



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2025, 10:30 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 a of the visitor card** in front of you and drop it in the offertory plate.*

Infants and Toddlers: *Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. Children's engagement materials can be found near the bell tower doors. The bell tower has a speaker that allows you to hear the service if you need to step out with your child. Ask an usher or greeter for directions to either location.*

Portions of our service during the first half of Ordinary Time come from Enriching Our Worship, a resource provided by the Episcopal Church.

Hymns are found in the red hymnal.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE

ROMANCE FROM SYMPHONIE NO. 4, OP. 32

Louis Vierne

HYMN 665

ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED

Michael

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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.**

A SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL S-236

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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.**

HYMN 542

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S TRUE LIGHT

St. Joan

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

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

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

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 to you, Lord 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Gracious and loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Please lead the Search Committee, Vestry, and people of Trinity Cathedral to discern your will as we seek a new Dean and Rector to shepherd our parish with love, compassion, vision, wisdom and dedication. Help us to feel your presence and guidance through this time of transition. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas so that we may follow where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way.

Empower all members of our Search Committee to use their gifts to the fullest, to share their thoughts openly and honestly, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy.

Finally, instill in all the people of Trinity Cathedral a glorious vision of your Kingdom, trusting that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may be united in love, with enlightened minds and open arms, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

The people stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Offertory Hymn, ushers collect an offering from the congregation.
Use the QR code to make a plate offering.*



Please stand for the Offertory Hymn. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the Celebrant.

HYMN 435

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

King's Weston

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER I

FROM *ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-127

The people stand or kneel.

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.

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 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.**

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S-154

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

MOTET

O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

Charles Villiers Stanford

*O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.*

Text by William Cowper

HYMN 516

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

Down Ampney

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

If people are being sent to take the Bread and Wine to those who are absent, the Deacon says

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN 594

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, BWV 688

Johann Sebastian Bach

✠ 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

Words on the Words: This summer, our liturgy at the 10:30 a.m. celebration of the Holy Eucharist comes from Enriching Our Worship, a liturgy approved by the Episcopal Church in 1997. This liturgy offers us fresh and faithful ways to pray, drawing upon the words of scripture and early Christian tradition, while using language that reflects the full dignity of all people. It helps us name and praise God with imagery that is expansive, inclusive, and spiritually resonant for our time. We will return to Eucharistic prayers A, B, C, and D from the Book of Common Prayer in the Fall. I look forward to hearing your feedback.

LITURGICAL LEADERS

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Rob Leacock
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Susan Payne, <i>Priest Associate</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	Peter Hartstein, Debbie Kincaid
<i>Intercessor</i>	Carolyn Hartstein
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mary Hodges, Missy McCain
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Katie Gunn, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Trinity Cathedral Choir Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society
<i>Ushers</i>	Herschel Cast, Matt McCoy, Michelle McLellen, Richard Moore
<i>Docent</i>	Michael McNeely

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for lemonade and cookies after the service in the courtyard hosted this week by the Men's Breakfast Group

If you would like to know about the Cathedral building and its history, a docent-led tour is available following the service. The tour starts in the baptistery at the back of the church.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

This week at and around the Cathedral

Monday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:30 p.m., Dean Search Committee
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Education for Ministry Cohort Forming

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program for lay-people administered by the University of the South. Traditionally, this has been a four year program (Old Testament, New Testament, History, Theology/Ethics). This program is ongoing with new revisions. With the new curriculum, Sewanee has also added a one-year survey option. Either way, we meet every Sunday afternoon to discuss our readings and reflect on what we are learning. EfM is a great way to dig deeper into the Bible, our traditions, our faith, and to come closer to God in a small group setting.

If you have any questions or wish to join, please come to an information session following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, August 3, or contact Missy McCain (missy@arkansas.anglican.org) or Greg Albert (albertgw@gmail.com).

Adult Formation in the Summer, Nicaea: 1700 years later

Sundays, August 3 – August 31 at 9:15 a.m.

Conference Room in Keller House

Join the Rev. Thomas Alexander for a five-week-long series on the Council of Nicaea, its history, and its legacy today. This summer marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council. We will closely study the greatest of this first ecumenical Council's decisions—the Nicene Creed—but we will also study some of the other, lesser-known decisions of Nicaea.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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, 9-11 a.m.

August 10: ECEP Sunday & Backpack Blessings

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

August 24: Youth Back-to-School Bowling

Search Process Timeline



School Supplies Drive For High-Need Children

NOW THRU SUNDAY AUGUST 10

An effort headed by the Matthew 25 Outreach Committee

- Collecting student and teacher supplies for the campus of Dr. Marian G. Lacey K-8 Academy in Little Rock, serving 1,400 children from the Cloverdale, Baseline and Meadowcliff neighborhoods of Southwest Little Rock.
- Collection areas staged at the entrance to the Cathedral to drop off your gifts, or at the Church office.
- Monetary gifts welcome, please place in the offering or mail to the church, noting: Back To School Supply Drive.

SUPPLY WISH LIST

Backpack (mesh or clear)
pencil box or pouch
#2 pencils (3–4 packs)
Erasers (large pink or pencil-top)
Crayons (24-count)
Colored pencils
Washable markers
Highlighters
Scissors (age-appropriate)
Tissue boxes
Hand sanitizer

Glue sticks (4–6) or 2 bottles of glue
Wide-ruled notebook paper
Composition notebooks
Spiral notebooks
Pocket folders with brads (assorted colors)
1-inch or 2-inch binder Ruler with inches
and centimeters
Post-it notes
Reusable water bottle
Disinfectant wipes

Dean and Rector Search/Recruitment Update

The Congregation Assessment Tool was recently administered at Trinity Cathedral Parish. 998 persons were invited to participate; of these, 185 persons responded. A response from every member is not required to provide valid results.

Overall, approximately 50% of your members are clearly satisfied with things in the church. This, along with other information, indicates that the church has opportunities which include growth, expansion, replication, and external impact. Whether any of these will be realized depends on the choices made.

Not every question is of equal importance to members. When asked how satisfied they are, members tend to focus on the issues addressed in the questions below. When they feel more positive in these areas, they tend to feel more positive overall.

- Persons who serve as leaders in our church are representative of the membership.
- I sense an atmosphere of genuine care and concern among our members in time of personal need.
- Our church provides opportunities for members to engage in active ministry within the church and to the world.
- Our church provides opportunities for education and formation in a variety of ways so that I can find one that fits my complex lifestyle.
- The whole spirit in our congregation makes people want to get as involved as possible.

Conversely, when your members feel less positive about the areas above, they tend to feel less satisfied with their experience in the church overall.

Every church exhibits patterns in its life that contain strengths and potential weaknesses. Our church has potential strengths related to openness and structure of religious practice. Potential weaknesses include a tendency to become tradition-bound and overwhelmed with needs.

As members look to the future, their top four goals are

- Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
- Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
- Create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships (for example, small groups, nurtured friendships, shared meals, etc).
- Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.

In comparison to other churches, three goals that are unusually strong for our church are

- Enlarge or improve the physical facilities of the church to expand or enhance our ministries.
- Expand outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society. (i.e. homeless, immigrant, transient persons)
- Strengthen the pastoral response of the church in serving people in times of need (emotional, mental, physical, spiritual, etc.).

These may warrant attention from the leadership even if they are mid-level priorities.

All the information in this report should be explored and validated in further conversation.

Survey data is not the end of a conversation but the beginning.