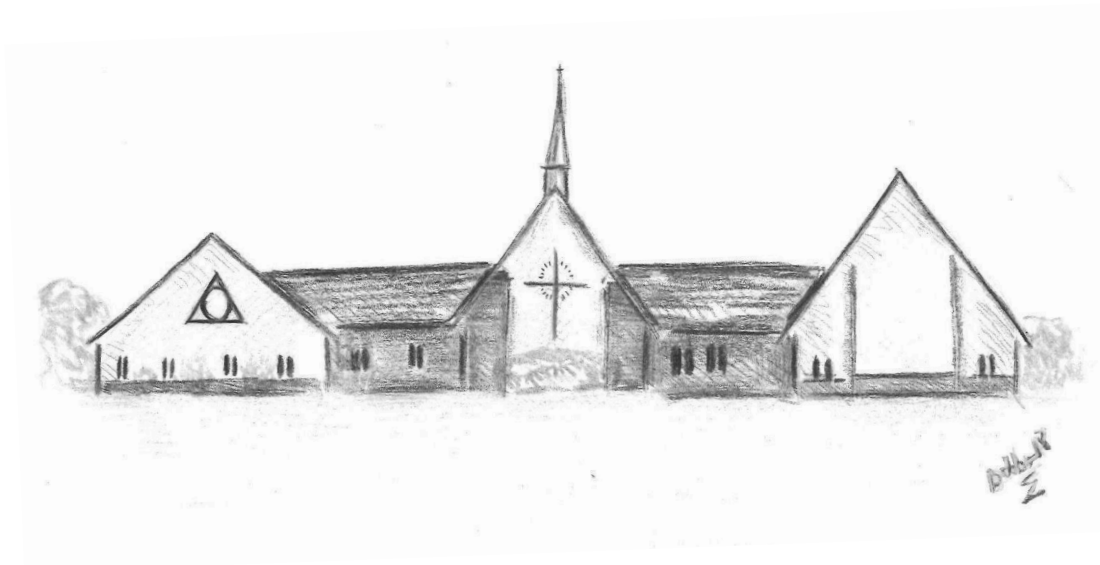


Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

ELW 512

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✙ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW 793

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 113

L ¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

C ² **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

L ³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

C ⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

L ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

C ⁶ **but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

L ⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

C ⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

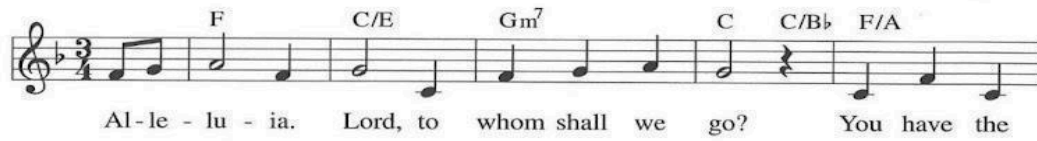
L ⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

TFF 235

All to Jesus I Surrender

I Surrender All



1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow;
3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;



I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ings fall on me.

Refrain



I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Text: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1855–1939
Music: SURRENDER, Winfield S. Weeden, 1847–1908

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy & Diane.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Susan, Kathy, Rich, Al, Joan, Peggy, Anna, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Charles, Bill, Steve, Mike, Margie, Ray, Melodie, Christine, Cathy, Adam, Bob, Lynne, Carol, Richie, Melissa, Georgia, Tony, Brian, Karen, Joyce, Frank & Eileen.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength: Abbey

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

The musical score for "Peace" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 70. The score consists of two staves. The first staff contains the first line of the melody and lyrics: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you". The second staff contains the second line of the melody and lyrics: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!". Chords are indicated above the notes: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7 on the first staff, and Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb Bb on the second staff.

♩ = 70 B \flat E \flat F 7 B \flat E \flat F B \flat B \flat 7

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 B \flat E \flat F 7 B \flat Gm Gm/E \flat F 1.B \flat 2.E \flat B \flat

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

- P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

OFFERING

God has blessed us in so many ways. We offer our gifts as a demonstration of our gratitude. And we pray God will use these resources to help us address the needs of our neighbors.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

$\text{♩} = 65$ C G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

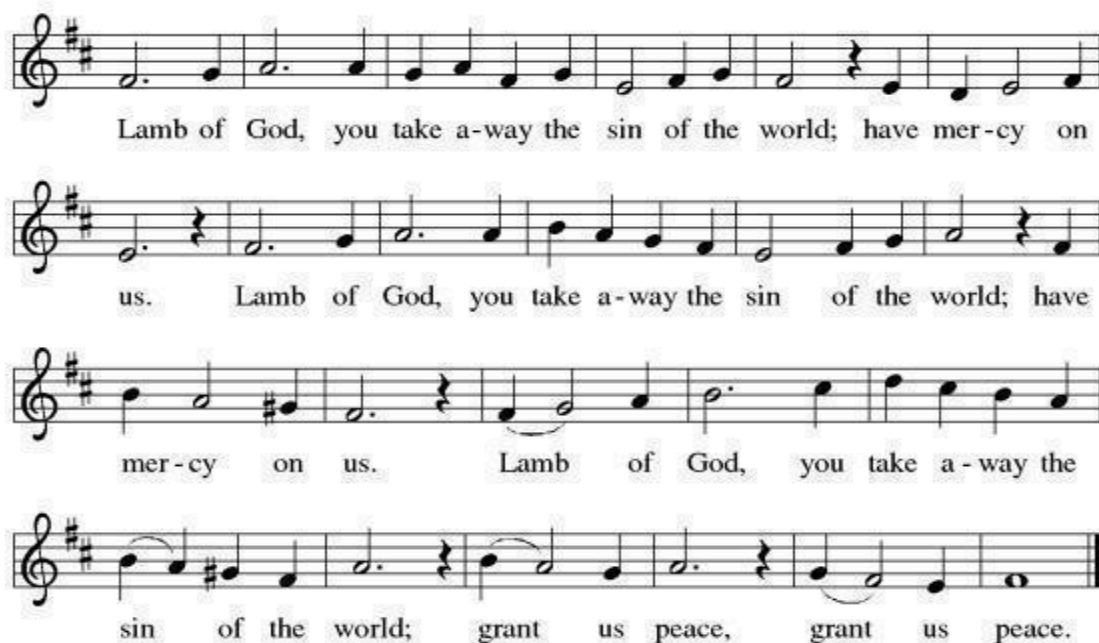
LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW 583

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of
Carly's 16th Birthday by Marc, Kim & Lucas Travetti.**



Announcements:

- Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card (found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.
- Mark your calendar: The Trinity Book Group will meet on Tuesday October 7th at 11 am. This month's book is "The Color of Water" by James McBride.
- Thank you from Daily Bread! The folks at Daily Bread Food Pantry are extremely grateful for your continuing support. When we dropped off donations, they said that in addition to what is on the website they also need flavored water and seltzer. Whole wheat pasta is needed for diabetic patrons. Your gifts are truly blessings to the clients and staff at the food pantries.
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day will be held on October 22nd. Purchase your discount shopping pass in the narthex today. One hundred percent of your donation goes directly to Trinity. See Craig Moyer or Ray Nyahay with any questions.
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.



Serving Today 9/21	
Lector	Michael Martorelli
Greeter	Emma Birkmire
Communion Assistants	Bob Graves & Judy Flanigan
Ushers	Michael Martorelli & Linda Stone
Coffee Hour	Nancy Klein & Susan Kershaw
Building Opener	Bob Graves
Altar Guild	Chris Cole
Counting Team	Dave Stone, Lori Peltier & Meg Smith
Serving Sunday 9/28	
Lector	Leslie Askonas
Greeter	Sally Jeffries
Communion Assistants	Marilou Doughty & Paul Myers
Ushers	Peter Schell & Wilmer Cressman
Coffee Hour	Meg Smith & Leslie Askonas
Building Opener	Ann Dungan
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	Dave Stone, Lori Peltier & Meg Smith



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 21

10:00 AM – Worship

11:15 AM AFF- Contemplative Photography Parish Hall

1:00-3:00 PM – Food Drive

Monday, September 22

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK

6:30 PM -Aerobic Rhythmics

Tuesday, September 23

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK

9:30 AM -Synod Meeting

6:30 PM – Church Council

Wednesday, September 24

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK

6:30 PM – Aerobic Rhythmics

7:00 PM -Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, September 25

St John's Soup Kitchen

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK

7:00 - 7:45 - Bell Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary

7:45 - 8:30 - Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Friday, September 26

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK

5:00 PM -American Dance Wheels Rehearsal

Saturday, September 27

8:00 AM - Car Club

11:00 AM -American Dance Wheels Rehearsal

Upcoming Events at Trinity

Sunday, September 28 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm

American Dance Wheels Performance

Tuesday, October 7– 11:00 am

TAG Book Club

Tuesday, October 7 – 12:00 pm
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Making