

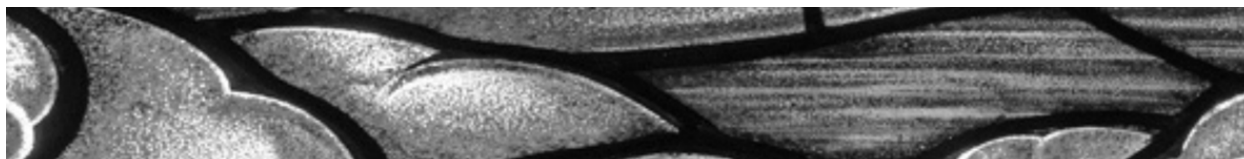
TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist Rite II —Gathering Hour
Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026 at 12 p.m.



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WELCOME!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH EMBODIES CHRIST'S LOVE BY CREATING SACRED COMMUNITY, SHARING GOD'S STORY, AND WELCOMING AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.

Welcome Visitors!

Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag on the table in the north end of the Parish Hall and fill out the Visitor Card found in the pew and place it in the collection plate. You're especially welcome to join formation and fellowship opportunities at 10:45 a.m. where you can meet others, to learn, and grow in faith.

Infants and Children

We love children in church! Activity kits may be found on the far back pew. Nursery care is available during all services for children from infancy up to 4 years old. Children's Church is offered at the 9:30 service for ages 4 to 10. If you would like your child to participate have them follow the adult leader who will guide them to the Children's Church area after the announcements. Children will return at The Peace.

Fellowship & Education

Enjoy fellowship and coffee in the Parish Hall following each service. In the fall and spring we offer children, youth/teen, and adult Christian formation opportunities at 10:45 a.m.

Receiving Communion

In the Episcopal Church, we welcome all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to receive the Eucharist, regardless of when and where they were baptized. (And, of course, we'd love to talk to you about baptism if you have not been baptized.) Those not wishing to take Communion may come forward for a blessing and indicate this by crossing their arms across their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Getting Connected

Are you new to the parish? Want to get better acquainted? Use the QR code at the bottom right to fill out a short contact form.

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Friday

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Choral Eucharist
12 p.m. Rite II
Gathering Hour

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I'M NEW!

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Announcements: Sept. 6, 2026

TODAY: Fellowship & Formation at 10:45 a.m. Learn more about the Anglican Rosary in the Large Conference Room. StoryMakers Sunday School (ages 4-7) meets in the Children's Chapel and Trinity In-Be-Tweens (ages 8-11) will be in the upstairs classroom. Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) will meet in the Basement Youth Room to start confirmation classes. Coffee Hour is in the Parish Hall.

The church office will be closed tomorrow—Monday, Sept. 7 for **Labor Day**.

Senior Ministry Spiritual Retreat happens Thursday, Sept. 10 in the Parish Hall, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Kay Penny will host; Darren Elzie will be presenting *Your Spiritual Journey*. Join us for a light catered breakfast at 9:30, with program from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for the next senior lunch: Thursday, Oct. 8 at 12 p.m. Enjoy Tex-Mex at Rio Mambo. RSVP for all senior events: seniors@fortworthtrinity.org.

Connect Sunday is Sept. 13. Plan to visit the Parish Hall to learn about Trinity's many ministry groups! Group leaders: reserve space by emailing trinity@fortworthtrinity.org.

We will **bless your religious jewelry and rosaries** at all services on Sunday, Sept. 13 to commemorate Holy Cross Day.

Would you like to help with college ministry? Mother Annelies is seeking volunteers to help host **Student Suppers** on Sept. 14, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kitchen. Email a.moeser@tcu.edu to volunteer. Students: Mark your calendars!

Women of Trinity will meet at noon on Thursday, Sept. 17 with a salad and dessert luncheon in the Parish Hall. Sarah Martinez will present *Diocesan Dynamics: Trinity's Niche in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas*. Email women@fortworthtrinity.org to learn more.

Peace & Justice Ministry Group will host a presentation on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The Rev. Dr. Annelies Moeser will discuss the Bible and Same-Sex Relationships (Part II). All are welcome!

Sowing & Growing Kick-Off Dinner—Friday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Attire: football/sports jerseys encouraged for this fun kick-off dinner and launch of our 2026-27 gratitude theme! Use the QR code below to RSVP before Sept. 20.

New to Trinity? You're invited to a **Newcomer's Reception** on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 10:45 a.m. in the Lounge. On the following Sundays, plan to continue the conversation during *Embarking on the Episcopal Way* (also at 10:45 a.m. in the Lounge). These sessions will prepare you for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation.

Blessing of the Animals is Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m. on the front lawn. Bring your animal companions (on a leash or in a crate) for a special blessing.

Join us for our sixth annual **Golf Tournament** on Monday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. at Hawks Creek Golf Club. Snap the QR code for more information and registration!



Snap the QR code (left) for event details and online registration.
(Use this code to RSVP for other events and learn more about parish life at Trinity. It's a quick way to access our Linktree!)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *All are Welcome in This Place*

Let us build a house
Where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where
Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria! (Gloria!) Gloria! (Gloria!) in excelsis Deo!
Gloria! (Gloria!) Gloria! (Gloria!)
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God most holy:
we worship you; we give you thanks;
we praise you for your glory!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

Remain seated. We will read the Psalm in unison.

- ³³**Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.**
- ³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- ³⁵**Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.**
- ³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**
- ³⁷**Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.**
- ³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**
- ³⁹**Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.**
- ⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Give Yourself to Love*

Kind friends all gathered 'round
There's something I would say
That what brings us together here has blessed us all today
Love has made a circle that holds us all inside;
Where strangers are as family, loneliness can't hide

[Chorus]

So give yourself to love

If love is what you're after
Open up your heart to the tears and laughter
And give yourself to love
Give yourself to love

I've walked these mountains in the rain
And learned to love the wind
I've been up before the sunrise to watch the day begin
I always knew I'd find you though I never did know how
Like sunshine on a cloudy day, you stand before me now

[Chorus]

Love is born in fire
It's planted like a seed
Love can't give you everything, but it gives you what you need
Love comes when you're ready
Love comes when you're afraid
It will be your greatest teacher
The best friend you have made

[Chorus]

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20 *All stand.*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

**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

Almighty God, you are present with us always and you champion those who work to heal our differences. Be with us now as we open our hearts in humility and love to pray for ourselves and the world saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We are your church, bearers of your message of love and hope. Give us voices to invite and welcome our neighbors into your church and grant us humility to acknowledge the opportunities we have missed and a desire to make amends. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We are a nation that cries out to you for healing and peace. Bring us out of division and into relationship. Bless us with leaders who care deeply for the needs of all people and public servants who find joy in reconciliation and justice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless each person in our local community with health and safety. Give us new ways of conserving resources, feeding the hungry and working together for the common global good. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who face danger or oppression; for those who are anxious and feeling distant from their neighbors; for those who have nowhere to turn and who are alone. Send us to those who need your love that we might be the bearers of your healing presence. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We are but flesh, and our days are numbered. Be present with those who are dying and comfort all those who grieve this day. Bring us into the reconciliation and restoration of kingdom life here and in the world to come. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

God of hope, you have always stood by your people and fulfilled your promises to them; stand with us now and answer our prayer as may be best for us and always to the fulfillment of your dreams and hopes for us; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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 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 (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

God of Creation and Love, surround these your children with your grace, comfort them with your presence, and fill them with your joy. Show them that your Way of Love is what gives them life, and encourage them to have ever-widening circles of friendship. Keep them ever mindful of the beauty and stewardship of your creation. Give them strength to hold their faith in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Please remember to continue to support the life and ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church. We need you! Visit fortworthtrinity.org to access the online giving portal. You can also text FTWTrinity to 73256 to make a one-time or recurring gift. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Checks may be mailed to the church: 3401 Bellaire Drive South, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE & HYMN *Sweet Adoration*

Sweet adoration, flows from your children
Glory and honor, and praise are a part
Of our constant devotion, I Love set in motion
For the divine one, who reigns in our hearts

When I am troubled, by heartache and struggle
I come and adore you, you take me away
From all worldly sensation, and endless temptation
All of my trials, are lost in your love

Sweet adoration, flows from your children
Glory and honor, and praise are a part
Of our constant devotion, I Love set in motion
For the divine one, who reigns in our hearts

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 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 him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is said

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:

Celebrant and People, Sung

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. 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;**

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 [] and] 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant, Sung

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *

Alleluia (x4)

Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast

Alleluia (x4)

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Alleluia He's My Savior*

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

He's my Savior, He's my Savior
He's my Savior, He's my Savior
He's my Savior, He's my Savior
He's my Savior, He's my Savior

He is worthy, He is worthy
He is worthy, He is worthy
He is worthy, He is worthy
He is worthy, He is worthy

I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him.
I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Light Your Way*

May the light that shines within us,
Lead us safely through this day,
Till we meet again,
I wish for you my friend,
God's love to light your way.

May the light that shines within us,
Lead us safely through this day,
Till we meet again,
I wish for you my friend,
God's love to light your way.

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DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**