



Trinity Episcopal Church
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
9 August 2026 at 10:30 AM

Welcome to Trinity Church

Everyone is welcome here.

Page numbers marked **BCP** are from the Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. The Hymns can be found in *the Hymnal 1982* in your pew rack. The text in **bold type** is the parts of the service that you say.

If you have arrived after the start of the service, please don't worry.

Please ask one of the ushers (welcomers) in the back – or anyone else – if you need help.

Children are allowed to be children, whether they are sitting quietly, skipping around, or crying. There are special activities for them at the back of the church if you would like.

We ask that you please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service. It is customary to prepare for worship by a period of silent prayer. Suggested prayers are found on the next page.

COVER ART

Jesus and Peter Walking on the Water
Armenian Illuminated Manuscript (1433)

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER TO GROW IN GRACE LIKE MARY

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to follow the example of Mary, always ready to do your will. At the message of an angel, she welcomed you, God's Son, and, filled with the light of your Spirit, she became your temple. May we, aided by her prayers, grow in grace as we go forward in faith and may we be united in your Holy Spirit with Mary and all the saints, in the joyful kingdom you have prepared for us. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

The Liturgy begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE

Please stand for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

TUNE: *St. Denio*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – S 280

SETTING: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from

Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – PSALM 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b

Confitemini Domino

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the LORD tested him.

The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN 691

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

TUNE: *Olivet*

THE GOSPEL

St. Matthew 14.22-33

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Fr. Jim Offenberger

Please stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM VI

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements may be made at this time.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

During the Offertory music, a collection is taken.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand as the Offerings are brought forward and we sing

THE DOXOLOGY

TUNE: *Old Hundreth*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer A

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SURSUM CORDA

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The musical notation is arranged in three systems, each with a staff for the Celebrant and a staff for the People. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second system contains: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third system contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." and "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS – S 129

R. Powell

The People may remain standing or kneel after the Sanctus

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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THE FRACTION

THE AGNUS DEI – S 163

R. Powell

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 398

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

TUNE: *Forest Green*

THE DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE



Serving This Week

Presider: Fr. James Offenberger (5:30p, 8a & 10:30a)

Lectors: Tim Northrup (5:30p); Connie Bookman (8a); Roland Mezick, Kim Couch (10:30a)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Northrup (5:30p); Connie Bookman (8a); Kim Couch, Larry Tucker (10:30a)

Crucifer: Michael McKibben (10:30a)

Altar Guild: Jennie Brannon (8a); Pam McGraw, Leslie Miracle (10:30a); Joan Ramsay, Marjorie Thomas (Friday); Jeannie Gallagher (5:30p)

Ushers: Ken Currier (5:30p); Joe Handlan (8a); Kevin Oliphant, Jr., Volunteer Needed (10:30a)

Musicians: Lori Clark (vocalist, guitarist) (5:30p); Marie Mallory (organist, pianist) (10:30a)

Coffee Hour: The Mackey family

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Ernie Thomas, Mickie Richardson, Christina Hilton (**S**), Roland Mezick (**M**), Sarah Bennett, Gwen Justice (**W**), Barbara Craft, Carter Currey (**TH**), Van Simpers, Gabriel Mackey (**F**), Betty Earl, Rob Parrish (**SA**), and the anniversaries of Mary & J.T. Thomas (**M**), Becky & John Roberts, Michelle & Steve Turner (**F**).

The Altar Flowers this week are given by Mickie & Dr. F. David Richardson to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Alexandria Adams, Dillon & Madeline Buskirk, Holly Buskirk, Catherine McGill, Hope McGill, and Trevor & Allison Mechikoff.



This Week at Trinity
Aug. 10th – 16th, 2026

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (First Lutheran Church)
	10:00 a.m.	Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	Book Sorting (Trinity Hall)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Katie's Ladies (The Town House)
SATURDAY	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Trinity Hall)



NO WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE THIS WEEK

Please note that there will be no service of Eucharist and Unction (Anointing) this week on Wednesday, August 12.

KATIE'S LADIES AUGUST GATHERING

Katie's Ladies, the women's group at First Lutheran Church, has invited the women from Trinity to meet them for dinner on Thursday, August 13th, at 6:00 PM at The Town House on Front Street in Marietta. Please RSVP to our office by August 11th.

GREIFSHARE GROUP STARTING IN AUGUST

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you're alone. At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through. Trinity parishioner Sherry Smith will co-lead a GriefShare group **Wednesdays, August 12 - November 4, 6:00-8:00 PM**. Meetings will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1710 23rd Street. To register, visit: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/>. For questions, see Sherry or call Gail Samolitis at 304-588-7632.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

There will be an in-person Safe Church Training on Saturday, August 22nd at Good Shepherd Church in Parkersburg. Safe Church Training is required of all staff, vestry, and anyone who works with children or the elderly in Episcopal Churches. And it is encouraged for *all people* in our parish. It must be renewed every three years for parish leaders. If you need this training (or to renew it), please let the parish office know. As soon as we have registration information, we will make that available.

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands which have been held out to receive the holy things. Grant that the ears which have heard the music of your songs may be closed to clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung Holy, Holy may also speak the truth; that the feet that have walked your courts may ever walk in the paths of light; that the bodies which have tasted your living Body may be restored to newness of life. Amen.

From the Liturgy of Malabar



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The Very Rev. Geoffrey Mackey, *Rector*
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