

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 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.

Hymns are found in the red hymnal.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE TRIO SONATA NO. 6 IN G, BWV 530

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Vivace II. Lento

Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

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

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

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.

GLORIA HYMNAL S-280

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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
Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

PSALM 113 Laudate, pueri Sung by the choir

Anglican Chant by Herbert Howells

Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

THE SECOND READING

I Тімотну 2:1-7

Pirst of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind.

Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

-this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 550

Jesus calls us' o'er the tumult

Restoration

During this hymn, children in second grade and younger who want to take part in the Children's Liturgy follow the Good Shepherd banner out of the Nave. They will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15;1-13

Deacon

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of

your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 I

BCP 383

The Deacon says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially ______, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially ______, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ______, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; 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

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 your Son 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.

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 Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Hymn, ushers collect an offering from the congregation.

Use the QR code to make a plate offering.



During the Offertory Anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

ANTHEM

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

Edward Bairstow

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Text by H. W. Baker

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction, grace bestoweth: And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS sung by all

HYMNAL S-129

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The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now as our Savior Christ has 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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM sung by all

HYMNAL S-163

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

COMMUNION MOTET

Ne irascaris, Domine

William Byrd

Ne irascaris Domine satis, et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis nostrae. Ecce respice populus tuus omnes nos.

> Be not angry, O Lord, and remember our iniquity no more. Behold, we are all your people.

Hymn 488 Be thou my vision Slane

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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. We who are many are one, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.

THE BLESSING

People

Hymn 594 God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE III. ALLEGRO FROM DREI TONSTÜCKE, Op. 22

Niels Gade

& ALTAR GIFTS &

To the glory of God and in Loving memory of Pauline Brown Allen and John Louis Brown by William Mitchell Brown

To the glory of God and in Loving memory of Dr. Robert Entzminger and Henry Entzminger by Harriet and Warren Stephens

Notes on the Notes: This morning's offertory anthem is a hymn-anthem based on the well-known hymn *The King of Love my shepherd is.* Hymn-anthems are essentially what they sound like: choral anthems that are based on a hymn tune. The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 and was chosen for its relation to today's gospel. Byrd's *Ne irascaris Domine* is chosen for its connection to today's Exodus reading.

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant The Rev. Danny Schieffler, Interim Vicar

Preacher The Rev. Thomas Alexander, Curate

Assisting Clergy The Rev. Susan Payne, Priest Associate

Deacon The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon

Lectors Valerie Smith, Scott Whitfield

Intercessor Herschel Cast

Lay Eucharistic Minister Marcia Wayland, Chalmer Wayland

Acolytes

Children's Chapel Frances Mitchell, Tori Tackett

Music Dr. Colin MacKnight, Director of Music

Katie Gunn, Associate Director of Music

Trinity Cathedral Choir

Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society

Ushers Susan Borné, Herschel Cast, Josh Hill, Rettina Hill, Lisa McNeir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for lunch in Morrison Hall following the service.

Because of the special lunch today, we will not have cookies and lemonade after the service.

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today 4 p.m., Choral Evensong

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

Monday 7 a.m., Breakfast and Bible Study

8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

Tuesday 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer Wednesday 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

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

5:30 p.m., Community Dinnter

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

6 p.m., Koinonia Eucharist

6:30 p.m., Book Club

Thursday 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

5:15 p.m., Evening Prayer 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

DEAN SEARCH UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who made suggestions to the committee of names for our next Dean and Rector. With your suggestions and those of key clergy members who love Trinity, we have had over 50 potential candidates suggested and have followed up with all of them offering to share our Parish Profile with them and inviting them to be in discernment with us.

Your committee is now at work reviewing candidates who have submitted applications and the committee will be interviewing candidates that the committee believes to be appropriate for Trinity.

Thank you for your prayers for this process, for the committee, and for the candidates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peace Week Interfaith Block Party

Sunday, September 21, 12-2 pm

The Interfaith Center (1616 S. Spring St., Little Rock)

Celebrate peace in the Natural State with a block party at The Interfaith Center! Gather for an afternoon of outdoor games and activities, desserts, food vendors, music by Mömandpöp, and connecting with your interfaith community. This event has free admission and is open to the public. Bring a non-perishable item to donate to the Arkansas Foodbank.

Co-hosted by an interfaith team with members from Arkansas Culture and Dialog Center, Congregation B'nai Israel, Madina Institute, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, and Westover Hills Presbyterian Church.

Note Spring Street will be blocked off Sunday morning to allow for set up. The parking lot will be open and available. Ample street parking can be found around the church.

Multi-choir Evensong

The choirs of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and St. Luke's, North Little Rock Sunday, September 21 at 4 pm

The Trinity Choir will join forces with the choirs of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and St. Luke's, North Little Rock for a special St. Matthew's Day evensong next Sunday, followed by a reception.

Trinitas Fall Concert: Vox et Organum

Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church

The Trinitas Ensemble will present its first-ever program of virtuoso works for choir and organ with guest organist David Enlow. This concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church; tickets cost \$15 per person.

ADULT PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Bible Study: The Historical Books

Sundays, 9:15 am – 10:15 am 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

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

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).

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

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm 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 17: Chapters 5-8

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Episcopal Kids Community (EKC)

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

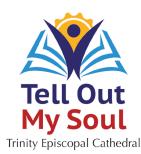
Open to all current 4th - 5th graders. EKC provides our younger youth the space to play games, ask questions about their faith, and grow as a community in a fun and safe environment! 1 hour of program followed by shared dinner with EYC (6th-12th). Parents are invited to support this program by providing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

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.

Details

All Starting at 6pm
September 18 | Midtown Dawn & Otis Howe
September 23 | Heights Becky & Rett Tucker
September 25 | Pleasant Valley Elizabeth & Tom Clark
September 30 | West Little Rock Mary Starr & Wade Brock
October 2 | Heights Mary Margaret & Eric Wippo
October 7 | Cammack Village Courtney & Brady Brown
October 16 | Hillcrest Mary Claire & Mitchell Dowden
October 16 | Cammack Village April & David Turner



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.