

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4th 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: Molly Pavleck
Music: Jeannie Strand & Gavia Yount

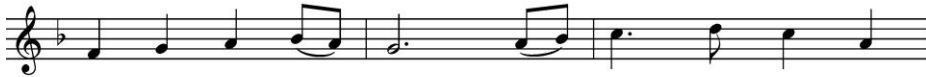
Bishop of Minnesota: The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya

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

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

(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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-14

Refrain Psalm 80: The Vineyard of the Lord



1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore look down from heaven and see.
Visit the vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
4. And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek



1. Let your heart rejoice in the Lord.
Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world
that our God has come to save.

2. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

The Christian church is the vineyard of the Lord, with all its needs and problems: growing the grapes, making the wine, managing the Lord's work. Let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the fruit of our common prayer and ministry be the eucharistic wine which will soon unite all in Christ the Vine and make us one, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our leaders in both church and state may accept their stewardship and accountability to God, and that there may be a rich harvest, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the peace of God which is beyond all understanding may lift from our suffering world its burdens of anxiety, war, violence, oppression, poverty, and disease, and that God's fruitfulness will give life to all in need, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord's vineyard may quickly extend its healthy branches through the world, sheltering the peoples with Christ's gentleness and loving-kindness, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That Jesus, the stone which the builders rejected, may be recognized as the keystone of church and creation, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in any need, especially the Franko family, Brian Koch family, 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 of the vineyard

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world; and for the Episcopal Church, and Presiding Bishop. Pray for the 169th ECMN Convention to be held October 23-24 in the Twin Cities. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*), and St Paul Lutheran Church (Int'l Falls). Let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of the harvest, we pray that our global Christian community may fulfill your Son's prayer and that we may soon be one in the name of Christ as he is in you, his Father, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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

Only This I Want

Refrain

On-ly this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross so to wear the crown he wore.

1. All but this is loss, worth-less ref-use to me,
2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
3. Let your heart be glad, al-ways glad in the Lord,

for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.
so to win the prize of the King-dom of my Lord.
so to shine like stars in the dark-ness of the night.

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:

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

The Celebrant then continues

People and Celebrant

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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

Life-giving Bread, Saving Cup



Life-giv-ing bread, sav-ing cup, we of-fer in thanks-giv-ing, O God.



Life-giv-ing bread, sav-ing cup, we of-fer as a sign of our love.



1. For bread that is bro - ken, we give thanks. For
2. We thank you, O Fa - ther, for your name which
3. Cre - a - tor of all, we of - fer thanks. You
4. Re - mem - ber your Church which sings your praise. Per -



wine that is poured, we give praise. For
you give to dwell in our hearts. You
give us a share in your life. You
fect it in truth and in love. And



life and for knowl-edge of the King-dom, all
bring us to - geth - er as one fam - 'ly: all
strength - en our bod - y and our spir - it: all
gath - er your peo - ple all to - geth - er to



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:

O Christ the Great Foundation



1. O Christ the great foun - da - tion On which your peo - ple stand
2. Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, One church in all the earth,
3. Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, Where strong de-vour the weak,
4. This is the mo-ment glo - rious When he who once was dead



To preach your true sal - va - tion In ev - 'ry age and land:
We bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, The sign of sec - ond birth:
Where in - no - cents are fright-ened The right-eous fear to speak,
Shall lead his church vic - to - rious, Their cham-pion and their head.



Pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it To make us strong and pure,
One ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered In love be - yond our own,
There let your church a - wak - ing At - tack the pow'rs of sin
The Lord of all cre - a - tion His heav'n - ly king-dom brings



To keep the faith un - bro - ken As long as worlds en - dure.
By grace we were in - vit - ed, By grace we make you known.
And, all their ram-parts break - ing, With you the vic - tory win.
The fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, The glo - ry of all things.

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 11th ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



Zion Lutheran Church Women
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Harvest Bazaar

Tuesday, October 13
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Crafts  *Bake Sale*  *Delicious Meal*

Proceeds from this important fundraiser help purchase kitchen supplies, meet budgeted needs, and support other gifts and projects throughout the year.



Oct 4th ~ 10th ~ Guy Menefee

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