

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27th 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
Deacon: Venerable Archdeacon Lee Grim

Readers: Carole Johnson
Music: Gerry & Jackie Guimond & Gavia
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Bishop of Minnesota: The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya

Watch Holy Trinity Livestream on Facebook
Sundays: 10:00 am
Services can also be viewed on KCC-TV

Anthem

Refrain



We are called, we are cho-sen. We are Christ for one an-oth-er. We are



prom-ised to to-mor-row, while we are for him to-day. We are



sign, we are won-der. We are sow-er, we are seed. We are



har-vest, we are hun-ger. We are ques-tion, we are creed.



1. Then where can we stand jus-ti-fied? In what can we be -

2. Then how are we to stand at all, this world of bend-ed

3. Then shall we not stand emp-ty at the al-tar of our



lieve? In no one else but Christ who suf-fered, noth-ing

knee? In noth-ing more than bar-ren shad-ows. No one

dreams? When Christ prom-ised us our-selves. Who mark



more than Christ who rose. Who was jus-tice for the poor.

else but Christ could save us. Who was jus-tice for the poor.

time a-gainst to-mor-row. Who are jus-tice for the poor.



Who was rage a-gainst the night.

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hope for peace-ful peo-ple. Who was light.

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(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 a Joyful Heart

Steve Anaritano and Tom Tomaszek

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and to Verses |
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

1. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
1. might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
1. thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of
2. God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;—
2. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -

2. - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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

3. for you a - lone are the Most High,

3. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

3. 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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³"As I live," says the Lord GOD, "this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone," says the Lord GOD. "Turn, then, and live."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25: 1-8

TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spir-it
 to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul. | 1 || 2-4 to Vss. || Final

To you I lift up my soul. To you I lift up my soul.

verses

1. Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your
 2. Good and up-right our gra - cious God, show-ing the
 3. Stead-fast and kind your ways, O God; all who re-



Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

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

- Holy Gospel*

Matthew 21:23-32

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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 is a father to those who obey God's word and to those who ignore it. With great humility, then, and with great confidence, let us confide to God the hopes and needs, the pains and the labors of the whole world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all in the world who do not know Christ as the faithful Son who did the will of his Father and revealed to us his Father's kindness, that God's love may be known among them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the churches of the world, that they might prove in their collective witness and action the obedience to God that they profess, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this country, that our unity might be strengthened by genuine commitment to God's will and by faithful obedience to God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For traitors and prostitutes, for drug-peddlers and con artists, for all who live in the underworld of our nation or outside the pale of respectability, that they might continue to be the special object of God's love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, that we might be delivered from all illusion of superiority, from all pretense of righteousness, from all arrogance and hardness of heart, and that we might know the meaning of compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 Point O Pines Mennonite Church (Int'l Falls). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God, you are a God of mercy, a God who does not deal with us according to our sins nor make your love contingent on our good behavior. Be merciful to your people everywhere, and hear our prayers for those who are in need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

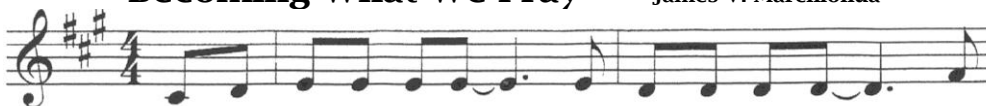
Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

All who are able, please stand

Offertory Hymn

Becoming What We Pray

James V. Marchionda



1. When the hun-gry are fed,— the na - ked are clothed, and
2. When the na-tions at war— put down all their arms and
3. When re - li-gion is true— to God's liv - ing word and



1. child-ren liv - ing on— the street are giv-en a home, when be-liev -
2. troops in ev - 'ry coun - try can re-turn to their homes, when our pol -
3. preach-es love and mer - cy o - ver oth-er con-cerns, when the chur-



1. - ers tru - ly prac-tice what we pray, then the world will
2. - i - tics em-bod - y what we pray, then the world will
3. - ches tru - ly prac-tice what we preach, then the world will



1. be trans - formed. When the lone-ly are loved the
2. be trans - formed. When re - spect for the earth is
3. be trans - formed. When our tol - er-ance grows be -



1. fright-ened are freed, and wom-en ev - 'ry-where are treat-ed
2. great - er than greed, and hu-man laws re-lect cre - a-tion's
3. yond all our fears and we view on an-oth - er as the

1. equ - al - ly, —
 2. dig - ni - ty, —
 3. im - age of God, — } when be - liev - ers tru - ly prac - tice what we

1.-3. pray then the king - dom of God — will be near. —

It's not up to God a - lone to lis - ten to prayer.

It's not up to God a - lone to an - swer.

But when the peo - ple of God be - come what we pray,
 the king - dom of God — is re - vealed. —

When the peo - ple of God — be - come what we pray,
 the king - dom of God is re - vealed.

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



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.



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

419 Deep Within

Deep with - in I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Fol - low me, I will bring you back, you will
be my own, and I will be your God.
1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir - it with -
2. Seek my face, and see your
3. Re - turn to me, with all your
in you, for I will be your strength.
God, for I will be your hope.
heart, and I will bring you back.

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:* You Are the Voice**

You are the voice of the liv - ing God,
call-ing us now to live in your love, to be
chil-dren of God once a - gain!

Cantor:
1. Praise for the light that shines through the night, from
2. Praise for the wa - ter that springs from the sea, the
3. Praise for the sing - ing and praise for the dance, with

dark - ness to light, from death to new life, and
seed that gives life to all who be - lieve, God's
new heart and voice, all raise the song of

praise to the morn - ing that brings forth the sun, to
love o - ver - flow - ing, our hearts know the joy to be
praise to cre - a - tion; all heav - en and earth, come

All:
o - pen our eyes to the Lord! To
daugh - ters and sons of the Lord! To be
sing of the glo - ry of God! Come

o - pen our eyes to the Lord! For
daugh - ters and sons of the Lord! For
sing of the glo - ry of God! For

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: October 4th ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



COMMUNITY CANCER WALK

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

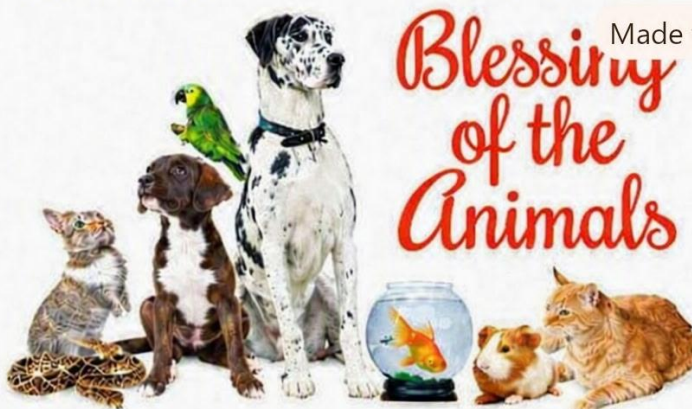
**Location: MN North Community College-
Rainy River**

8:45 a.m. Registration RRCC Commons

9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Come to walk, visit, have a cup of coffee, walk, donate, and register for
a drawing.**

**Money raised to purchase \$300 Gas Cards for Koochiching County
Cancer Patients actively being treated for cancer.**



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Blessing of the Animals

**All Faiths welcome.
Bring your pets and animals.**

**When: Saturday, October 3rd at
1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Borderland Humane Society
parking lot
1990 Valley Pine Circle, International
Falls, MN 56649**

Please be sure to properly leash or
contain your animals.

Bless an animal in memoriam.

Bring a picture of your pet if it's better to
do so.

**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small.**



***Sept 28th – Oct 3rd ~ Dixie Juel
~ Bob Stone
~ Wilbur Tveit***



Sept 30th ~ Grace O'Kane

***God's Blessings on
the Anniversary of
Your Ordination***

Oct 1st ~ Rev Dr Samantha Crossley

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

