



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026, 8 a.m.

Welcome: *Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

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.

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 FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149 *Cantate Domino*

Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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.

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.

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.

The Celebrant then says 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, but have 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

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 HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All 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; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again...

...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

To receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand at the Altar rail. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request. If you prefer not to drink the Wine, please know that receiving only Bread is a “full Communion.” If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the Bread and Wine, come forward to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. If, for whatever reason, you prefer to receive the Bread and Wine in your pew, let your usher know.

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.**

✻ ALTAR GIFTS ✻

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GILBERT LEIGH
BY HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF
THE MARRIAGE OF OUR DAUGHTER MADELINE CLAIRE TABOR TO PHILIP STIEHL
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH AT SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
BY SCOTT AND DENISE TABOR

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Peggy Cromwell, *Priest Associate for Pastoral Care*

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ken Dick



WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF HELEN LEIGH, A
MEMBER OF THE 1884 LEGACY SOCIETY. A GIFT FROM HER
ESTATE WILL CONTINUE HER LOVING SUPPORT OF TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL.

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	No EKC/EYC		6:30 p.m.	Book Club
Monday	Cathedral Offices Closed	Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer		5:15 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer		7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	4 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal			
	5 p.m. St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal			
	Trinity Ringing Society			
	5:15 p.m. Eucharist with Healing Prayers			
	Community Dinner			
	6 p.m. Koinonia Eucharist			

UPCOMING EVENTS

QR codes provided for additional information and registrations

The Cathedral Forum: Cathedral Life: Topics in Mission and Ministry

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Morrison Hall

The Cathedral Forum is Trinity's principal adult education gathering each Sunday morning, bringing together clergy, parishioners, and guest speakers for engaging presentations and discussions about the Christian faith and our common life. Our next series, "Cathedral Life: Topics in Mission and Ministry," led by the Very Rev. Andrea McMillin, will turn our attention to Trinity itself. Each week, we'll explore a different aspect of the Cathedral's ministry and mission, taking a closer look at some of the people, ministries, opportunities, and commitments that are shaping our life together. Along the way, we'll celebrate what God is already doing in and through our Cathedral and consider how we might strengthen and build upon that work in the years ahead.

The Trinity Book Club: *Discipleship* by Dietrich

Bonhoeffer

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Parish House Room 101 (Beginning September 9)

Join us each Wednesday evening as we read and discuss classic and contemporary books that deepen our understanding of the Christian life. Our conversations are thoughtful, welcoming, and open to anyone who enjoys reading alongside others. The Trinity Book Club next turns to one of the most compelling Christian voices of the twentieth century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor and theologian who resisted the Nazi regime and was executed in the final weeks of World War II. His most famous work, *Discipleship* (ISBN: 0800683242), asks what happens when we take Jesus' call to "follow me" seriously. The discussion will be led by the Rev. Thomas Alexander. To sign up, contact thomas@trinitylittlerock.org.

September 9: Preface and Chapters 1–3

September 16: Chapters 4–5, Chapter 6 through “The Righteousness of Christ”

September 23: “Kindred” through “The Enemy—The Extraordinary”

September 30: remainder of Chapter 6–Chapter 7

October 7: Chapters 8–11 October 14:

Chapters 12–13

The Inquirers’ Class: *Your Faith, Your Life* by Jennifer Gamber

Sundays, 9:15 am (beginning September 13)

Parish House Room 101

Led by members of the Cathedral clergy, our Inquirers’ Class is a welcoming introduction to the Episcopal Church for newcomers and a refresher for longtime Episcopalians. Together, we’ll explore the beliefs, worship, history, and practices of the Episcopal Church, while getting to know one another in a relaxed setting. Our textbook is *Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church* by Jennifer Gamber. To register or learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander at thomas@trinitylittlerock.org.

Choral Evensong Resumes

Sundays at 4 p.m. beginning September 13

Fresh off their successful week as choir in residence at Canterbury Cathedral, the Trinity Cathedral Choir is preparing to return to offering weekly Choral Evensongs.

Choral Evensong is a contemplative service of music, readings, and prayers that takes place in the late afternoon or early evening. It allows listeners time to meditate and transition from the busyness of the day to the peace and quiet of the evening. Evensong’s distinguishing feature is that it consists primarily of music. Trinity Cathedral is one of only a handful of parishes in the country to offer this moving service every week. A festive reception will follow the service.

Join us for a Cottage Gathering near you!

Beginning September 22 and running through October 15, parishioners are invited to gather in homes throughout our community for an evening of fellowship and conversation about the life we are building together. Our stewardship campaign theme, *How Firm a Foundation*, gives thanks for the strong foundation we have received and strengthened together, while looking with hope toward the work ahead in this new season at Trinity.

At each gathering, we’ll enjoy time with fellow parishioners, hear more about the opportunities before us, and reflect on how our generosity helps provide a firm foundation for Trinity’s ministry in the years to come. Choose a cottage gathering in your neighborhood—or whichever date and location works best for you—and sign up to join us.



Weekly Lunchtime Organ Recitals Resume

Wednesdays, 12:15–12:45 beginning September 16

30-minute lunchtime organ recitals will resume every Wednesday at 12:15 pm beginning September 16. Come enjoy some wonderful music during your lunchbreak!

Young Adults’ Gathering

Saturday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Join fellow parishioners in their 20s and 30s for a time of dinner and fellowship. The next gathering is on Saturday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Thomas Alexander and Lillian Hardaway, and we’ll play board games following dinner. To RSVP and receive the address, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander at thomas@trinitylittlerock.org.

Sunday Evening Youth Groups

EKC (4th-5th) & EYC (6th-12th)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Youth Room, Chancellors Hall

Every Sunday evening, our youth gather for food and fellowship. Our two communities share dinner together for the first 30 minutes, and then gather separately for 1 hour of programming, including faith formation, games, and service projects. This is a weekly opportunity to grow as disciples in a joyful and welcoming community. We invite parents and other volunteers to help provide weekly dinner for our youth, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/tclrsundaydinners>



To learn more, contact Emma Mitchell at emma@trinitylittlerock.org.

September Schedule

6: NO EKC/EYC (We'll resume on September 13!)

13: "Time, Talent, & Treasure"

20: AYE Weekend @ Camp Mitchell (NO EKC/EYC)

27: Garden Work Day

New Program at Camp Mitchell: *Grown-Up & Me: First Timer Mini-Camp*

October 16–17 at Camp Mitchell!

Designed especially for first-time campers and their grown-ups, this mini-camp is a wonderful opportunity to experience the magic of Camp Mitchell together—making memories, exploring the mountain, enjoying camp activities, and growing in community.

Wondering what to expect? We've put together a helpful Parent FAQ with information about Camp Mitchell, what your weekend will look like, what to bring, and more!

We can't wait to welcome our newest campers and their grown-ups to the mountain!



Arkansas Youth Event

Camp Mitchell

Friday, September 18–Sunday, September 20

Every fall and spring we host an annual retreat for youth in the 6th-12th grade at Camp Mitchell on Petit Jean mountain. Youth from across the diocese come together for a weekend of worship, play, rest, and formation! We hope you'll join us this year, register soon! Reach out to Adam Alexander, St. Paul's Fayetteville, with questions!

Register at: <https://forms.gle/Qn2tZxinsuRQRgio9>



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