

# the Season after Pentecost



## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 19, 2026

10 a.m.

### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

317 Franklin Street  
Clarksville, TN 37040  
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#### **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You will find that our worship blends the ancient mysteries of the church with a modern and vibrant faith. Located in the pew rack are Hymnals and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), along with connection cards. Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so that we can connect you with the life of the church.

**NURSERY:** Kids of all ages are welcome to attend the service! However, parents may prefer to take infants and toddlers up to 3 years old to our staffed nursery, located downstairs in the Parish House next to the sanctuary. The ushers or greeters can accompany you to the nursery.

Please note that the Parish House doors are locked during the service. Should you need access to the Nursery during the service, please see an usher, or go to the breezeway door and the gatekeeper will assist you.

**RESTROOM:** A restroom is located to the right as you enter the church, to the left as you exit.

**LIGHTING A VOTIVE:** The Little Side Chapel, located in the alcove to the left as you enter the church, is available to anyone wishing to light a candle and have a few moments of reflection and prayer.

VOLUNTARY: Intermezzo

*Willibald Richter (1890-1922)*

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

## **The Word of God**

OPENING HYMN:

Hymn 372

Praise to the living God

*Leoni*

*Hymnals are found in the pew racks.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA: Hymnal S280

*Hymn numbers with an S are at the beginning of the Hymnal.*

*The People sing:*

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 139: 1-11, 22-23

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*

and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:**

Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life The Call

*All stand*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

**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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Trinity's search for our next priest;  
**That we may discern our call with patience, trust and love.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We pray for all the men and women in the service of our nation, and their families, at home and abroad.

**Defend them, give them courage, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Holy Communion

#### OFFERTORY

*You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed, or visit <https://trinityparish.com/giving/> or scan the QR code using your phone's camera to give online.*



*You may also mail your offering or pledge to: 317 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040*

**TODAY'S OFFERING:** *Today is the third Sunday: All undesignated offerings will go to the Discretionary Fund for the poor and needy.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

Hymn 392

Come, we that love the Lord

*Vineyard Haven*

**DOXOLOGY**

*The People stand and sing while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.

*Proper Preface*

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: Hymnal S125**

*The People sing:*

**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.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The People remain standing or kneel.*

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,

**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.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

#### DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion. Here are the options at Trinity:*

**Bread and wine:** You will receive bread in your hand, which you should immediately consume, and then you will drink from the chalice. You may assist in directing the wine to your lips, touching only the base of the chalice. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.

**Intinction:** You may very carefully dip the edge of the wafer in the wine. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.

**Bread only:** After receiving bread, cross both arms over your chest to indicate no wine.

**Blessing only:** If you or your child wish to receive a priest's blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest.

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Please join in the singing of the Communion hymns.*

Hymn 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

*Sicilian Mariners*

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand or kneel.*

Let us pray.

**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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN:

Hymn 302

Father, we thank thee who has planted

*Rendez a Dieu*

#### DISMISSAL

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

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

VOLUNTARY: Great and Glorious

Colin Hand (1929-2015)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following today's service for coffee and refreshments.*

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#### Those serving today

Welcome: Chris Nolder

1st reading: Christie Crawford

Psalm: Ed O'Bryan

2nd reading: David Graham

Prayers: Malinda Mabry Scott

Verger: Katie Dean

LEM/Cross: Lucas Smith  
Torch/server: Allison Lee Stroman  
Torch/plates: Namiah Adkins  
Ushers: Jerome Viltz, Larry Faust  
Greeters: Jan Hodgson, David Graham

Livestream: Bob Thornsbury  
Gatekeeper: Katy Potts  
Parish H. lockup: Chris Smith  
Altar Guild: Mark

### **Celebrant**

We are joined this summer by the Rev. Dan Gross of Washington, D.C.

### **Flower donation**

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Flower Guild.

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL, SEWANEE AND CHAPEL OF THE APOSTLES, SEWANEE

### **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Michael and Kimberlee McGhee  
Isabelle Tackett, Tabitha Tackett-Meaker and Vincent Meaker  
Lisa, Emmanuel and Luka Méjeun

### **Parish Prayer List**

Shirley Hood  
Josh Boehm  
Lisa Mejeun  
Kate Smith  
Fran Greene  
Mary Smith

## **Calendar**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP:**

- **7:30 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
- **10 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery available

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**9 a.m.**

- **Children's Sunday School** will resume in the fall.
- **Adults:** Walk in Love: "Episcopal Beliefs and Practices" by Scott Gunn

**11:30 a.m.** (following 10 a.m. service)

- **Adults:** The Old Testament Prophets in Context

*Nursery is available during the 10 a.m. service for infants up to 3 years old.*

*Children's Chapel will resume in the fall.*

### **FELLOWSHIP:**

- **Adult Class:** "There are No Dumb Questions About the Bible" with Father Dan Gross. Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- **Small Groups** meet weekly or bi-weekly. To sign up, go to <https://trinityparish.com/engage/small-group-connections/> or call the church office, 931-645-2458.
- **Loaves & Fishes** Trinity volunteer Day, third Wednesdays at noon, 325 Crossland Ave.

## Announcements

**VBS volunteers are needed!** It's almost time for VBS and we need YOU! We are in need of volunteers for group leaders, games, and crafts! Contact Maryalice Telford if you can help at 931-216-2267!



**Surprise Party VBS 2026:** Our five-day VBS is going to be packed full of fun! Each day, we will be learning about how Jesus gives us peace in a chaotic world.

Do you have any chaos in your life? We all do! Besides major stuff, as parents, our days are often filled with hectic schedules, last-minute practices, paying the bills, and figuring out what to make for supper every single night! It's easy to get wound up in the midst of disorder.

That's why we need to remember that Jesus is our strength in the midst of chaos. Each day, we will be learning about how Jesus gives us peace in a chaotic world. Along with Bible lessons, we will have fun skits, play games, make crafts, worship, and just have a bunch of fun together!

Register below by Scanning Qr code:

- Grade levels: Entering pre-k through fifth grade.
- July 27-31
- Drop off time: 5:30 p.m. (light dinner will be served 5:30-6 p.m.)
- Pick up time: 8 p.m.



**Episcopal Laymen's Conference:** The 80th Annual Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee Conference is coming up! We look forward to gathering once again at the beautiful St. Mary's Sewanee Aug. 7-9, for fellowship, worship, and meaningful conversation. Trinity regularly sends a large group of sturdy (and not-so-sturdy) men to this awesome event. Questions? Chris Smith, 931-743-1180 or [smittyonline@gmail.com](mailto:smittyonline@gmail.com). To register or check out more info, go to <https://tnchurchmen.org/register>

**Parish BBQ:** Trinity will be hosting a parish BBQ September 25th! Go ahead and mark your calendars and keep checking the bulletins to see the sign up sheets that will be coming, also check out the facebook page to stay in the loop!

**Welcome:** If this is your first time please scan this QR code below so we can get to know you better.





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## Our Team

Office Administrator: Kelsey Deboard  
Music Director: Dr. Daniel Copher  
Nursery: Kelly Loy and Lisa Mejeun  
Treasurer: Beverly Kimbrough  
Lead Verger: Chris Smith

## Our Vestry

Howell Foust, Senior Warden  
Bill Kimbrough, Junior Warden  
Thommy Barbeauld  
Will Green  
Bob Houston  
Frank Lott

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