

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6th 2026

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

A Total Ministry Congregation

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Our Mission: To seek, know, love and serve
Christ in all persons and all Creation.

Ministers: All the Baptized
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley
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Readers: Erik Strand
Music: Jeannie Strand & Gavia Yount

Bishop of Minnesota: The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya

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Sundays: 10:00 am
Services can also be viewed on KCC-TV

As We Gather at Your Table



1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon



As we lis - ten to your Word,
 In the sac - ra - ment of life;
 Oth - er guests to share that feast



Help us know, O God, your pres - ence:
 Send us forth to love and serve you,
 Where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come



Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with
 Bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your
 Those who had been last and least. There no more will



sa - cred sto - ry Till we claim it as our own;
 great com - pas - sion To for - give as you for - gave;
 en - vy blind us Nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



Teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet
 May we still be - hold your im - age
 As we join with saints and an - gels



How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 In the world you died to save.
 To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

(Lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People)

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

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

The Celebrant says

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 Mass of Christ The Savior

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.
1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
1. glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
1. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,

2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,

2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand,

2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly to Coda or Refrain

3. Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33: 7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

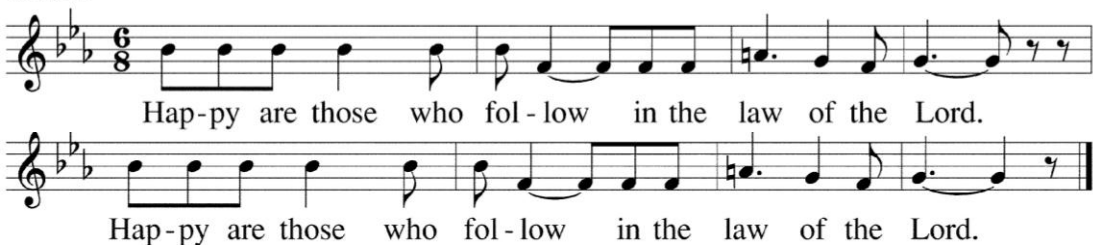
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Psalm 119: Happy Are Those Who Follow

Refrain



1. Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Happy are they who observe God's decrees, who seek God with all their heart.
Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.
2. You have commanded that all your precepts be kept with diligence.
Oh, that I might be strong in the ways of keeping to your law.
Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

3. Be good to your servant that I may live, may live to keep your word.
Open my heart that I may consider the wonders of your law.
Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.
4. Instruct me, O God, in the way of your statutes,
that I may exactly observe them.
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law.
Give me discernment to keep it with all my heart.
Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 13: 8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia Mass of Christ The Savior

Dan Schutte



Holy Gospel

Matthew 18: 15-20

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

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, 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. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Sermon

All who are able, please stand.

People and Celebrant

Nicene Creed

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

God's word tells us that those who love their neighbors have fulfilled the law. Out of love and compassion for a broken world, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For nations crippled by international debt, for nations who must beg and scramble for the necessities of life, for nations whose people live in poverty, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all Christians who have more than they need, that taking the Lord's word to heart, they may be content with what is necessary and generously share their surplus with the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the children of our own country caught in the cycle of poverty, ignorance, disease, and despair, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in our own neighborhood who are out of work and out of luck, for broken families, for those crippled by debt, for those at their wit's end, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in any need, especially the family of John Grate, the Franko family, Brian Koch, Roger Bergkamp, Glen Zimmer, Candace DeGagne, Nancy & Greg Hunter, Eddie Blaha, Tia Martins, Kris & Steve McClenney, Robin Monahan, Karen Race, Michael Valdez, Meghan Finlayson, Mike Solomon, Dave Karraffa, Karen Cendejas, & Sue Vidor. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the Episcopal Homes of Minnesota, Episcopal Group Homes, Guardian Angels and all other institutions that do ministry for and with the elderly. Please pray for your local senior residential facilities and care centers. And pray also for all farmers and laborers working with the harvest, especially San Jose Obrero Mission in Montgomery and Good Courage Farm. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*), and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Int'l Falls). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you invited the beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind, to eat and drink at your table and to feast in your kingdom; and lo, here we are. Grant us the grace to extend to others the same generosity you have shown to us; for you are our Lord, our God forever and ever.

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.***

Silence

Confession of Sin

All who are able, please kneel.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister 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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements

Holy Communion

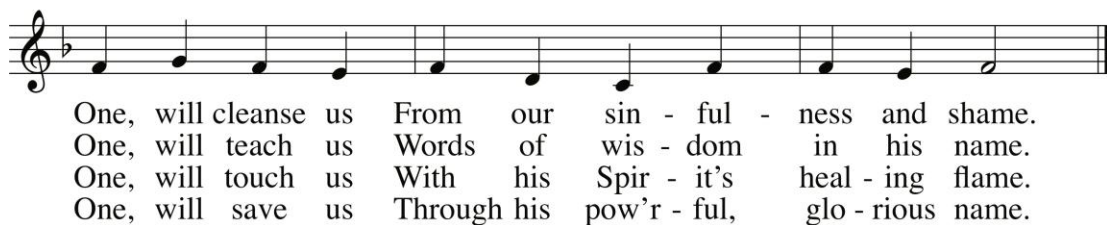
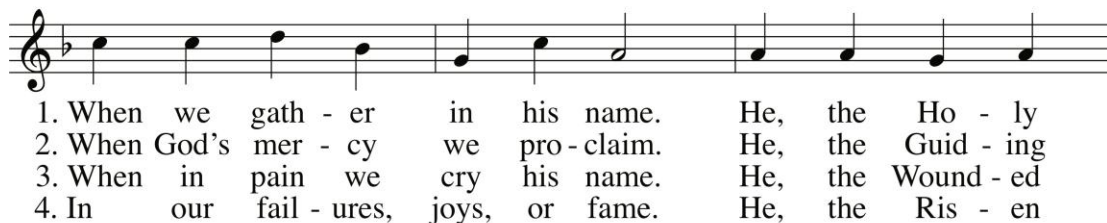
The celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

All who are able, please stand

Offertory Hymn

Christ Has Promised to Be Present



Prayers Over The Gifts

Gracious God, accept these Gifts from your people in gratitude for all your blessings poured out upon us. ***Amen***

All who are able, please remain standing

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds (Lines in **Bold** are spoken by the People)*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus Mass of Christ The Savior Dan Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Amen

Mass of Christ The Savior

Dan Schutte



The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the bread
A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is open to everyone

Communion Hymn

Seek Ye First 600

Canon



1. Seek ye first the king-dom of God and His right - eous-
2. Man shall not live by bread a - lone, but by ev - 'ry
3. Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you, seek, and ye shall



ness, and all these things shall be add-ed un - to you;
word that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God;
find, knock, and the door shall be o-pened un - to you;



Al - le - lu, al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al-le - lu - ia.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All who are able, please stand or kneel

Celebrant and People

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Remember that life is short and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you, always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re -
3. Al - ways giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing



Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you,
 flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,
 ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,



Open - ing to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Lov - ing Fa - ther,
 Join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,



sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Prais - ing you e - ter - nal - ly!
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Next Sunday: September 13th ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



***Sept 6th – 12th ~ Parker Wright
~ David McKee***

***Congratulations to you: May your faith be true &
may God's love and blessing descend upon you!***

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

“ Everything that is really great and
inspiring is created by the individual
who can labor in freedom. ”

— Albert Einstein

