



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2025, 8 a.m.

Welcome: *If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us and hope that you find space here to come close to God. We welcome all who seek the Holy, no matter your background. At Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, we pray, celebrate, and share our gifts with each other, our neighbors, and our community, as we serve God and represent the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas. We'd love to connect with you about how to make this church your home. To do so, please fill out one of the pew cards in front of you and drop it in the offertory plate.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant and People **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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-11 *Audite haec, omne* sung by the choir

Plainsong (Tone VI)

Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
You of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

**My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

**I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

**Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

**The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?**

**We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;**

**For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,**

**In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.**

**For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

**Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.**

**Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.**

THE SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the

new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing

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 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 men: 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.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

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.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

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, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Deacon 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.

Celebrant 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 Celebrant says the Comfortable Words.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*At this time ushers collect an offering from the congregation.
Use the QR code to make a plate offering.*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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The people stand.

Celebrant 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.**

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...

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS

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 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...

...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.**

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✻ ALTAR GIFTS ✻

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HAZEL HAUSSNER SPATZ
BY HER DAUGHTER

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY
OF JIM PENICK, JR
BY MARY AND HENRY HODGES, BARBARA AND JIM MCNAMEE,
THEIR FAMILIES AND THE FAMILY OF BEBO PENICK

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Preacher

The Rev. Rob Leacock

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Judy Barger

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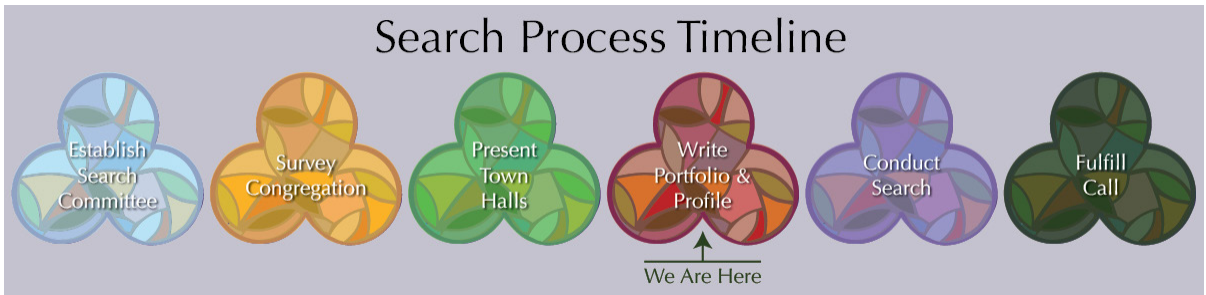
Please join us for coffee and continental breakfast after the service in Morrison Hall.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

This week at and around the Cathedral

Monday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5 p.m., Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5:30 p.m., Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Thursday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:15 p.m., Evening Prayer

Dean and Rector Search/Recruitment Update



The past weeks have been busy laying the groundwork for our search/recruitment. The “Have Your Say” townhall was a big success: over 80 of you had your say and gave numerous ideas and opinions. Thank you for making the time to attend.

One hundred seventy of you successfully completed the Church Assessment Survey and the reports are beginning to help us understand more clearly how you feel about our parish and what you want the future to look like. Again, thank you for taking the time for your contribution to this effort.

Over the next month, the committee and the vestry will be processing these data and then condensing them into a readable, attractive format (what is known as the Parish Profile) that will help us articulate who we are at Trinity and attract our next spiritual leader.

Please remember to pray for this process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come Make a Joyful Noise

This summer, Trinity is having a weekly “pick-up” choir on Sunday mornings. The choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 to rehearse music for the 10:30 eucharist. This allows people to try out choir without Thursday night rehearsals, evensongs, and with relatively simple music. Reach out to Colin MacKnight at colin@trinitylittlerock.org to get involved!

Be Still and Know that I am God: An Introduction to Centering Prayer

Sundays, June 22 – Sunday, July 27 at 9:15 am

Baker Parlor in Keller House

Join the Rev. Danny Schieffler in Baker Parlor in Keller House for a six-week introduction to the practice of contemplation, using the method of Centering Prayer. No preparation is required. Each week, we will spend a few minutes reading aloud from *Open Mind, Open Heart* by Thomas Keating, followed by a discussion. We will then spend a few minutes in silence. The book is widely available from the bookseller of your choice. To learn more, contact the Rev. Danny Schieffler danny@trinitylittlerock.org.

Clavier-Übung III: The Pinnacle of the Complete Bach Organ Series

Monday, July 28th (the exact 275th anniversary of Bach's death) at 7 pm

Totaling about 100 minutes, “Clav III” is Bach’s largest, most complex, and most difficult organ work. Reception to follow.

Interest Meeting for Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury 2026

Sunday, July 27 immediately after the 10:30 am service

Pierce Chapel

The Trinity Cathedral choir has accepted an invitation to be the choir-in-residence at Canterbury Cathedral in southeast England in Summer 2026, leading their daily services of Choral Evensong and Holy Eucharist. Alongside the choir tour, the Rev. Thomas Alexander will lead a pilgrimage for parishioners of all ages. Not only will pilgrims have the opportunity to worship daily with the Trinity Cathedral choir in the historic setting of Canterbury Cathedral, but they will also have a chance to study and experience all that Canterbury and the surrounding area have to teach us. Pilgrims will depart from Little Rock on Saturday, July 25 and arrive back home on Monday, August 3. Join the Rev. Thomas Alexander for an interest meeting on Sunday, July 27 in Pierce Chapel immediately following the 10:30 am service to learn more.

The Cost of Discipleship in a Conflicted Age

Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

August 24, 31, September 7, 14

We live in a world of social and cultural conflict, in which Christians struggle to know how best to respond in faith. Does our faith require a response? Ever? Always? How do we know whether and how Jesus would have us activate our faith? Rather than discern and decide in a vacuum, Christians should plumb the wisdom of those thinkers and saints who have gone before us. In this four-part seminar, The Rev. Barkley Thompson and participants will read and discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*, St. Patrick's "Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus," and the 1932 epic epistolary debate between brothers Reinhold and H. Richard Niebuhr. At the seminar's end, participants will be equipped to live their faith in new ways in the world. This seminar requires registration in advance, and participants are asked to attend all four sessions. The seminar is limited to 20 participants. (NOTE: August 31 falls on Labor Day weekend.) Register by emailing Barkley at bthompson@st-marks.com.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

EYC Ice Skating @ AR Skatium

Wednesday, July 23, 1:00 p.m.

Let's beat the heat with an afternoon at the rink! Join other Convocational Youth for an afternoon of iceskating at Arkansas Skatium. We'll cover your entry fee, bring your own concession money!

ECEP Sunday & Backpack Blessings

We will pray for ECEP and bless our backpacks before school starts on Monday, August 11. Can't wait to see you there!

More Dates in August

Make sure to get these dates on your calendar.

August 9: Playground Hangout

August 10: ECEP Sunday & Backpack Blessings

August 17: Children's Liturgy (Chapel during church) resumes!

August 24: Youth Back-to-School Bowling