

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 7, 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.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LUKE 14:25-33

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

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.

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, buthave everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Celebrant

And with thy spirit. People

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 I

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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, 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, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice...

...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 and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Gilbert Leigh

by his wife and children

To the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for the birth of Charlotte Anne Bork, daughter of Caroline and Daniel Bork, and granddaughter of Beth and Bob Barnes

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by William Hronas

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant The Rev. Thomas Alexander, Curate

Preacher The Rev. Danny Schieffler, Interim Vicar

Deacon

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Judy Barger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today 11:45 a.m., Lunch in Morrison Hall

12 p.m., Daughters of the King meeting

4 p.m., Choral Evensong

4 p.m., E.K.C. 5 p.m., E.Y.C.

7 a.m., Breakfast and Bible Study Monday

8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m., Search Committee Meeting

Tuesday 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

1 p.m., SAGEing Group

Wednesday 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

12:15 p.m., Bach Organ Recital 5 p.m., Trinity Ringing Society

5:30 p.m., Eucharist with Healing Prayers

6:30 p.m., Book Club

Thursday 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

5:15 p.m., Evening Prayer

7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 9 a.m., Garden Work Party

9 a.m.., Family Playground Hang Out

10 a.m., Acolyte Training

10 a.m., Faith and Food Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden News

There is a new sign-up link for the Broadway Community Garden! Please use the QR code to the right to sign up to help us in the garden this fall.

We will also have a FUN volunteer day on Saturday morning, September 13th so please mark your calendars. There will be snacks, beverages, and maybe a few surprises! Details to come.

Weekly Bach Organ Recitals Resume

Every Wednesday, September 10 through December 17 – 12:15 to 12:45 pm

Adult Formation

Bible Study: The Historical Books

Sundays, 9:15 am – 10:15 am (beginning September 7) Morrison Hall

Join Father Thomas on Sunday mornings in Morrison Hall as they study various Biblical books and themes. In the fall, they will begin studying the so-called "Historical Books" of the Old Testament: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 2 Kings. This class is an accessible introduction for those who are new to the Church and to reading the Bible. To sign up for the class's emails, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Bible Study for Parents: The Sunday Lectionary

Sundays, 9:15 am – 10:15 am (beginning September 7) Parish House Library

Join Joe Ramsey and Father Danny on Sunday mornings in the Parish House Library (second floor) as they study the Gospel reading assigned for worship services that day. This class is especially intended for parents who have kids of any age at home. The goal is to build community amongst parents at Trinity through the study of Scripture. No preparation is required. To sign up, contact Joe Ramsey (ramseyajoseph@gmail.com).

Spiritual Practices: The Everyday Collect with Lisa Thorpe

Sundays, 9:15 am - 10:15 am (September 7 - October 26)

Conference Room in Keller House

Join Lisa Thorpe for this 8-week series, where participants will use everyday encounters as inspiration to write prayers in the Collect form. Lisa Thorpe is a Trinity parishioner, an artist, and educator, and she is training to be a spiritual director. To sign up or to learn more, contact Lisa Thorpe (artist@lisathorpe.com).

Breakfast and Bible Study

Mondays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am (beginning September 8)

Community Bakery on Main Street

Join us at our local Community Bakery as we begin the week by sharing breakfast and discussing the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Our Monday preparations make Sundays even more meaningful. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (*thomas@trinitylittlerock.org*).

SAGEing Group

Second Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (beginning September 9)

Baker Parlor in Keller House

As part of our ministry with seniors, our SAGEing Group is open to all who are 60+ years of age. This small group offers a safe, respectful place to explore and share what is deeply meaningful for our journey from aging to SAGEing. This will be a time of learning, growth, and reflection. We are seeking a focus on the spiritual journey of aging. We are redefining "aging" as we explore our inner wisdom, share our life stories and insights, learn from traditional and contemporary thinkers, and wrestle with our questions. We embrace the season of life we are in and savor our good times and our difficult times. We are SAGEing on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in Baker Parlor. To learn more or to sign up, contact Jean Harper (501-607-6143, harper4188@comcast.net).

Book Club: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (beginning September 10)

Conference Room in Keller House

Join us as we read and discuss various books from across the Christian tradition, some older and some newer. Our first book for the Fall will be C. S. Lewis' beloved classic, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Copies and various editions are widely available at bookstores of your choice. To sign up, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (*thomas@trinitylittlerock.org*).

September 10: Chapters 1–4 September 17: Chapters 5–8 September 24: Chapters 9–11 October 1: Chapters 12–14 October 8: Chapters 15–17

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Food and Faith Cooking Class

Saturday, September 13: Fueling our Bodies with Healthy Choices!

10:00 - 11:00 am, Morrison Hall

Open to PreK-4th graders, this Saturday morning cooking class incorporates a shared meal and time together for faith formation. Led by Denise Albert, with Cooking in Bloom, young people are encouraged to explore healthy eating, kitchen skills, and how to nourish our bodies faithfully! Class is limited so please sign up! http://bit.ly/cookingfoodfaith

Acolyte Training

Saturday September 13, 10 am

in the Cathedral

This training is for both old and new acolytes. Fr. Danny will be there along with Otis Howe, Michael McNeely and Grant Wallace.

Please attend if you can, we will review processions and serving. It would be great to have some of our older acolytes help and encourage the new acolytes.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION

Children's Formation (PreK-5th Grade)

9:15-10:15 a.m.

"Children's Formation" is an opportunity for young parishioners to engage with God through play, storytelling, music, and creative expression. Using Godly Play and Catechesis storytelling methods, children will explore scripture, the teachings of Jesus, and core parts of the Episcopal liturgy.

Children's Liturgy

During the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

"Children's Liturgy" is an opportunity for young children (2nd grade & under) to engage more deeply in worship at a developmentally appropriate level. During "chapel time" they hear the Gospel story, sing, pray and reflect together. They return to church during The Peace, in time for communion. Parents are welcome to join their children during chapel time.

Episcopal Kids Community (EKC)

Sundays, 4-5 p.m. Program, 5-5:30 p.m. Dinner

Open to all current 4th - 5th graders. EKC provides our younger youth the space to play games, ask questions about their faith, and grow as a community in a fun and safe environment! 1 hour of program followed by shared dinner with EYC (6th-12th). Parents are invited to support this program by providing dinner.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Sundays, 5-5:30 p.m. Dinner, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Program

Open to all current 6th - 12th graders, EYC is a weekly opportunity to gather as a youth community, check-in, play games, explore our faith journeys, and have fun together as we grow as disciples. Programming follows after a shared community dinner with EKC. Parents are invited to support this program by providing dinner.

In the Community

Love Thy Neighbor: Be Still Together

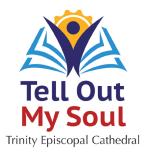
Thursday, September 11, 2025, 6 – 8 p.m.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church 1000 North Mississippi Street Little Rock

Love Thy Neighbor is an annual interfaith service that brings central Arkansas faith communities together for an evening of music, shared wisdom, and reflection. This year's theme "Be Still Together" invites participants to explore moments of stillness and quiet reflection with one another as a way of strengthening and building community. Speakers from various religious backgrounds will share stories, poems, and prayers from their faith traditions, and local ensembles and musicians will invite participants into times of quiet reflection and collective harmony. This year's speaker is Dr. Rebecca Glazier.

The Interfaith Food Festival will follow the service in the parish hall at Saint Mark's with delicious vegetarian dishes prepared by local caterers and faith communities.

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed..."

Luke 1:46-48

Our annual stewardship season is beginning today. During this season there will be themed sermons by the clergy and testimonials during the announcements.

A new feature this year will be a series of "Cottage Gatherings" in parishioners' homes where participants enjoy some fellowship time followed by some brief talks about the value and importance of stewardship in the church. We hope these gatherings will help you all as you prayerfully consider how you will support Trinity in the coming year. There are eight gatherings in different parts of Little Rock scheduled from September 18 to October 16.

Scan this code, or call Mary Margaret Wippo, 501-247-6417 to sign up.



On October 19, the birthday of Trinity, the campaign will move into a more active phase when campaign materials and pledge cards will be mailed out to all parishioners. A special birthday party with cake and Loblolly ice cream is planned after church that day.

Then, on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 2, we will gather and bless all the pledge cards. Stewardship committee members will make follow up calls to ensure that everyone has the chance to make a pledge.

Heres looking forward to a fun and productive stewardship season.