

Trinity Episcopal Church

Staunton, Virginia

Founded in 1746



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

10:30 AM

**WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME AT TRINITY CHURCH!**

TRINITY LOVES FAMILIES!

Trinity Church is a place of worship, music, prayer and fellowship for every age! We welcome families to this space, and invite your little ones to sit up front where they can more easily see and learn what's happening at the altar and in the pulpit. Explore the children's corner near the main entrance to the church, with child-sized chairs, activity bags and books. Trinity also offers a nursery for infants and toddlers during Sunday School and the 10:30 service, staffed by two adult employees of the church, located on the ground floor of the Parish Hall.

PRAYERS AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Lighting candles is as potent a symbol of offering one's prayer to God as candlelight is of God's abiding presence. During Holy Communion, all may light a votive in our Baptismal Chapel, to the left of the altar. You may write prayer requests on a provided card and leave them in the prayer bowl on that chapel's altar. Throughout the week parishioners, especially the Daughters of the King, will join you in that prayer. Anytime our church is unlocked (generally Monday-Thursday 10 am-2 pm and Sunday morning), votives and prayer cards await in the chapel.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

VOLUNTARY

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 • J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

The people stand for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might • *Chelsea Square* • **Hymnal 521**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis • Robert Powell • S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy
on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

GRANT, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

LISTEN to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Spoken by all*

Psalm 138

I WILL give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

I APPEAL to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Take my life and let it be • *Hollingside* • **Hymnal 707**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

WHEN Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. William AJ Heine

The people stand for the Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People and the Peace.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leaders and People pray responsively.

At the turning of the seasons, we pray to you, O Lord.

We pray for your church, that it may be grounded in love and guided by mercy. We pray for our Archbishop Sarah, our Presiding Bishop Sean, our bishop Karin, for all deacons, priests, and bishops, for Trinity Church, for the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

Let Christ's life inspire us everywhere
to be a presence of peace and healing.

We pray for this country, and every nation on earth, for the work of political leaders everywhere, that they might govern not for power and profit, but for the good of all. We pray for the afraid and the oppressed, for all places where there is conflict and injustice. We pray for peace in our country and around the world, especially in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Sudan, Haiti and the Republic of Congo.

Breathe your healing spirit across all borders,
that people be reconciled to one another in peace.

We pray for our neighbors, for those we know and those we do not, for those who do not have safe shelter, enough food or health care; for those in prisons and institutions, those who are lonely and isolated, those who are struggling.

Help us see Christ in those around us,
and help build a community where all have enough.

We pray for your earth, the mountains and seas you have called into being, this garden where we walk and see you in every living thing.

Guide us to better care for this, our shared island home,
knowing that creation is a gift from you.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially **Paul Allen, David, Debbie, Lucy Biby, Christopher Byrd, Ted Cathey, Jaqueline Coffey, Jim Coffey, Dave, Chris Dolan, Elena, Hedley, Kenny Humphries, Kean Ivey, Dan Klem, Kristin, Mary, Randy McElroy, Nancy Merrill, Nancy Miller, Catherine Morrison, Judy Mosedale, Mira Mueller, Jeff Mueller, Kayla Mullins, Richard Obenschain, Pam, Cynthia Polhill, Mike Quayle, Rick Seyford, Kim Shelton, Tanner Rosebrook, Russ Roberts, Joanie Siegel, Stephanie, Forest Thompson, Timothy, John Wheary, and Robin Wood.** We pray for those serving in the armed forces, including **Lt. Col. James Quillen, Lt. Pia Mackie, and Declan Dowe.**

Give them strength and grace, rest and inspiration,
and show us where we can be present for one another.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, and give thanks for their lives, their hearts and the gifts they bring to the world, including **Hunter Moss, Sally Rogers, Jamie Simmons, Elizabeth Parrott, Martin Brown, Dale Whitsit, Misa Stuart, Katie Faulkner,** and **Marc Scott.**

Be with them in the new year to come,
and let them know the constancy of your grace.

We pray for those who have died and for those who love and mourn for them, including **Ken Monroe, Mary Lou Seilheimer, Dr. Howard T. Holden, Sr. and Dorothy Rodes Holden.**

May they be at rest with you and the saints,
and give comfort to those who remember them.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION

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The People kneel for the Confession. Silence may be kept.

The Priest and People say together.

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.

The Priest stands and says:

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

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the people's monetary gifts are received. During the offertory, we respond to all that God has given us by offering our gifts to sustain God's work in the world. If you wish to make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code.



PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow • *Old 100th*
Hymnal 380, stanza 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 People stand or kneel.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

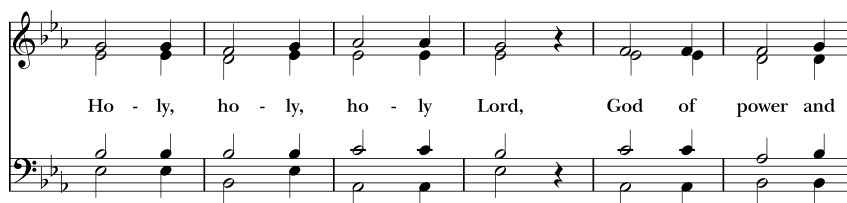
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by all*

Franz Schubert; arr. Richard Proulx • Hymnal S 130



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

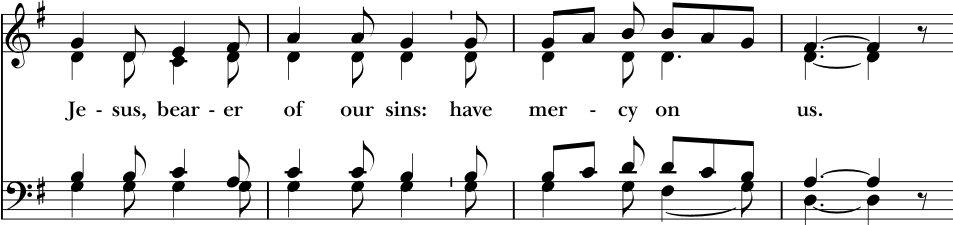
OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

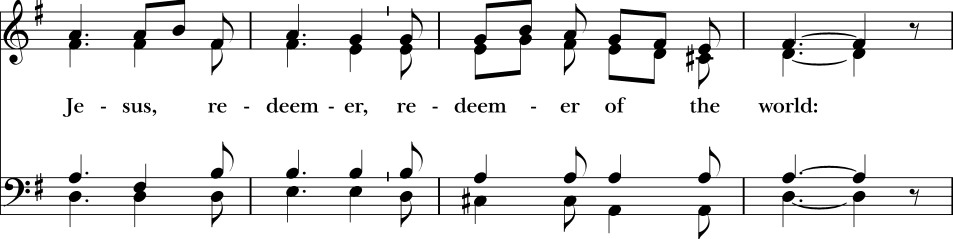
Jesus lamb of God • Hymnal S 164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are welcome at the Lord's table! All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Eucharist. Usbers will guide you to the altar rail, where you can either stand or kneel. Both bread (including gluten free, just ask) and wine are offered. When it comes to the wine, you can choose to "sip, dip, or skip." If you choose to "dip," please hold the wafer up so that the chalice bearer knows your intention. If you are not receiving, please come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and we will happily come to you! And if you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to life in Christ, please let our clergy know. We love questions and baptisms!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness • *Schmucke dich* • Hymnal 339

Come with us, O blessed Jesus • *Werde, munter* • Hymnal 336

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

We send you out to share Communion this day.

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing*

Let us pray.

ETERNAL God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken • *Austria* • Hymnal 522

DISMISSAL

After the dismissal, the people respond —

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in a minor, BWV 543 • Bach

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of

DR. HOWARD T. HOLDEN, SR.

DOROTHY RODES HOLDEN

Our continued prayers are offered for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Austin, Cowles Andrus III, Ava, Boger Family, Carol Brown, Martin Brown, Padi Burtner, Charlotte, Gloria Cline, Charlotte Dickson, Natalie Dodge, Emily, Ken Farley, Barbara Firehock, Lois Fisher, Sean Flanders, Barbara Golden, John Goodloe, William Haupt, Ernest Holley, Ian, Alice Karny, Katalina, Kate, Kevin, Ellie Knape, Leslie Long, Marcus, Matthew, Maxine McKinney, Cheryl Owens, Patricia, Anita Pence, Katherine Shavers, and Christopher Whittington.

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Preacher: The Rev. William AJ Heine
Celebrant: The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett
Organist and Director of Music: Virginia Bolena
Lectors: Jason Ver Planck and Mary Clayton Ver Planck
Eucharistic Ministers: Claudette Obenschain and Juliette Swenson
Crucifer: Jose Dresden
Torchbearers: Caleb Fiske and Ian Bolena
Ushers: Roland Carlton and Jr. and Gary Knupp

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Karin MacPhail, *Bishop*
The Rev. William AJ Heine, *Rector*
The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett, *Associate Rector*
Virginia Bolena, *Organist and Director of Music*
Katie Faulkner, *Community Life Coordinator*
Ana Duncan, *Parish Administrator*
Autumn Nolen, *Communications Coordinator*
Jeff Selkirk, *Maintenance Manager*
Soren Hadfield, *Sunday Attendant*



VESTRY

Paul Bugas, *Senior Warden* • Mary Faulkner, *Junior Warden* • Molly Brown, *Treasurer*
Lee Beam, *Assistant Treasurer* • Phillippa Holley, *Clerk*

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