



14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026
10:30 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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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

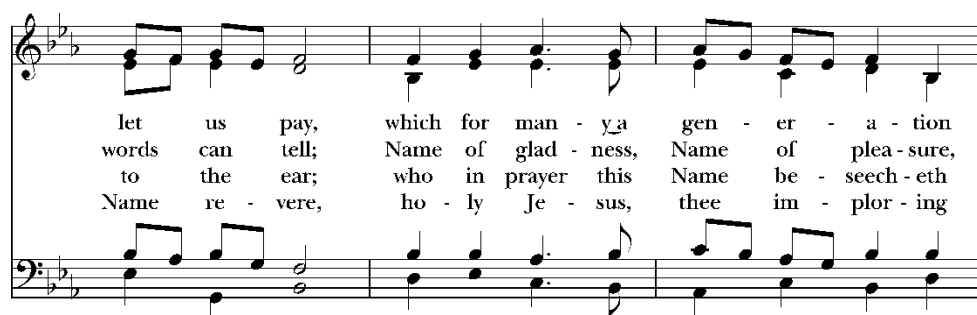
The Hymnal 1982, #249

To the Name of our salvation

Grafton



1 To the Name of our sal - va - tion laud and hon - or
 2 Je - sus is the Name we trea - sure; Name be - yond what
 3 'Tis the Name that who - so preach - eth speaks like mu - sic
 4 There - fore we, in love a - dor - ing, this most bless - ed



let us pay, which for man - y a gen - er - a - tion
 words can tell; Name of glad - ness, Name of plea - sure,
 to the ear; who in prayer this Name be - seech - eth
 Name re - vere, ho - ly Je - sus, thee im - plor - ing



hid in God's fore - know - ledge lay; but with ho - ly
 ear and heart de - light - ing well; Name of sweet - ness,
 sweet - est com - fort find - eth near; who its per - fect
 so to write it in us here that here - af - ter,



ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.
 pass - ing mea - sure, sav - ing us from sin and hell.
 wis - dom reach - eth, heaven - ly joy pos - sess - eth here.
 heaven - ward soar - ing, we may sing with an - gels there.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861. Music: Grafton, melody from *Chants ordinaires de l'Office Divin*, 1861; harm. *Songs of Praise*, 1925.

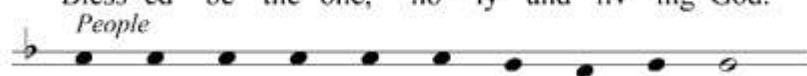
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

The Celebrant may say

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

Canticle 13

A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine



1. Glory to you, Lord God of our forbears;
2. *Glory to you for the radiance of your* ho - ly Name;
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
4. *Glory to you, seated be* - tween the Cherubim;
5. Glory to you, behold - ing the depths;
6. *Glory to you, Father, Son, and* - Ho - ly Spirit;



you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ev - er.
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ev - er.
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ev - er.

Setting: Paul Jacobson

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; *
we make known your deeds among the peoples.

We sing to you; we sing your praise *
and speak of all your marvelous works.

We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

We search for you and your strength; *
we continually seek your face.

We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth.

O offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
O children of Jacob, the chosen ones.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

You made your people exceedingly fruitful; *
you made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart you turned, so that they hated your people, *
and dealt unjustly with your servants.

You sent Moses your servant, *
and Aaron whom you had chosen. Alleluia!

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People ***Thanks be to God.***



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

*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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 our altar volunteers and choir. O God hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

We pray that all the sick and suffering may be relieved, especially Jerry, Brian, Adrienne, Frank, 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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

After the Altar has been prepared, the People stand to sing

Lift Every Voice, #181

Amazing Grace

New Britain

1. A - maz - ing grace!_ how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught_ my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there_ ten thou - sand years, Bright

1. saved a wretch like me!_ I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved;_ How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures;_ He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come;_ 'Tis grace that brought me
5. shin - ing as the sun,_ We've no less days to

1. now am found, Was blind, but now_ I see._
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first_ be - lieved!_
3. por - tion be As long as life_ en - dures._
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead_ me home._
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first_ be - gun._

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant *People*
May God be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Land of Rest

Traditional American

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.
Bless - ed is — the One who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -
san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - a in — the high - est.

Wonder Love & Praise, #858

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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 before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

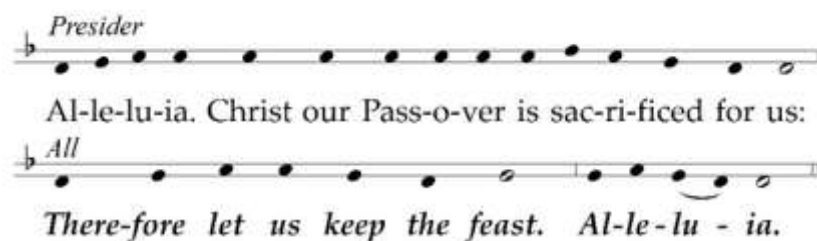
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer *Contemporary*

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung*



Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)
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As the elements are prepared, the following anthems are said

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

Invitation to Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself, so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love, all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward to the communion rail, where you may kneel or stand. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

To receive the bread, your right palm on top of your left palm. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. To receive the wine, please help guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not receive wine, you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread.

We ask you not to dip your communion bread into the chalice (i.e., intinction). If you are not comfortable drinking directly from the chalice, you are welcome to receive just the bread; or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you.

If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify an usher, and we will bring communion to you.

As Holy Communion is ending, the People remain seated to sing

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O God, we thank thee

Rendez à Dieu

1. O God, we thank thee, who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with-
2. Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
in our hearts. Know-ledge and faith and life im-mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con-
Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for our plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,
didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy
Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the pow'r, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by the Son.

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Words: *Didache*, Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. Att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Celebrant Let us pray.
*God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;*

you have **united us**

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

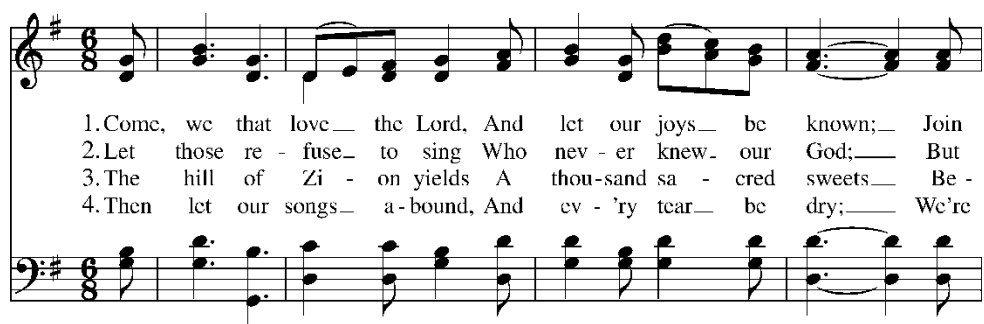
and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Lift Every Voice, #12

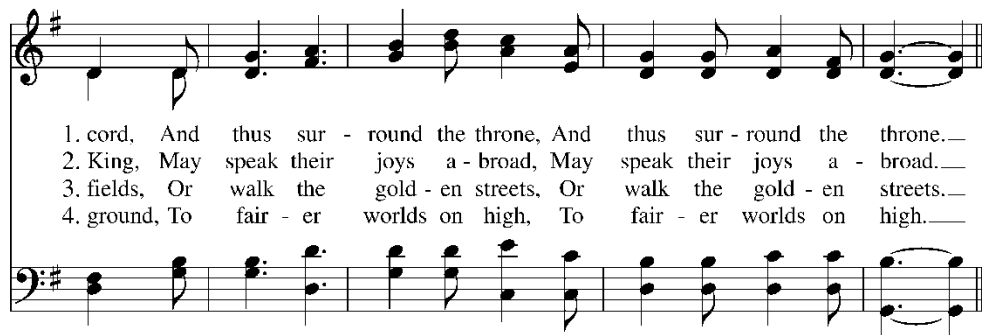
We're Marching to Zion



1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;— Join
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God;— But
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou-sand sa - cred sweets— Be -
 4. Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be dry;— We're



1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
 4. march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im - man - uel's



1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.—
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful

We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,

Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on *Love is the Source of Light*

Egil Hovland

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Notes on the Service for August 30, 2026, the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

By the Rev. Stephen Weissman

Today's collect, from an 8th century manuscript, is an extended metaphor of the gardener-God: the divine fruits are good works cultivated in us by God who grafts, nourishes, and faithfully tends us.

Moses' call from the burning bush is an awe-filled occasion comparable with the calls of Isaiah and Ezekiel. Having fled Egypt because he had been identified as the killer of an Egyptian, Moses has taken refuge in remote Midian, married a Midianite woman and now herds sheep for her father. On Mt. Horeb/Sinai, the LORD appears to Moses and orders him to free his people from Egypt. Unlike appearances of God in Genesis, this epiphany comes not through a human figure nor in a dream, but through a supernatural fire. Henceforth fire will be God's principal medium of disclosure to Moses, who had been drawn out of water. *I AM WHO I AM* or *I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE* could mean, "I cause what happens," or it could mean, "my Name is not for you mortals to know," like the answer Jacob got when he asked for the Name of the being who wrestled with him. Later metaphysicians would take *I AM* to mean that God is Pure Being, which, although true, is a category of thought unfamiliar to the Exodus authors.

Psalm 105 is a recital of the formative events of Israelite history. Today's excerpt is the prelude of praise, vv 1-6, and then the section rehearsing the Jacob tribes' stay in Egypt from Joseph's time to Moses' time.

The epistle continues Paul's advice about how church members are to treat each other. Paul commends love, zeal, patience, generosity, and humility. He quotes Deuteronomy and Proverbs against taking vengeance.

In last Sunday's Gospel, Peter confessed Jesus was the Messiah, and for that Jesus congratulated Peter and renamed him the Rock and promised that Peter would be the Rock of the Church. Today Jesus is beginning to teach that he is not the [commonly-anticipated] messiah king who will liberate Jews from the Romans, but instead he is to be a messiah who suffers. Peter objects that Jesus' definition of messiahship is preposterous; Jesus rebukes Peter as vehemently as he had previously praised him. Last, Jesus introduces his key paradox of victory through defeat.

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,

Last week, I wrote about my visit to the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. On Saturday, I travelled downriver to the mouth of the Ohio. The confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers at Cairo, IL, served as a critical strategic staging ground, naval base, and supply hub for the Union during the Civil War. Cairo is the southernmost point in Illinois, with easy (but steep and narrow!) bridge access to Missouri and Kentucky. The town flourished after the Civil War into the 20th century; today, it bears the scars of decades of racism, economic blight, deindustrialization, and flooding. The contrast of barges floating up and down the Ohio, past the virtual skeleton of Cairo, was stark and distressing.

Part of the motivation of my watery summer has been the theme for this year's Season of Creation, which we will observe next month, Living Waters. The theme is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1-12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. In Ezekiel, water flows from God's sanctuary, healing and renewing land, waters, and human responsibility toward creation. The prophet's vision unfolds amid exile and loss. Water flows from the temple—at first a tiny stream that deepens, bringing life to dead areas and restoring ecosystems. To receive this new life, we must step into the waters ourselves—becoming part of God's river, joining creation's healing.





From September 2-6, I will be in Minneapolis for a conference entitled “Full and Equal: 50 Years in Pursuit of a Promise.” In 1976, General Convention, meeting in Minneapolis, adopted Resolution A069: “Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Convention that homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church.”

The conference is structured as a gathering for worship, workshops and storytelling; planning has been led by the church’s Task Force on LGBTQ+ Inclusion. Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe will celebrate the closing Eucharist; Bishop Gene Robinson will preach. I look forward to bringing back stories to you.

Canon Whitney Rice will be with you to celebrate and preach on September 6, on which we will celebrate Labor Day.

Summer blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Rowe". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'S' and a trailing 'r'.

Recovery Ministries of
The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri presents an

EVENSONG

for International Overdose Awareness Day

An evening prayer service of meditation and singing



Monday, August 31, 2026
6:00 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church,
Central West End
600 N. Euclid
St. Louis, Missouri, 63108




Waters of Creation Mobile Deadline Extended

The Arts Committee will be creating the Waters of Creation mobile following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 6th, so the deadline for returning your filled and labeled bottles is that morning. If you have a filled bottle, you can give it to Bill Ader in the parish office. If you haven't yet

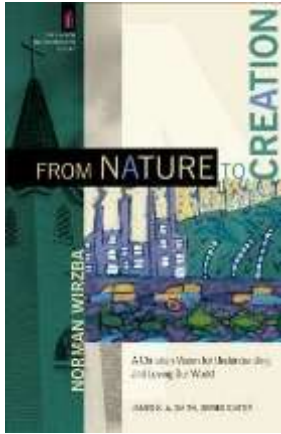
filled a bottle, there are empty bottles and info packets on the name tag table in the back of the church. We are looking forward to this project and hope that you will be a part of it. If you have any questions, please email jeff@jeffwunrow.com (mailto:jeff@jeffwunrow.com) . Thanks very much!

Guided Tour of the St. Louis Art Museum Saturday, September 12

Your Arts Committee is working on a series of art outings this fall, and the first is on Saturday morning, September 12 at SLAM in Forest Park. We will meet at 9:45 at the welcome desk in Sculpture Hall, and our tour will be led by docents from Art & Faith St. Louis. The tour will highlight works of art that are significant to diverse



faith backgrounds. After the one-hour tour, participants will be free to explore the rest of the museum on their own, and we will gather at noon for lunch at the Panorama restaurant inside the art museum. Because of the need to make lunch reservations, RSVPs are requested to jeff@jeffwunrow.com (mailto:jeff@jeffwunrow.com) . You can also send your questions to this same email. We hope you will be able to join us!



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 5.

Our wants for the week are:

Pop-top tuna
Ravioli in Cans
Jam or Jelly (Strawberry)
Saltine Crackers
Canned Fruit
Small Jars or Packets of Instant Coffee
Flour
Sugar
Cooking Oil

TRINITY
FOOD MINISTRY

Statistics for week ending 8/23/2026

Wednesday Cafe: 54

Sunday Lunch: 39

Pantry Tuesday: 111 in 40 families (6 new)

Thursday: 63 in 28 families (3 new)

Last Tuesday, we had another high-volume day – 111 individuals in 40 families, 6 of them new. All this on a day when we had significant shuffling of volunteers. As always, those who were there rose to the occasion. Thank you to all of you who stepped up brilliantly in unfamiliar circumstances.

Last week also presented two opportunities to partner with other parishes. Father Zack, the youth priest at St. Peter's, Ladue contacted me to see if we could use leftover school supplies from their back-to-school event. “Absolutely” was my response. What I didn't foresee was the huge volume: 15 boxes, all full. It was more than we could use, but it gave me the opportunity to reach out to

other groups in the neighborhood to share. At this point, over half of the materials have found their way into students' hands. Many thanks to St. Peter's and Father Zack.

Our other opportunity was to partner with St. John's, Tower Grove by providing excess produce from last week's pantries for their Saturday Peace Meal. This week, it was cucumbers from Central Reform Congregation and apples from SLU. How wonderful that nothing goes to waste.

With the return of the school year there are school buses and bikes on the street. Please be careful when out driving.

- Chuck Dombek



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>

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>)



This Week's Core Value: A Place to Belong and Create

Trinity is a community of refuge, creativity and belonging, inspired by the Spirit, where all sorts and conditions of people can know and be known.

August 30: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion (1869); for Brenda, their Rector; Chester, their Deacon; and Hope, the Rockwell House Campus Ministries Chaplain.



- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Center (Centro Médico Episcopal San Lucas).
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Wyoming—at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Camp Guernsey, the 153rd Airlift Wing Air National Guard, Laramie Readiness Center, and the Cheyenne VA Medical Center.

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

Jerry Martin
 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:

Mtr. Penny Warren, friend of Fr. Paul.
 Vincent Fowlkes, Mike Fowlkes' brother, in hospice care.
 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 30 - September 5: Iris Trolard, Fred Hale, Carol Cradock, Fr. Paul Jacobson, Molly Perlison, Lawrence Holmes, Helen Hendry.

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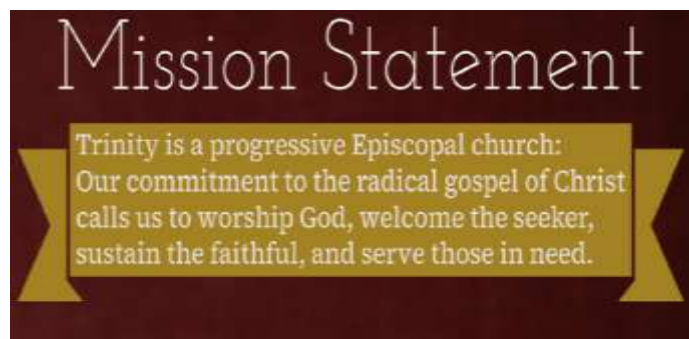
Readings for next Sunday, Sept. 6 Labor Day Propers

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 38:27-32a

1 Corinthians 3:10-14

Matthew 6:19-24

Psalm 90:1-2,16-17



Vestry

Senior Warden: Perry Trolard

2027

Andrea Callard
Adrienne Fly
Mary Patton

Ted McNamara

2028

Carlos Daughaday
Ben Kiel
Perry Trolard

Delegates

Carter Whitson

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2029

Jackson Gress
Ted McNamara