



20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
8:00 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*
The Venerable Harry Leip, *Deacon*
The Rev. Stephen Weissman, *Priest Associate*
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Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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8:00 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant says

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Here is sung or said

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.***

***We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.***

***O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.***

***Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.***

***Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.***

***For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Alleluia! Give thanks, for the Holy One is good; *

God's mercy endures for ever.

***Who can declare the mighty acts of God *
or show forth rightful praise?***

Happy are they who act with justice *

and always do what is right!

***Remember me, O God, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;***

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

***We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.***

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *

and worshiped a molten image;

***And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.***

They forgot you, their Savior, *

who had done great things in Egypt,

***Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.***

So you would have destroyed them,
had not Moses your chosen stood before you in the breach, *
to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson

A period of silent reflection is observed.

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 Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Pause.* Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially _____], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. *Pause.* Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. *Pause.* Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially _____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. *Pause.* Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. *Pause.* Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Frank, Allen ("R.B."), Desiree, Bill, Kitty, Nicole, Etta, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Gloria, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Pause.* Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially_____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. *Pause.* Lord, in thy mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following, or else the Exhortation on page 316.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying.

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In thine infinite love thou didst make us for thyself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, thou didst mercifully send Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten and eternal Son, to share our humanity, to live and die as one of us, and to reconcile us unto thee, who art the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and there made an offering of himself in obedience to thy will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night in which he was betrayed unto suffering and death, our Lord Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks unto thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this: For this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, 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.

The Celebrant continues

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

Sanctify them, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, that they may be for thy people the Body and Blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Do thou likewise † sanctify us thy servants, that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament and serve thee

in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with (the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, Blessed N., and) all thy saints into the joy of thine eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant

***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 the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these or similar words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [**Amen.**]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God.

Notes on the Service on October 11, 2026, the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

By the Rev. Stephen Weissman

Today's collect is in an 8th century Vatican manuscript. Its plea that grace may precede and follow us could be thought of as inspired by the example of God's presence with Israel, being her advance scout and her rear guard both.

"I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt..." began last Sunday's (Pentecost 19's) reading from Exodus. "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" counters today's reading. While Moses lingers on Mt Sinai, the people, apprehensive that he has disappeared up there, prevail on Aaron to fashion for them other gods. Probably the more thoughtful of them did not intend to worship the metal sculpture itself, but rather envisioned it as the footstool on which their new god(s) rode, a counterpart to the Lord's ark. That was surely the case at the time this cautionary tale against calf-statues was written in the 8th

century B.C., when kings of the North, Israel, were erecting bull-shrines at the towns Bethel and Shechem as rivals of the royal shrine at Jerusalem.

According to that account of God's fury about the golden calf, Ex. 32:9-14, Moses interposes on Israel's behalf, reminding God of his pledges to Abraham and warning God that if he destroys his people, he will be exposed to ridicule from Egyptians. This is not unlike Abraham's bargaining with God over the proposed destruction of Sodom. (Both these stories were written down by the Jahvist.)

A number of psalms, such as 78, 105, and 106, recount the Exodus-Sinai story. Among them, today's psalm stresses a pattern in the story: God rescues the people, they are grateful for a time, then they slip into sin, God punishes them, they repent, and God rescues them again. This pattern is introduced in vs. 6, "We have sinned as our forebears did..." Then, today's excerpt recounts an example of that sinning, "They made a calf in Horeb...." God resolves to punish them for that idolatry, Moses intervenes, God relents. The psalm lists other similar incidents. Then it concludes "Save us, O LORD...and gather us from among the Gentiles, that we may give thanks...." suggesting that this psalm was composed during the Babylonian exile, as a plea for Israel's release.

Today we finish Philippians with a section of Paul's admonitions. Euodia and Syntyche must have been two bickering women in the congregation at Philippi. Clement just might have been the Roman bishop Clement whose important letter is still extant. Three of Paul's lines from v 4 on are familiar to readers of the Prayer Book: the section beginning "Rejoice,... the Lord is at hand..." was the epistle for Advent IV, in every edition until 1979; "the Peace of God which passeth all understanding..." opens the blessing at the end of the Rite One Eucharist; "whatsoever things are true..." appears in the prayer for children, p. 443.

On the past two Sundays we have read Matthew's account of Jesus' final disputes with Jerusalem officials. As that debate goes on, this Anointed One pictures a royal wedding feast to represent the fate of those who reject God's invitation. Their city will become a ruin, as happened to Jerusalem in A.D. 69. Replacements rounded up indiscriminately from the streets must be unobservant Jews and/or Gentiles, one of whom is unready and so is ejected.

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I - Spoken Eucharist
10:30 AM Rite II with music

Weekday Service Schedule

Thursday Eucharist at 7:00 AM

Food Ministry Hours

Hot Lunch: Sunday 2-2:30pm
Pantry & Take-out Meal: Tues. 1:30-3pm,
Thurs. 4-5pm
Wednesday Cafe & Conversation: 12-1:30pm

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7am-1pm
Wednesday-Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8am-Noon



From Father Paul

Dear Ones,

In these weeks before the midterm elections, there are many opportunities to continue learning, and to discern how to act. Here is an

opportunity I'll be attending; please think about joining me.

The Practice of Citizenship Series at Wash U's Danforth Center will present a public panel discussion: *Christian Nationalism & Democratic Citizenship* on October 14th at 7pm. The panel will analyze how religious ideologies shape political belonging and the ongoing need for a pluralistic society, offering insights into the practice of citizenship. Here's a link to register: <https://rap.wustl.edu/events/the-practice-of-citizenship-series-presents-a-public-panel-discussion-christian-nationalism-democratic-citizenship/>

Yesterday, October 5, the church observed the martyrdom of William Tyndale (1495-1536), the first translator of the Bible into English. Born near the Welsh borders, he studied at both Oxford and Cambridge. After his ordination as a priest, he was determined to translate the Scriptures into English, but, despairing of official support, he left for Germany in 1524.

From this point on, his life reads like a cloak-and-dagger story, as King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, sought to destroy his work of translation and put him to death. Nevertheless, he persisted, smuggling printed versions of this work back to England. He was finally betrayed and executed outside Brussels on October 6, 1536.

A mere three years later, the so-called "Great Bible" (1539), the first royally authorized edition of the Bible in English, was commissioned by King Henry VIII for public use in every parish church, where it was chained to the lectern! The Great Bible relied heavily upon the earlier, underground translations of William Tyndale.

Although best known as a translator, Tyndale also played a formative role in shaping the English language. Many phrases we still use came from his pen: Let there be light; Salt of the earth; City on a hill; Fight the good fight; Am I my brother's keeper?; The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

The story behind Tyndale's vital work is one of conflict, of reform, and a radical new vision for how people engage with Scripture. This anniversary gives us the opportunity to reflect on the dangerous history which is wrapped up with the task of translating the Bible, challenging the familiarity of the Bible in English for us in 2026, and highlighting the extraordinary life and legacy of William Tyndale who lost his life for his convictions. May God be praised for William Tyndale and his pen!

In the spirit of the new season, here's a poem by Mary Oliver.

Song for Autumn

Don't you imagine the leaves dream now
how comfortable it will be to touch
the earth instead of the

nothingness of the air and the endless
freshets of wind? And don't you think
the trees, especially those with
mossy hollows, are beginning to look for

the birds that will come - six, a dozen - to sleep
inside their bodies? And don't you hear
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,

the everlasting being crowned with the first
tuffets of snow? The pond
stiffens and the white field over which
the fox runs so quickly brings out
its long blue shadows. The wind wags
its many tails. And in the evening
the piled firewood shifts a little,
longing to be on its way.

Autumn blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'L. R.' or similar, with a stylized flourish.

Waters of Creation Installation

Although the Season of Creation ended on October 4th, we will have until the 18th to enjoy the Waters of Creation Installation.

Thanks to the dozens of folks who brought back bottles of water from your summer events. We transcribed your labels, and the list of locations include favorite St. Louis parks: Forest Park, Brentwood Park, Lafayette Park, and Walker Lake in Kirkwood Park; St. Louis facilities that matter to us: Bethesda Senior Living Barclay, Missouri Baptist Hospital, and Glen Echo Country Club; popular Missouri rivers: the Ozark River; the Black River; and the Current River; significant spots along American rivers: the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio and the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri; other states: Atlantic Ocean at Misquamicut Beach in Rhode Island, Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, and Provincetown Harbour; and other countries: Toronto, Quebec and the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia in Canada; and the Balearic Sea at Valencia, Spain. The two most inventive water samples were collected during rainstorms in Île d'Orléans, Quebec, and back home in St. Louis.

Many thanks to Andrea Callard, Jackson Gress, Joyce LaFontain, Duncan McArthur, Ron Tompkins, Jeff Wunrow, and all of our water samplers for making this possible.



Breakfast will be hosted by Lawrence and Barb Holmes on Sunday, Oct. 18, in the South Parish Hall following the 8:00 a.m. service.

Upcoming Trinity Funerals

Please mark your calendars for these important gatherings.

Saturday, October 24, 11am	Nan Sweet
Friday, November 6, 11am	Jerry Martin
Friday, November 20, 11am	Dolores Friesen

*May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace,
and rise in glory to stand with the saints. Amen.*

TFM Needs for this Week

Chili with Beans (No Chili Beans)
Ravioli in Cans
Jam or Jelly (Grape or Strawberry)
Vienna Sausage
1 pound boxes of Spaghetti
Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned Fruit (Peaches, Mixed Fruit)

TRINITY
FOOD MINISTRY

Statistics - week ending 10/4

Wednesday Cafe: 27
Sunday Lunch : 37
Pantry
Tuesday: 68 individuals in 34 families (4 new)
Thursday: 101 individuals in 33 families (3 new)

Monthly Statistics for TFM September 2026

Individuals	737
New Families.	33
Returning Families.	258
Total Families Served	291

The relationship between St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ladue and TFM is long and exceptional. They provide a Sunday Hot Lunch monthly, as well as regular donations of food and toiletries. This service extends to the youth of their parish as well.

In September, Walter Wilson (see picture) was given a school project – to perform a service project and report about it to his class. He chose TFM as the recipient of his efforts and set a goal of collecting 25 bags of groceries from his neighbors. He distributed handwritten fliers to the neighborhood and then collected the resulting donations on a given date. This resulted in a staggering 100 bags containing over 600 pounds of items for us. This past Monday he and his understandably proud mother brought the donations to Trinity.



What began as a school assignment became a remarkable act of Christian service and generosity. We at TFM give thanks for Walter's compassion, hard work, and dedication to helping neighbors in need. His efforts have made a real difference, and we congratulate him on an outstanding achievement and a job well done.

- Chuck Dombek



The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

**Vote Faithfully: A Journey
of Prayer, Discernment,
and Civic Engagement**

As we prepare for the 2026
election season, the

Episcopal Diocese of Missouri invites you to join our Vote Faithfully campaign. Rooted in our baptismal call to seek justice, love our neighbors, and work for the common good, this campaign encourages us to approach voting as an act of faithful discipleship, guided by prayer, compassion, and hope.

In the weeks leading up to Election Day, we'll feature weekly reflections from voices across our diocese sharing what it means to vote faithfully and how their faith shapes their commitment to civic engagement. We invite you to read these stories, pray for our communities and nation, and join us in living out our shared calling to seek the welfare of our neighbors.

Pray fervently. Vote faithfully.

<https://diocesemo.org/vote-faithfully>

Diocesan Choir Sign Up for the 187th Convention

If you would like to sing with the Diocesan Choir at convention this year, you can find more information and registration here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoSzb8Zg0fua_tN0S2AhyOZ2zsVVX2QEPP6xUDhytFhsUL9g/viewform

This Week at Trinity

11	OCT, SUN	●	8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist
		●	10:30 – 11:45am	Holy Eucharist
		●	1:45 – 2:30pm	Hot Lunch (SPH)
		●	2 – 5pm	DSA (NPH)
13	OCT, TUE	●	1:30 – 3pm	Food Pantry
		●	6:30 – 9pm	Film & Fellowship (NPH)
14	OCT, WED	●	12 – 1:30pm	Wednesday Cafe (SPH)
		●	6:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
15	OCT, THU	●	7 – 8am	Holy Eucharist
		●	4 – 5pm	Food Pantry
		●	5:30 – 9pm	DSA (SPH)
17	OCT, SAT	●	8:30 – 11:30am	Art Club (NPH)
		●	9:30 – 10:30am	Sacristans
		●	6 – 8pm	DSA (NPH)



Registration is Now Open for the 187th Diocesan Convention

Saturday November 14 - Manchester United Methodist Church

The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri invites you to join us for the 187th Diocesan Convention, a time for our diocesan community to come together in worship, fellowship, discernment, and the shared work of the Church.

Guided by this year's theme, Go: In Peace. In Hope. In Love, We will gather as people sent into the world to proclaim the Good News, serve our neighbors, and participate in God's work of love, justice, and reconciliation. Convention is more than a business

meeting; it is an opportunity to celebrate our shared ministry, strengthen relationships across our congregations, and look together toward where God is calling us next.

More information can be found here: <https://diocesemo.org/conventionreg>

Registration for Saturday's activities and the Convention Eucharist can be found here:

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This Week's Core Value:

Food - Physical and Spiritual Nourishment

We believe in sharing Bread from the Altar and food from the pantry. We are a wellspring of Christ-centered spiritual and physical nourishment.



October 11: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Trinity Episcopal Church (1870) in St. James and for Kevin, their Priest-in-Charge; and Pat, their Deacon.

- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Hospital San Lucas Metro (Metro St. Luke's Hospital).

- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, all our Navy service members on their 251st birthday, and those serving in the Pacific at Camp Humphreys, Kadena Air Base, Yokota Air Base, Naval Base Guam, and Osan Air Base.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Frank Schottler
Allen ("R.B.") Robinson Bey
Desiree Bratton
Bill Mayhan
Katherine "Kitty" Drescher
Nicole Adams
Etta Taylor
Helen Hendry
Glenda Wiman
Thomas Kirk
Gloria Winston
John Biggs
Steven Forsyth
Julien Worland
Joan Dunbar
The Rev. David K. Fly
Betsey Gardner
Pat Way
Ray Becvar
Gwen Sims
Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Mtr. Penny Warren, friend of Fr. Paul.
Edward Otto, for successful treatment and ability to adapt following serious accident.
Frances Dickey
Laurie, family member of Mary Moore, cancer
Jay Shuldiner, friend of Brian Alms, heart attack
Carol Hall, Brian Alm's sister.
Treyvon and his parents.
Teri Smith-Jones, former parishioner, recovery from accident
Geraldine Caldwell, friend of Carter Whitson, profound dementia.
Harry Forbes and Bruce Deal, NYC friends of Michael Shepley
Marshan Leib, friend of Brian Alms, Lewy's Body Dementia
Tim, friend of Mary Moore, cancer
Angela Salvador, friend of Brian Alms, breast cancer
Dennis Jones, friend of Sharron Underwood.
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer
Joe Richardson (of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues
Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather
Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing
Hope, health challenges.
Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness

Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.
Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer
Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: Desiree Bratton, diocesan canon; The Rev. Helen Ludbrook and The Rev. David K. Fly.

For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way.

Birthdays October 11-17: Charlie Williams, Laura Kirk, Rosie Hernandez, Michael Fowlkes, Melissa Wobbe, Sara Lappi, Brian Alms, Chuck Havener.

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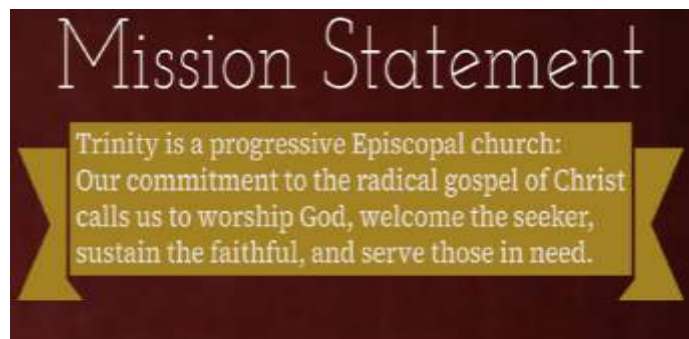
Readings for Next Sunday, Oct. 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



Vestry

Senior Warden: Perry Trolard

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2027

Andrea Callard
Adrienne Fly
Mary Patton

2028

Carlos Daughaday
Ben Kiel
Perry Trolard

2029

Jackson Gress
Ted McNamara

Delegates

Ted McNamara

Carter Whitson

Michael Shepley