

Trinity Episcopal Church

Staunton, Virginia

Founded in 1746



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 reminds us 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

GENEROSITY MOMENT

Bibb Frazier

The people stand for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All praise to thee • *Engelberg* • Hymnal 477

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

Song of Praise • John Rutter • S 236

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
 depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O GOD, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

IF then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Help us, O Lord, to learn • *St. Ethelwald* • **Hymnal 628**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

WHEN Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

The People are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett

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 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 **Ash Adams, Richard Adams, Paul Allen, Carie Buckley, Bob & Linda, Victoria Charbonneau, David, Debbie, Sugie Battin, Carol & Martin Brown, Ted Cathey, Dave, Chris Dolan, Elena, Becky Hartsock, Hedley, Kenny Humphries, Mary Sue Kivlighan, Dan Klem, Kristin, Mary, Cathy Marzec, Randy McElroy, Catherine Morrison, Jeff Mueller, Mira Mueller, Kayla Mullins, Nathan, Noah, Richard Obenschain, Pam, Mike Quayle, Rick Seyforde, Betty Redden, Russ Roberts, Elizabeth Shuey, Joanie Siegel, Pam Snyder, Stephanie, Forest Thompson, Timothy, Coy Tinnel, Susan Towe, John Wheary and the Community of Westwood Elementary.** We pray for those serving in the armed forces, including Lt. Col. **James Quillen, Lt. Pia Mackie, Master Sergeant James Wood, Airman Declan Dowe, Sergeant Jacob Alexander Maltos and Members of the 116th Mobile Brigade Combat Team.**

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 **Harry Baldwin, Shannon Riley, Gabrielle DuVal, Donnell McGreer-Minez, Grace Rice, Jimmy Yeu, John Becker, Talha Akhtar, and Elizabeth Lane.**

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 **Lindsey Baccino, Kema Barclay, James Bednarczyk, Nancy Funk Crowther, Dale Hughes, Jackie Johnson, Bert Small, Charlie Trueheart, Robin Wood, Desmond C. and Catharine R. Wray, Rhodes E. Wray, William A. Wray, and Desmond C. Wray, Jr. and Frances S. Wray.**

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

COLLECT FOR STEWARDSHIP *Said in unison*

CREATOR God, you made the earth and everything in it and all good things come from you. Open our eyes to see our earthly resources as instruments for serving you and our neighbor. Open our hearts that we may live with the generosity of your son, Jesus Christ, whose sacrifice on the cross reconciled us to you for eternity, all for the glory of your name.

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

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom,
and you are exalted as head over all.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Call to remembrance • Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

CALL to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

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

Daily doth the almighty giver • Michael
Hymnal 665, stanza 4

DAILY doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

THE PRESENTATION

All things come of Thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The People stand or kneel.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you 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

Christ our Passover • **Hymnal S 155**
Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are welcome at the Lord's table! Baptized Christians are invited to receive the Eucharist. Ushers 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! 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 MUSIC

Adoramus te, Christe • Orlande de Lassus
(1532-1594)

ADORAMUS te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, a per sanctam crucem tuam, per quia per sanctam crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.

WE adore you O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

COMMUNION HYMNS

What wondrous love is this • *Wondrous Love* • **Hymnal 439**
Morning glory, starlit sky • *Bingham* • **Hymnal 585**

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

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel • *St. Petersburg* • **Hymnal 574**

DISMISSAL

After the dismissal, the people respond —

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

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

DESMOND C. & CATHARINE R. WRAY

RHODES E. WRAY

WILLIAM A. WRAY

DESMOND C. WRAY, JR. & FRANCES S. WRAY

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, Padi Burtner, Christopher Byrd Charlotte, Gloria Cline, Charlotte Dickson, Natalie Dodge, Emily, Ken Farley, Barbara Firehock, Lois Fisher, Sean Flanders, Barbara Golden, John Goodloe, William Haupt, Ernest Holley, Kean Ivey, Alice Karny, Katalina, Kate, Kevin, Ellie Knape, Leslie Long, Marcus, Matthew, Maxine McKinney, Cheryl Owens, Patricia, Anita Pence, Cynthia Polhill, Katherine Shavers, Kim Shelton, and Christopher Whittington.

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett
Organist: Judith Ofcarik
Conductor: Marion Jacob
Lectors: Judy Mosedale and Marc Scott
Eucharistic Ministers: Glenna Quick and Karen Tate
Crucifer: Jackson Ver Planck
Choir Crucifer: Loren Biby
Torchbearer: Ember Etienne
Altar Guild: Lee Beam
Ushers: Joie Tankard and Richard Tankard

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

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