

Trinity Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed & Loved

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please welcome our Supply Clergy, The Rev. Jim Hughes



Jesus had one new commandment:
"Love one another as I have loved you."

We let Jesus' own words remind and refocus our journey in life and in faith. We invite
you to share your journey with us!

PRELUDE Aria

Flor Peeters

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #522

Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

SALUTATION BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

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**

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

_____ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -

tween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

_____ Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you. Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

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 LESSON: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

A reading from the Book of Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A RESPONSE: Psalm 145: 1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN #551

Rise Up, Ye Saints Of God

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Jim Hughes

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

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 FORM IV BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

PARISH PRAYER LIST Please keep in mind these people as you pray: *Doug B., Nancy & Susan, Schuyler K., Dan V., Greg K., Our Animal Shelters, Debra B., Kerri & Zeus, Maryanne C., Catharine G., Phyllis C., Meg C., Chris N., Richard & Babs W., Cindy P., Patricia G., Ilona P., J.P., Jocelyn R., Jacquie, Brian A., Jocelyn, Janice D., Donnie A., Donna J. & Family, Elise C., Suzanne L., Andrew W., Sallie & Bill, Lea B., Wes S., Debbie M., Ginger D., Barbara Y., The Johnsen Family, Judy, Lillian H., Craig S., Mark Y., Ervie Anne E., Joseph F., Christina H. & Family, Sharyn H. & Family, Mary H., Patti J., Richard M., Melissa N., Gretchen S.*

Please join us in praying for those who have recently died: *Tom Fulton, Donna Allison, Marie Young-West, Mary Francis, Dave Critchley, Ashley Intihar, Ruben*

We kindly invite individuals to submit their prayer requests for the parish prayer list. Please email info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org to add a name to our prayer list.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

Standing or kneeling as you are able

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 our Savior 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 ABSOLUTION

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 BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on this your servant as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

Gracious God, we bring before you this couple. Keep them safe all the days of their lives, comfort them in adversity, and support them in prosperity as you fill their home with blessings. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Now Let Us Rise And Hymn The Grace

Now let us rise and hymn the grace that brings us to this time and place.

Full dedication here is owed the riches that our past bestowed.

God, in this time your church renew, enable us your will to do,

That we may open love's embrace to welcome all the human race,

here let no walls of hate divide, but let Christ's "Peace!" alone abide.

God, help us all this dream fulfill; enable us to do your will.

Rejoicing let us take this "Peace!" Into the world that we increase

Christ's reign of justice, truth, and love that heaven come on earth, and of

This blessing we, with grace anew, still seek God's will to know and do.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Lasst uns Erfreuen

All Standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 367

The people remain standing

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.

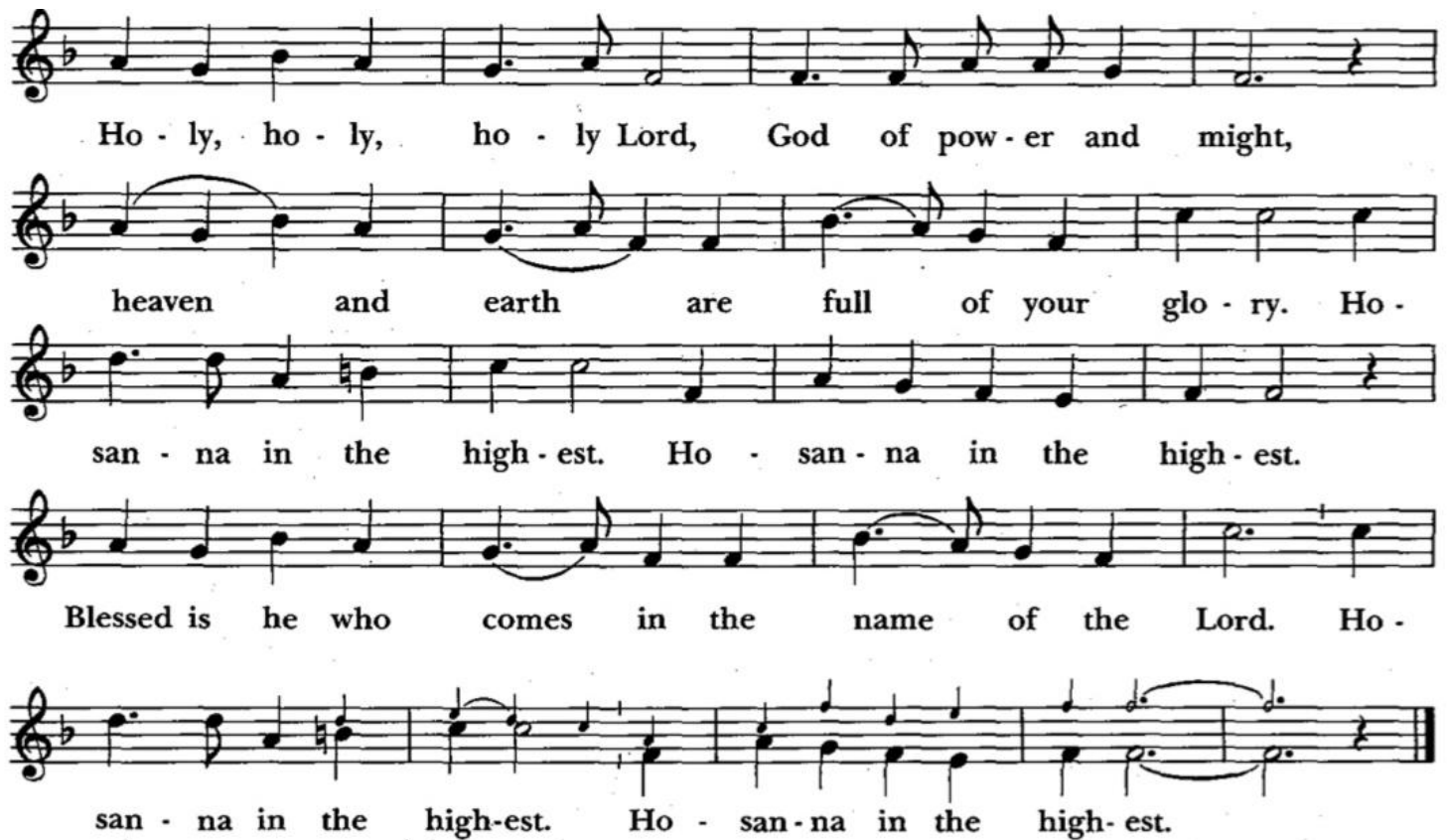
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new
life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may stand or kneel as they are able

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We
await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be
the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your
Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy
Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us
to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting
heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all
creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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.**

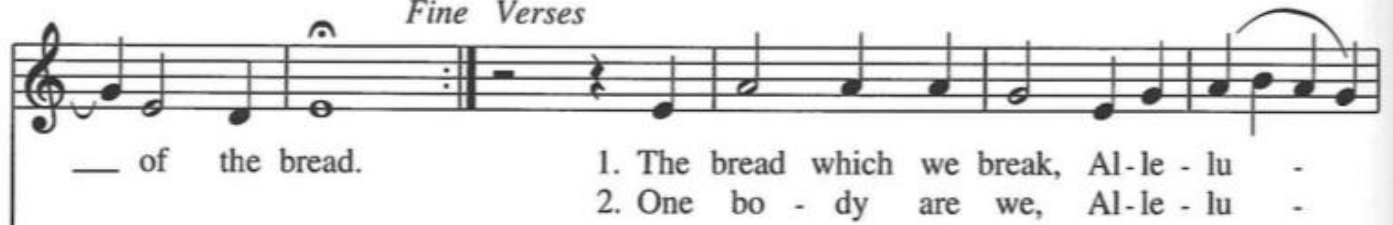
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Antiphon

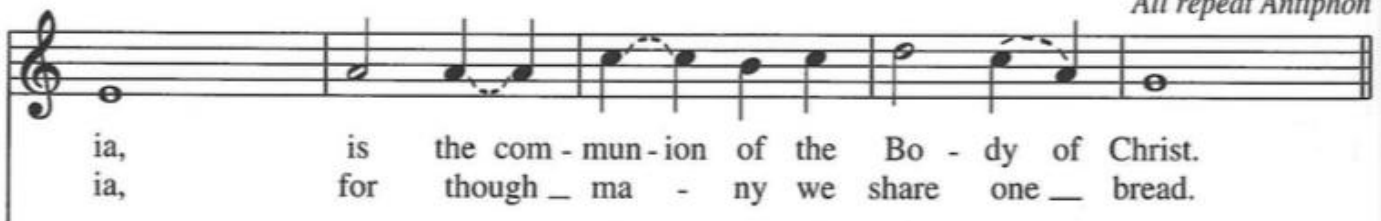
Cantor, then all



Fine Verses



All repeat Antiphon



Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at God's table. Please come forward to the communion rail with your palms out to receive the host (gluten-free host will be provided upon request.) Wine may be consumed directly or you may give your wafer to the Altar Assistant to intinct into the wine for you. You may also touch the cup with your hand to participate without consuming.

Anyone wishing to come forward for a blessing rather than communion may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

INVITATION

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 Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

During the distribution of communion the following hymn is sung:

COMMUNION HYMNS #307
#707

Lord Enthroned In Heavenly Splendor
Take My Life

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #778

We All Are One In Mission

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude Presto Schneider

The flowers and greens on the altar and in the narthex are given to the Glory of God by a grateful congregant in thanksgiving for the Altar Guild of Trinity for their work and their service to God.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Trinity Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Church's Calendar of Saints

Life stories and pictures at <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>

Sept 20 John Patteson (d.1871) Missionary Martyr to Melanesia Slaves
Sept 21 MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist
Sept 22 Episcopal Order of Deaconesses, 1857 – 1970;
 Philander Chase (d.1852), Bishop of Ohio and Illinois
Sept 23 Thecla of Iconium, Turkey (d. 70), Martyr
Sept 24 Anna Alexander (d. 1947), American Deaconess
Sept 25 Sergius of Moscow (d. 1392), Monastic and Abbot
Sept 26 Lancelot Andrewes (1626) Bishop and Bible Translator;
 Wilson Carlile (d. 1942) English Priest and Social Worker

Worship Leaders

Vestry 8:30: Kelly Odom Vestry 11:00: Chas Hill Altar Guild: Joanne Georg Flower Guild: Lisa Harlow & Nicole Morris Videographer: Chas Hill	8:30 Ushers: Nick & Jean Duray Reader: Sallie Ronan Altar Assistant: Joanne Georg & Isaac Randall	11:00 Ushers: Barbara Wright & John Davies Reader: Gene Molinelli Altar Assistant: Carole Doerflinger & Joanne Georg Acolyte: Ryan Robison
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Announcements

Adult Forum – the Rev. Jim Hughes will be leading an adult forum on the Women of the Bible beginning today! Our six-part series will be presented September 13, 20, & 27; October 18, & 25 and November 1.

Blessing of the Animals – On Sunday, September 27th we will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals. Please bring your furry, feathered, scaly or hairy loved ones to be blessed by the Rev. Jim Hughes. It is by far our cutest and loudest service of the year and we hope you all will join us.

Bishop's Visit and Unified Service – On October 4th, we will hold one unified service and celebrate a visit by Bishop Harris. Please join us at 11:00 AM and stay for a cake and coffee reception and a chance to meet Amethyst – the Episco-pup! We hope to see you there.

Wedding Celebration – Mike Coffey and Kipp Melat cordially invite you all to witness their marriage on Saturday, September 26th at 4:00 in our sanctuary. You are further invited to join them at a reception at Sinistral (9419 Main Street) for dessert, drinks, and dancing at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Schedule of Events: September 21 – September 27

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	8:30 AM Food Ministry Bag Packing 10:00 AM Bible Study	9:30 AM Food Ministry Distribution 12:00 PM Healing Service	10:00 AM Greek Class 11:30 AM Yoga	10:00 AM Trinity Quilters	8:00 AM Men's Group 4:00 PM The Wedding of Mike Coffey & Kipp Melat	8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Adult Forum & Launch Pad 11:00 AM Service 2:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

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