



Holy Trinity Parish – Decatur, GA
Pentecost 11 – August 9, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.



The Word of God (BCP p 355-360)

Voluntary

Procession Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord! the Almighty

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lessons

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Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

Confession, Absolution, & Peace

BCP 360

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion (BCP 361-366)

Offertory Hymn 412, stz 1-2, 5-6

Earth and all stars

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

BCP 363 (S-129)

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

BCP 364 (S-154)

Communion Hymns

Hymn 383 Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 699 Jesus, lover of my soul

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

Procession Hymn Lift Every Voice and Sing 60

How great Thou art

The Lessons

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Psalm 85:8-13 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Epistle

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Gospel Refrain

Caribbean Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

This Week at HTP

Sun Aug 9, 2026 - Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist with Backpack Blessing, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes

10:30am Holy Eucharist (with Backpack Blessing (In Person/Streaming), Nave

12pm Ice Cream Social, Upstairs Courtyard

3pm PORCH Monthly Food Drive, Narthex

Mon Aug 10, 2026

7pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Office Reception Area

Tue Aug 11, 2026

1pm Yoga, Narthex

7pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wed Aug 12, 2026

Preschool First Day

11am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Chapel

1pm Mahjong Class, Choir Room

Fri Aug 14, 2026

1pm Mahjong Class, Choir Room

Sun Aug 16, 2026 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes – Children and Youth Formation Resumes

10:30am Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

12pm Outreach Committee Meeting, Comer Center and Zoom

Announcements & Updates

Blessing of the Backpacks August 9

Please join us at worship (8 am and 10:30 am) on August 9 to bless the new academic year! Students are invited to bring backpacks to be blessed. We'll have an ice cream social after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Second Floor Renovations

Areas on the second floor of HTP are getting a much-needed makeover. Starting on Monday, July 27, the Portrait room, kitchen, Bishop Café, and Tisdale Hall will be sealed off to allow for the safe removal of asbestos under the flooring. This is a two-week process. Once the final air testing is completed, new flooring in the kitchen and Bishop Café will be installed. Simultaneously, Tisdale Hall will get a fresh coat of paint and the beautiful hanging lights will be refurbished and cleaned. Finally, new carpet tiles will be installed in Tisdale Hall and the Portrait Room. The entryway or vestibule into Tisdale Hall from Sycamore Pl is also getting an update to create a more welcoming entrance to the church. This work should be completed by August 22. Please feel free to email Hope Baker, Vestry member for Buildings and Grounds (baker@htparish.com), if you have any questions or concerns.

No Souls 'n Stitches Gathering Aug 11

The knitting group will not meet this week as they are taking a field trip. They'll be back in the chapel on Aug. 25. All are welcome.

Mahjong Lessons

Susie Williams and Georgia Andrews will be teaching Mahjong at the church in the Choir Room on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30 pm. All are welcome. If you are interested, please Let Susie know by calling her at (678) 770-6429.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew Dinner and Movie August 29

On Saturday, August 29, the Holy Trinity chapter of the Brotherhood of St Andrew will sponsor a movie night for the men and youth of the Parish. We shall meet in Tisdale Hall (or Comer Center if construction isn't finished) at 4:30 PM for a light meal (hamburgers, franks, sides, beverages). At 5:30, we shall watch the John Wayne classic, Operation Pacific. We need your RSVP by Wednesday, August 26 so that we can purchase the supplies. RSVP to plotkinjl@yahoo.com or berkeleyboone@comcast.net or parishadmin@htparish.com.

Looking Ahead to Fall

Sunday, Aug 9

Backpack Blessing at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Children Formation Open House 9:15 a.m.

Ice cream social after 10:30 am service

Sunday, Aug 16

Children & Youth Formation Starts

Wednesday, Sept. 9

First Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm in Choir room

Sunday, Sept 13

Children's Choir Begins

Wednesday, Sept 16

Women's Bible Study resumes – 10 am in the Comer Center

Wednesday Night Supper resumes — 5:30 pm in Tisdale Hall

Men's Bible Study resumes – 6:30 pm in Comer Center

Sunday, Sept 20

Fr. Greg's first Sunday back after Sabbatical

Welcome back picnic after 10:30 service

Prayers of the Parish August 9 (feel free to tear off and take home with you)

Sunday

For those who are ill or in need: Lee Echols, *Ellen Purdum's brother*; Cynthia and Vivienne Brown; Donna Warfield; Beth; Bill Clark; Gracie Kennedy, *GINNA EVANS' friend*

For those who have died: Helen Menefee, *friend of DeDe Craig-Clark*

Thanksgivings: for Ada and Greg Smedley's new baby boy. Welcome, Charlie Smedley!

Monday

For those who are ill or in need: Rosemary, *Judy Skinner's friend*; Robert Evans; Kay Holditch, *daughter of Ernie and Blanche Holditch*; Geta Reid; Jane and Berry Skelton, *Leslie King's sister and brother-in-law*; Diane Smarro, *Belinda Watkins' sister*; Greta Betty; for those in Spain and Bordeaux suffering from the wildfires

Anglican communion cycle of prayer: The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Aweil, the Diocese of Awerial, the Diocese of Ayod – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; the Diocese of Awgu/Aninri; the Diocese of Awka, the Diocese of Awori – the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday

For those who are ill or in need: Jamie Jayanna and family; James; James; Debra Kay, *Nana Freret's friend*

For the Vestry and Officers: David, Ellen, Greg, Hope, Julia, Mollie, Nathan, Stacy, Max

Diocesan cycle of prayer: the Clergy and people of St. Clare's, Blairsville; GA Mountains Convocation; for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction; Bishop Victor and the people of our companion and partner, Diocese of Cape Coast.

Wednesday

For those who are ill or in need: Mary Jo Nichols, *friend of the Shanks family*; Joe Boyer, *friend of the Warfield family*; Kenneth, *friend of Alvin and Mayo Moses*; Andrea, *Giulia Galvin's sister*; Bill Williams, *Ed Watkins' brother-in-law*; Charles Berkeley, *Ed Watkins' cousin*; Kathy Garner; Grant Knox\

For the Staff: Will, Ellen, Amanda, Christian, Amy, Kate, Mike, Heather, Justin

Parish birthdays: 8/9 Marcus Borrero; 8/10 Man Chun Lam; 8/11 Nora Lee; 8/13 Sara Yurman, Vivienne Brown, Kim Preston; 8/15 Jeanne Knox

Thursday

For those who are ill or in need: Cary Beth Bates, *daughter of Barbara Hardin*; Linda; Jim; Nancy Qarmout; Doreen Lewis, *Jeanne Knox's friend*; Katy Pope, *Linda Pope's daughter*

For preschool staff, teachers, students and parents

Parish wedding anniversaries: 8/15 Hildreth and Shawn Stafford

Friday

For those who are ill or in need: Gail McClellan; Sharon, *friend of Lynne Pickens*; Jim; Zack Spratlin, *Chotsy Waites' neighbor*; Chesley, *friend of Heather Horne*

Parish baptism anniversaries: 8/10 James Shanks, Charlie Taylor; 8/14 Akira Bristol, Ariel Bristol

Welcome!



All deserve equal access to worship, study, and corporate prayer. All have gifts to contribute. Please speak to an usher or priest if you need assistance.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. If you are visiting please use this QR code to fill out a visitor card or use the one in the pew.



Sign language interpreting is offered for our 10:30 service.



Assisted Listening Devices are available for all services in the Nave. An usher is happy to help you with one.



Our nursery, staffed by trained, caring professionals, serves infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.



Our children's worship resources shelf, located in the narthex, includes materials to help children 3-10+ enter into our liturgy. Included parent info sheets explain how to use these items to support children's worship.



Please wear your name tag. If you need one, email parishadmin@htparish.com.

For a listing of clergy, staff, and vestry, and to learn more about the parish, visit our website, holytrinitydecaturn.org