



12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

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

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there has God ordained the blessing: *
—life for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only

to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Deacon As a people called by God, let us gather our prayers.

Intercessor We pray that the Church may shine with the glory of the face of Christ. O God hear us.
God, graciously hear us.

We pray for the world, for all nations, for each country's leaders and people, that peace and justice will be our common goal. O God hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

We pray for all faith communities, especially those in our neighborhood, that we may continue to learn about God from each other. O God hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

We pray for all those who come to Trinity seeking a safe space and basic necessities, may we continue to serve them with compassion. In the Trinity cycle of prayer, we pray for the Fountain Park & Central West End neighborhoods. O God hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

We pray that all the sick and suffering may be relieved, especially Brian, Adrienne, Frank, Nan, Allen ("R.B."), Desiree, Bill, Kitty, Nicole, Etta, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Gloria, Dolores, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and for those we now name _____. O God hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who grieve. And we pray for all those we love but see no longer and those we now name _____. O God hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints in light, let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant Creator of the world, sustainer of the Church, hear our prayers, accept the praise and thanks of our worship; and, by your Spirit, grant us that which heals the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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 II

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or 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. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; 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, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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 for August 16, 2026, the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

By the Rev. Stephen Weissman

August 15 was the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, observed by Roman Catholics as the Assumption of Mary. Although most Episcopalians do not subscribe to the doctrine of the bodily Assumption of Mary, we do honor the Mother of God as the most blessed of mortals. ("Mother of God" is a title given to her because Mary is the "God-bearer," the mother of Christ, who is God.)

Today's collect recalls that Christ is both a sacrifice and an example, two complementary accounts of the Atonement, and then the collect asks that we may respond to Christ's sacrifice by receiving his benefits and may respond to his example by following his steps.

In one of the Bible's most beautiful passages, today the saga of Joseph reaches its denouement as the hero reveals himself to his brothers when they have come back to Egypt seeking bread for their famished household. Their interrogator, the Egyptian viceroy, breaks down, dismisses his attendants, and switching to Hebrew (heretofore he had been speaking through an interpreter) discloses himself as the very brother whom they thought they had disposed of in Canaan long before. Dumbstruck, they must be told twice, "I am Joseph." Joseph does not seek revenge. Joseph is the only patriarch who is so admirable morally. He credits Providence: he suffered so that many could be saved. Hereafter, the whole tribe of Jacob will find refuge in the Nile Delta, Goshen-land.

Ps 133 is an idyll of the kind of fraternal harmony which Joseph and his brothers might have enjoyed after their reconciliation. The psalm was written after their descendants had escaped Egypt and occupied Canaan, in which Mt Hermon, v 4, lies. All over the ancient Mediterranean world, rubbing the hair and body with aromatic olive oil, v 2, was a gratification of a comfortable life, as well as a priestly anointing. Aaron was the archetypical high priest from whom the Jerusalem temple priests claimed descent.

Using logic similar to the logic of Genesis, Paul argues that the bad actions of people God turns to accomplish his purposes. God's covenant has been extended to Gentiles because of the failure of [many] Jews to acknowledge Christ. Does that mean that God has rejected his first people? Paul asks in today's epistle. No, he answers. "Just as you [Gentiles] were once disobedient, so they [the Jews] are now being disobedient," so that God can be merciful to Jews and Gentiles alike. (As is Jesus in today's Gospel).

In last Sunday's Gospel, after they had seen Jesus walking on the sea to their boat, his disciples had declared that he was the Son of God. There follows (in a section not read on these Sundays) a report of some healings on shore and then, some Pharisees and scribes come from Jerusalem objecting to Jesus' teaching. Jesus defends his teaching with a sharp rebuke, calling them hypocrites.

Jesus' explanation follows in the paragraph which opens today's Gospel. There, he contrasts outer purity [Pharisees' concern] with inner purity, [his concern].

Then, in an unusual move, Jesus walks into "unclean" pagan territory, Tyre and Sidon, and is met there by a descendant of the inhabitants of Palestine from before the Israelite conquest, a Canaanite. This "unclean" woman dares to ask the new David for her daughter's healing. At first Jesus refuses, using a Jewish slur, "dog." Like two rabbis, they trade wit. At last, Jesus accedes to her clever parry and heals her daughter.

Later, when the full inclusion of Gentiles was being debated by the church, the precedents of the healings of this Gentile and a few others by Jesus would be cited, and pro-Gentile prophets would be quoted, as precedents, to defend Paul's incorporation of Gentiles into Christianity. (As in today's epistle.)

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,

I am returned and rested! I want to share two moments of wonder from my time away. The first was a train trip up Royal Gorge, a gorge on the Arkansas River outside of Cañon City. The tiny little bridge way up in the sky can be crossed by foot, but I was happy to view it from the ground!



The second moment of wonder was back home, on a visit to the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum in Creve Coeur. This institution did not yet exist during my previous St. Louis life. If you haven't visited, I heartily recommend it. Content and design combine to tell powerful stories, often using voices of survivors. Currently, there is a special exhibition called *Nazis Next Door: St. Louis Faces Nazism* in the 1930s. Here is a link to their website so you can plan your visit. <https://stlholocaustmuseum.org/>

If anyone is interested in forming a group to go, just let me know.



Finally, many thanks again to Chuck Dombek, Dwayne Murphy, and Ben Keil for reinstalling our National Register of Historic Places plaque in the Memorial Garden.

Summer blessings,

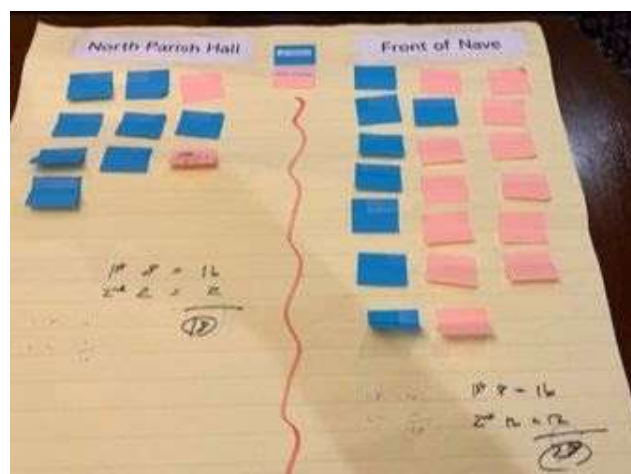
Waters of Creation Mobile Deadline Approaches

The Arts Committee will be creating the Waters of Creation mobile the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, so the deadline for returning your filled and labeled bottles is Sunday, August 30. If you have a filled bottle, you can give it to Bill Ader in the parish office. If you haven't yet filled a bottle, there are empty bottles and info packets on the name tag table in the back of the church. We are looking forward to this project and hope that you will be a part of it. If you have any questions, please email jeff@jeffwunrow.com (mailto:jeff@jeffwunrow.com) . Thanks very much!

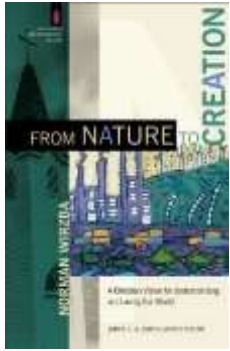


Coffee Hour Poll

The results are in! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Coffee Hour Polling Project. First place (blue) votes were counted as 2 points, second place (pink) as one. Your collective preference is that Coffee Hour remains at the rear of the Nave. If you would be interested in helping to expand our weekly offerings beyond Cathy Tierney's scrumptious cake (e.g., cookies, fruit, cheese & crackers), please reach out to Hospitality Chair Anne Trolard!



SPH	Votes	Points	Nave Rear	Votes	Points	NPH	Votes	Points	Nave Front	Votes	Points
1st	2	4	1st	15	30	1st	8	16	1st	8	16
2nd	8	8	2nd	8	8	2nd	2	2	2nd	12	12
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Trinity's Summer Book Discussion - From Nature to Creation

During the five Sundays in August, we will have a weekly discussion about *From Nature to Creation: A Christian Vision for Understanding and Loving Our World* by Norman Wirzba. How does Christianity change the way we view the natural world? Renowned theologian Norman Wirzba engages philosophers, environmentalists, and cultural critics to show how the modern concept of nature has been deeply problematic. For our discussion, we will meet in the North Parish Hall at noon each Sunday. Please consider purchasing the book from our neighborhood friends at Left Bank Books (<https://www.left-bank.com/>) or borrowing from your local library.

For this week's discussion, please read Chapter 3.



On Sunday, we blessed a new green chasuble. Our wonderful Jeff Wunrow repurposed decorative trim fabrics from the first chasuble he made for the Rev. Anne Kelsey. Trinity's heritage and future blended in a splendid new garment. God is good!

Our wants for the week are:

Pop-top tuna
 Pop-top pasta
 Canned Fruit (Peaches or Mixed Fruit)
 Strawberry Jam
 Saltine Crackers
 Instant Coffee (small bottle or packets)
 General Purpose Flour
 Sugar

TRINITY
FOOD MINISTRY

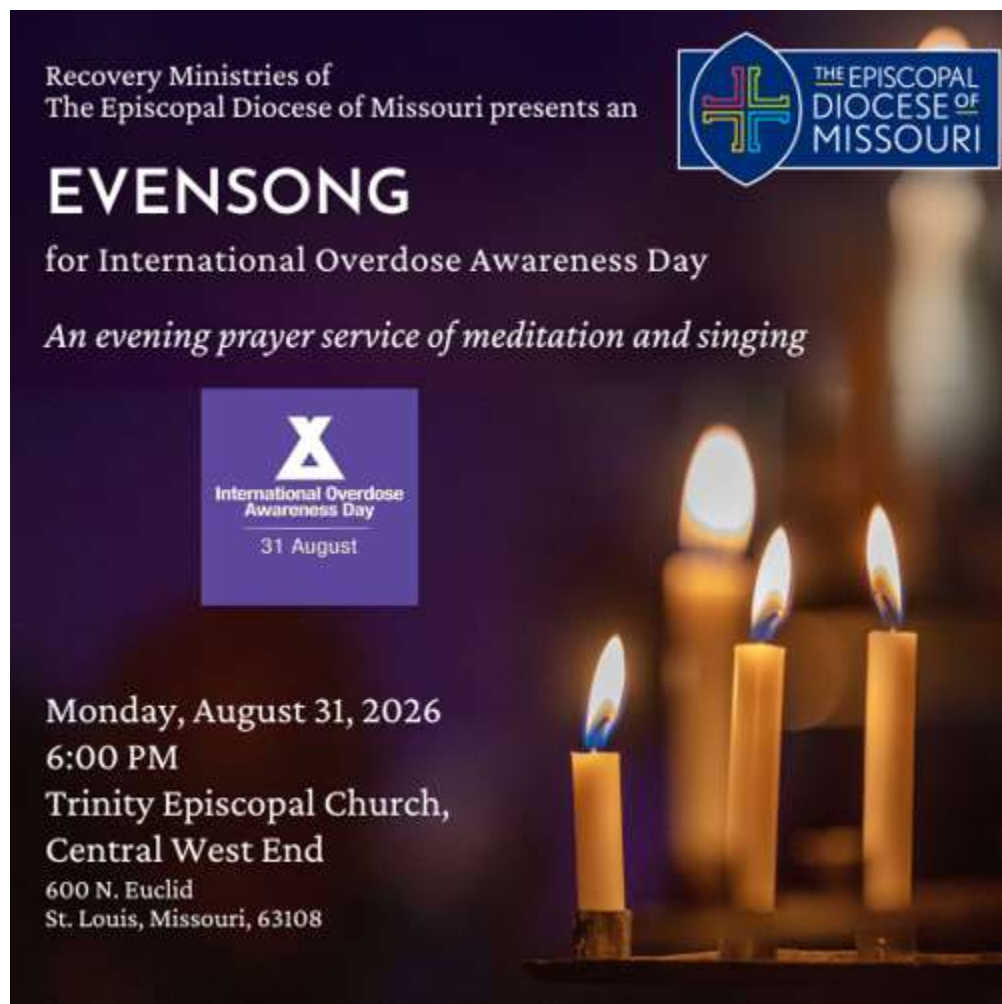
Statistics for week ending 8/9/2026

Wednesday Cafe 16
 Sunday Lunch : 51
 Pantry Tuesday 92 in 37 families (5 new)
 Thursday 107 in 38 families (7 new)
 August in St. Louis is living up to its reputation; we are handing out cold water bottles at double the normal rate. Every bit of shade on parish grounds is in use by people avoiding the heat. On days

when a heat advisory is in place, we are allowing the community to wait inside for Pantry to start to avoid the heat. Folks are grateful to beat the heat.

Our partners' gardens continue to provide abundant fresh produce. Of particular interest to me is the speed with which hot peppers are snapped up. It doesn't matter if it is a jalapeño, habanero or even an Indian Ghost Pepper, people seem to like their food spicy. While we have had some soups at Wednesday Café that are what I call "oh, my!" spicy soups, generally the meal we offer is milder, flavorful and nutritious. Please think about stopping by on a Wednesday between Noon – 1:30pm to spend time with our volunteers and community.

- Chuck Dombek



Recovery Ministries of
The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri presents an

EVENSONG

for International Overdose Awareness Day

An evening prayer service of meditation and singing


International Overdose
Awareness Day
31 August

Monday, August 31, 2026
6:00 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church,
Central West End
600 N. Euclid
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The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Bishops Dafler Meaux & Johnson

Join Bishop Amy Dafler Meaux of the Diocese of West Missouri and Bishop Deon Johnson of the Diocese of Missouri on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 18 to 29, 2027.

To learn more: <https://diocesemo.org/connect/news/2027holyland>

The DioMO Download

Summer is here, and the work of the diocese does not slow down. The DioMO Download is in your inbox each week because there is always something worth knowing, something worth sharing, and something worth showing up for. A quick reminder for those who are new to this publication: The DioMO Download is a weekly newsletter from the Bishop's Office carrying diocesan news, events, and resources directly to you. Think of it as your week-by-week companion to the life of this diocese. Read it. Share it. Let it be useful. We will see you again next week.

<https://diocesemo.org/diomonewsletter>

DioMO Annual Picnic at Camp MoVal - Saturday, August 29

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Diocese of Missouri's Annual DioMO Picnic on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Camp MoVal in Union, MO. This beloved gathering is an opportunity for friends from across our congregations and ministries to come together for fellowship, fun, and celebration in the beautiful setting of Camp MoVal. Whether you're reconnecting with old friends, meeting new ones, or simply enjoying a day outdoors with the diocesan community, there will be something for everyone.



This Week's Core Value: Service to Others

We believe in Christ-centered serving, treating people's needs as holy and doing our part to meet them.

Our Community Listens – Upcoming Class August 15, 22 & 29

Across our communities, families, and workplaces, many are feeling the strain of low trust, high stress, and disconnection. What often looks like a behavior or performance issue is, at its core, a relational one. The good news? There is a path forward.



Our Community Listens is a powerful class designed to help individuals build deeper connection through the practice of truly seeing, valuing, and hearing one another. When people feel genuinely heard, they experience greater resilience, improved well-being, and a stronger sense of belonging—benefits that ripple into every relationship.

Our next class will be offered on three consecutive Saturdays, making it accessible for those balancing work and family commitments. We especially encourage young parents, young adults, college students, and high school seniors to attend. The class is free of charge.

The skills you'll gain will strengthen your relationships and help you show up as a more present parent, partner, leader, and friend.

Join us on Saturday, August 15, 22 & 29 from 8:30am - 4:30pm at the Church of St. Michael & St. George in the Great Hall. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact Laurie Brown with questions at Laurie.Brown@Chapmancommunities.org or 314-494-8236.



Concerned About Gun Violence?

Join individuals, congregation leaders, and clergy from across the country at the James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage.

September 15–18
Heartland Retreat Center
Kansas City, Missouri

Participants will engage in workshops, training, and community-building to help congregations take meaningful action to prevent gun violence.

Learn more at www.bit.ly/PPFAtwood26 (<http://www.bit.ly/PPFAtwood26>)

August 16: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church (1866) in Webster Groves; for Valori, their Rector; Susanna, their Associate Priest, Susie, their Rector Emerita, Jerre, their Deacon, and Warren, Paul and Mandi, their Priest Associates.



- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Health System (Sistema de Salud Episcopal San Lucas).

- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in Wales.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in West Virginia—at Camp Dawson, the 130th Airlift Wing Air National Guard, the 167th Airlift Wing Air National Guard, Federal Correctional Institution Beckley, and the Martinsburg VA Medical Center.

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

Brian Alms
 Adrienne Fly
 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
 Dolores Friesen
 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:

Vincent Fowlkes, Mike Fowlkes' brother, who is battling pancreatic cancer that has metastasized.
 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.
 Denise Huber, friend of Jerry Martin, recurring cancer.
 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 August 16-22: Whitney Bagnall, Roger Bagnall, Steven Forsyth. Matthew Elia, Michael Shepley.

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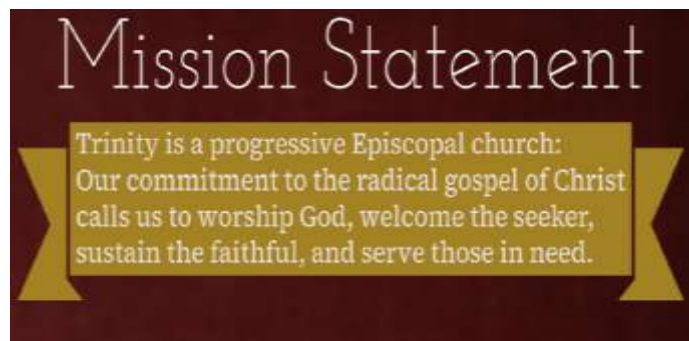
Readings for next Sunday, August 23 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



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