a way to grow and learn in relationship when it is done openly and with love?

Moment of Silent Reflection

THE RESPONSES OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

BCP (Red Book) 358

Officiant and People:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP (Red Book) 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Shaun our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We ask the congregation to please pray for the people listed on your pink cards. Silence.... We encourage you to pray for these people throughout the week. Please also pray for our military, especially our very own Matthew Silva, and all those being deployed.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor;

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

OFFERTORY PRAYER “God, we give thanks for your presence in our lives. Bless these offerings, that they may be used to advance your kingdom and glorify your name. And may our faith continue to grow stronger each day, bringing us closer to you. ***Amen***”

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Blue Hymnal 581

The Doxology (*Sung to Old Hundreth*)

Blue Hymnal #380 (*verse 3*)

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*said*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Jesus, Thou Divine Companion”

Blue Hymnal 586

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Organist & Choirmaster

Herb Lazration

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❖ Parish Announcements ❖

🙏 PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Bill, Amy, Carolyn, Alison, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Don, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, George, Chris, Michael, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Al, Cherie, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Georgeann, Walt, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Christine, Stacey, Drewseller, Bobby, Michael, Brandon, Cathy, Rebecca, Caitlin, Mason, Renate, Renay, Mike, Chuck, Lou, Catherine, Michael, Patty, Kerri, Paul, Eric, Jill, Tom, Jim, Peter, Christina, Geoffery, De, Patty, Lynne, Tom, Donna, Sam, Helen, Dominic, Fred, Beth, Charlie, Phil. Please also pray for our military, and all those being deployed.

🙏 WORSHIP

Homecoming Sunday, September 13th New 7:30am Sensory Service & Church School Kickoff!

🙏 Join us *next Sunday* for **Homecoming Sunday on Sunday Sept. 13th** as we celebrate the start of a new season in the life of our church! It's a special time to reconnect and worship together, as we launch our **New 7:30 am Sensory Church service & Resume our Church School year**.

NEW 7:30am sensory friendly service starting September 13th! This half-hour service is for anyone but especially those who have sensory needs. Our 9am service will continue as usual. Questions? Contact Rev. Kate at rev.kemd@gmail.com.

🙏 PARISH LIFE

Join us for Bible Study each Wednesday at 10 AM in the library. All are welcome, we'd love to see you there!

Weeknight Bible Study has resumed! - The Bible: What's in it? Will take place each week on Thursday nights at 6:30pm. The group will meet in person in the library. A zoom link will also be provided for those interested in that option.

🙏 OUTREACH

This Friday, September 11th from 8-12 noon we will hold our First Friday Food Drive. Drive through, drop your donations and get a blessing! Please help those in need. *Thank you!*

🙏 CARING CONNECTIONS

🎂 Birthdays – David Ginter (the 6th), Kathryn Lillie (the 10th).

💕 Anniversaries -- Bond & George Koteas (the 6th), Elizabeth & Nate Moyer (the 11th).

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MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM BY WORD AND DEED, THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, REACHING OUT TO ALL IN HIS NAME. OUR DESIRE IS THAT OTHERS MAY COME TO FAITH IN HIM, DRAWN BY THE EXAMPLE OF OUR LIVES.

TRINITY STAFF

Sharon Buzzeeo, Parish Administrator

Kathleen Gillis/Sexton

Herb Lazration, Organist/Music Director

The Reverend Kate McKey-Dunar / Rector

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**In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Rector Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar
at 475-265-0654 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. *Thank you!***

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm. Rev. Kate's Office Hours are Wednesday's 11 – 3pm, and Thursday by appointment. Please note, the office is closed on Friday.