



Holy Trinity Parish – Decatur, GA
Pentecost 14 – August 30, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.



The Word of God (BCP p 355-360)

Voluntary

Procession Hymn 524

I love thy kingdom, Lord

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

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Confession, Absolution, & Peace

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Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion (BCP 361-366)

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

BCP 363 (S-129)

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

BCP 364 (S-154)

Communion Hymns

Hymn 707 Take my life, and let it be

Hymn 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

Procession Hymn 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

The Lessons

Jeremiah 15:15-21

First Reading

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalms 26:1-8 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.**

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

**4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Refrain

Caribbean Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen

to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Upcoming Week at HTP

Sun Aug 30, 2026 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes for All Ages

Primary Godly Play, ages 3-6

Labyrinth Cafe, ages 10-14, Comer Center Lower Classrooms

Life in Christ, Women’s Group, Gaylord Room

Men’s Room, Comer Center Classroom

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

Wed Sep 2, 2026

9:15am Preschool Chapel, Chapel

11am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Chapel

1pm Mahjong Class, Gaylord Room

2pm Park Springs Eucharist

Sun Sep 6, 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

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

Announcements & Updates

Grand Opening of Tisdale Hall - August 30

The work in Tisdale Hall and surrounding areas is almost complete and it looks beautiful! Our goal to complete work by August 22 is going to be achieved. However, it will take one more week to do a final cleaning and move everything back into place. ***The Grand Opening of the space will be held during the Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 30.*** Coffee, tea and the sorely missed donuts will return then! Thank you for your patience the past few weeks.

Wednesday Formation Offerings Resume Sept. 9

Join us for these gatherings as our program year gets started:

Women's Bible Study 10 am in Comer Center Commons

Trinitas Youth Choir rehearsal at 5 pm in the Choir Room

Wednesday Night Supper for Formation at 5:30 pm in Tisdale Hall

Men's Bible study at 6:30 pm in Comer Commons

Holy Trinity Town Hall Meetings

As many of you know, we have been considering a capital campaign to help us create a more welcoming, inclusive, and useful building as we grow into the coming decades. The plan proposed was ambitious and forward-looking. We ran a feasibility study this spring to see if the parish was ready for this undertaking, and received a positive response.

Having said that, we on the vestry also heard a number of questions about the project, along with some concern about its scope and emphasis. We made the decision to defer a decision on whether to move forward with a capital campaign until we could do a better job of explaining the renovations under consideration and provide a solid theological, practical, and stewardship rationale for the project. Just as important, we want to hear from all of you — your hopes, dreams, questions, and concerns about this project.

You'll be hearing more in the coming months. As one part of this effort, we're planning three town halls, all in Tisdale Hall. Each will cover the same material and offer opportunities for feedback, and we've scheduled three of them so we can reach as many of you as possible:

- **Wednesday, September 23** — 6:30 PM, during the Wednesday night program
- **Sunday, October 11** — after the 10:30 service
- **Sunday, October 25** — during formation hour

We'll also send out a brief survey to everyone starting mid-September as another avenue for feedback.

From the Vestry — August 2026

Here's what the Vestry discussed and decided in August:

Finances: The Vestry welcomed Joe Foley and Berkeley Boone of the Investment Committee for an overview of the Committee's work to manage the parish's investment funds to support Holy Trinity's long-term mission and ministry. July financial reports showed that parish checking account balances remain healthy. Efforts are underway to reduce the risk of check fraud by

transitioning more vendors to electronic payments, and the parish, preschool, and DEAM will continue sharing the cost of campus security.

Outreach and Stewardship: The Vestry approved DEAM's request to expand its service area to include ZIP codes 30034, 30035, and 30316, allowing DEAM to reach more people who identify Decatur as their community while maintaining its current level of assistance. This expansion will not increase traffic to DEAM or the HTP campus. Our Outreach budget supports Clarkston Cares, a ministry that provides emergency assistance and supportive relationships to families working toward greater stability. Nathan Penner highlighted our Wednesday night programs as ideal for building the kind of supportive relationships the ministry hopes to foster. Looking ahead, planning is underway for this fall's stewardship campaign, which will run from October 18 through November 15.

Capital Campaign Town Hall Planning: The Vestry continued preparing for the upcoming Capital Campaign Town Halls, discussing presentations, website content, and parish communications to help explain the revised scope of the proposed renovation project. The plan includes opportunities for parishioners to learn more, ask questions, and share feedback before any decisions are made about moving forward with a capital campaign.

Full minutes and financial reports are available in the Parish Office, and Vestry members welcome your questions about parish finances.

Prayers of the Parish August 30 (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*; 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 those who have died: The Rev. Allan Sandlin

Monday

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

Anglican communion cycle of prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies; the Diocese of Bauchi, the Diocese of Benin – the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the Diocese of Belize – the Church in the Province of the West Indies; the Diocese of Bendigo – the Anglican Church of Australia; the Diocese of Beni – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; the Diocese of Bentiu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday

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

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

Diocesan cycle of prayer: the Clergy and people of St. Aidan's, Milton; 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: Cynthia and Vivienne Brown; Donna Warfield; Beth; Bill Clark; Gracie Kennedy, *GINNA EVANS' friend*

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

Parish birthdays: 8/30 Anne Kelly, Peter Faile, Marion George; 8/31 Joanna Goldman, Angie Tallant, Jim O'Connell; 9/1 Bryant Jones; 9/2 Katherine Brewer; 9/4 Nick Purdy

Thursday

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 preschool staff, teachers, students and parents

Parish wedding anniversaries: 9/1 Kimiko and Walter Miller; 9/3 Terry and Russ Gipson; 9/5 Susan and Loyd Deaver

Friday

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

Parish baptism anniversaries: 9/1 Belinda Watkins; 9/4 Tonza Mashburn Collins

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.



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