

Trinity Episcopal Church

Staunton, Virginia

Founded in 1746



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026

8:00 AM

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

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 I

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GENEROSITY MOMENT

Wendy Amato

The People stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

THE GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the Nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Spoken by all*

Psalm 96:1-13

SING to the Lord a new song; *
Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

PAUL, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an

example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett

The people stand.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader 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, Janie Ballurio, Bob & Linda, Victoria Charbonneau, David, Debbie, Sugie Battin, Katie & Ted Cathey, Dahl family, Dave, Chris Dolan, Elena, Suzy Faulkner, Becky Hartsock, Asher Heinz, Hedley, Corey Hickerson, Kenny Humphries, Mary Sue Kivlighan, Dan Klem, Kristin, Martha, Mary, Cathy Marzec, Randy McElroy, Michael McNeill, Megan, Jeff Mueller, Kayla Mullins, Nathan, Noah, Pope Leo, Pam, April Pittman, Rick Seyforde, Russ Roberts, Michael Scott, Pam Snyder, Stephanie, Timothy, Coy Tinnel, Susan Towe, and John Wheary.** 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 **Stephanie** Chisum, **Margaret** Shibut, **Jackson** Ver Planck, **Mike** Amato, **Juliette** Swenson, **Berkeley** Harner, and **Brian** Comeaux.

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 **Christopher** Byrd, **Jane** Coleman, **Nancy** Funk Crowther, **John** Griffin, **Beate** Harnad, **Dale** Hughes, **Eugenia** Taylor, **Robin** Wood, **Fran** Wray, **Bill** and **Linda** Heine and **George H.** Redden.

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. Amen.

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THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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.

The people remained 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.



THE PRESENTATION

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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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!

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*

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THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

After the dismissal, the people respond—

Thanks be to God.

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

BILL AND LINDA HEINE

GEORGE H. REDDEN

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 & 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, Kean Ivey, Alice Karny, Katalina, Kate, Kevin, Ellie Knape, Leslie Long, Marcus, Matthew, Maxine McKinney, Catherine Morrison, Cheryl Owens, Patricia, Anita Pence, Cynthia Polhill, Mike Quayle, Katherine Shavers, Kim Shelton, Joanie Siegel, and Christopher Whittington.

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett

Lector: Susan Read

Eucharistic Minister: Bill Tate

Altar Guild: Molly Brown

Usher: Perry Swope

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*

Paul Bugas • Mary Faulkner • Fred Odell • Jean-Paul Shibut
Lindlee Baker • Rick Chittum • James Dungan • Kristin Reichert
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