The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 14, 2025



Welcome to All Worshippers Today

No matter where you come from or what you're going through,
No matter what you believe or what you doubt,
No matter whom you love;
You are welcomed to this place
To be met by a God who knows you by name,
Who knows your heart and mind,
And who wants to have a relationship with **YOU!**

Church of the Holy Trinity

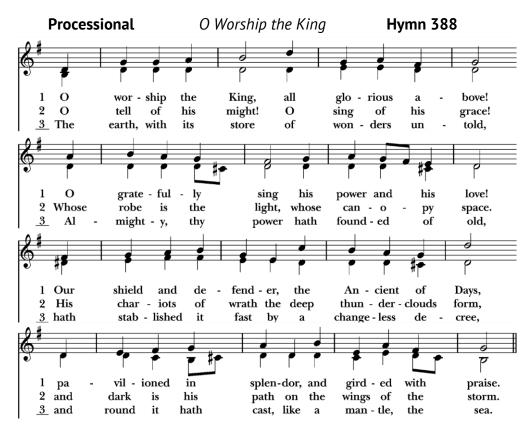
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Staffed Nursery for our Smallest Guests

We are excited to offer a fully staffed Nursery for our smallest guests at our 10:30 service. Feel free to entrust your children up to age 4 to our nursery staff. Then pick them up after the service.

Prelude & Welcome



Children's Chapel: At the 10:30 service, we invite children through 5th grade to follow the cross out to the children's chapel room after the processional. They will rejoin us at the announcement time for communion.

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

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.*.

The Gloria Hymn S280

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

BCP 182

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lot us pray.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Reading

 11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse - 12 a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²²"For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

²⁷For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens

above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

Psalm 14 responsively by whole verse BCP 598

¹Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

²The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

⁴Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

⁵There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

⁶You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

⁷O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gradual Hymn Open Your Ears, O Faithful People Hymn 536



Holy Gospel Luke 15: 1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Nicene Creed All stand. BCP 358

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 wit

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

BCP 387

- V. Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
- R. That we all may be one.

- V. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
- R. That your Name may be glorified by all people.
- V. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
- R. That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
- V. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
- R. That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
- V. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
- R. That our works may find favor in your sight.
- V. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
- R. That they may be delivered from their distress.
- V. Give to the departed eternal rest;
- R. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- V. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
- R. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
- V. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the silence people may add their own petitions.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin Please kneel as you are able. **BCP p. 360** 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.

Celebrant 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 (please greet each other)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Blessings

Offertory I Love You Lord Curt Butler and Nancy Youngman

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

8:00am Sanctus (spoken)

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.

10:30am Sanctus (sung)

Hymn S130

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

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

The people stand, sit, or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,

and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. AMEN.

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.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

All Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. Follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. If you would like communion brought to you, please inform the ushers.

If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, please come forward and a priest will bless you and/or your kids.

Offering plates are placed at the front on each side so we might bring our gifts as we come forward.



Wine and wafer packets are available. Simply take one from the tray, and then discard the packaging in the designated area when you return to your pew.



To instead receive a wafer, place your hands in front of you, slightly overlapping. The priest will place a wafer in your palm.



Two options exist for receiving wine.

If you wish to use the common cup, reach out and guide the large chalice to your mouth. If you wish to dip your wafer in the wine, hold it in front of you, and then dip your wafer in the small chalice.

The Closing Prayer

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing



Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. *Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Postlude

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Serving Today

Greeter/Ushers 8am 10:30

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Lectors 8am

Chris St. Pierre Melanie Gibson

Chalice 8am

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Rev. Verneda Kelly

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Rev. Verneda Kelly

Coffee Shepherd

Liz Johnson

NEW CHECK-IN: SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Due to the chapel construction on the lower level, PLEASE USE SOUTH STAIRWELL (by the elevator)

for Sunday School Check-In!





Children's Chapel Demolition

Demolition started this week in the undercroft to build our Children's Chapel. You'll notice signs blocking off the stairs in the Narthex. Access to Sunday School will be through the South Stairs. Just look for signs.

Playground Fence Installed!

If you haven't been in the south lot this past week, you may have missed our new fence! Over the next couple of weeks, you'll see some "supplementary" playground activities arrive and kids enjoying the space as the weather allows. Feel free to grab your coffee and enjoy it outside!



Join Us September 21st @ 10:30am

Each month on the 3rd Sunday we join in an intentionally family friendly service with communion, sermon, readings, prayer, and music for young and old



If you've been looking for a way to help your kids or grandkids feel like Holy Trinity IS a place for them, then this service is for you.

All Kids & Youth are invited to sing with us for our September 3rd Sunday. Check out the video for words and actions for "Love the Lord" by scanning the OR code.



Youth Group: New Wednesday Night Study

What does it mean to be "on fire for God" or to ask God to "ignite the fire in my soul"? This year, the youth group will be



gathering one Wednesday a month to dig into answering just that. We'll be looking at profiles of various people from the Bible, connecting their stories to our lives, and considering how we may begin to *live* differently for the Lord.

This will be a time for all youth 5th-12th grade to engage in deeper, more meaningful conversations and connections in our pursuit of growing closer to God. And of course, we'll have fun while doing so! All youth are invited to join us in the Oasis Room. (Please use the SOUTH entrance to go downstairs!)

IGNITE 2025 - 2026 September SOCIAL STUDY SERVICE Sept 13 - Game Day Sept 17 - Jeremiah Sept 28 11am - 2pm 7:00 - 8:30pm 11:30am - 1:00pm Join us in the Parish Our series of people Come after the 2nd Hall at Holy Trinity who were "on fire for service for lunch for a Husker Game God" starts with together, an Jeremiah! A truly in-Day! Bring your opportunity to grow favorite game day depth, middle-to our relationships, and foods to share; we'll high-school level serve the community have the game on, study & discussion. around us, both in board & card games, Meet in the Oasis church and in Lincoln/ and all the fun! Room @HT! surrounding areas!

Dinner Circles Have LOTS of Benefits

It can help you get more connected to others in your church. Without a huge a time commitment.

Plus, you get food!

It's not too late to sign up for Holy Trinity Dinner Circles. Dinner Circles are a group of 6-8 adults who meet for a meal together FOUR times over the next FIVE months. (That's between September 2025 and February 2026.)



All you need to do is register today and we'll connect you with a group. There'll be a facilitator will be responsible for checking schedules and kicking it all off. Dinner (or lunch) can happen anywhere that works for the group.

In the process you'll get "more connected," "deeper friendships," no "big commitments," and dinner with some "nice people."

Sign up by emailing Sbeverett51@gmail.com . Or drop a Registration Card into the basket in the back of the church.

You Can Still Sign Up for His Story

His Story is a one-year guided journey through the Bible in chronological order. Together, we will read selected highlights averaging about 35 verses a



day. They will trace the story of the Bible from beginning to end in the order it all happened.

Sign up today:

- Drop a Registration card into the basket in the back
- On our Website at <u>www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com</u>

Weekly Email: Each Monday we'll send you an email with the information you need for that week. It will include a listing of the passages we'll all be reading that week. Along with some background information to help you put it into perspective.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group: Each Sunday, from 9:15 to 10:15 am, you are invited to drop into the Memorial Room for a Small Group discussion about what's going on and how does that fit into our lives today.

More Resources: We are offering a full-color notebook binder filled with charts, maps, outlines and summaries. It is a complete reference library in one volume. (Cost = \$10)

So, please join the rest of us at Holy Trinity as we take this journey and discover **His Story!**



Daughters of the King September 17, 2025, 4pm

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 4pm-5pm in the Memorial Room

To all Daughters of the King and any interested ladies, contact MaryLu Long 402-429-1021 with any questions.



Seniors Coffee Hour September 22, 2025 @ 2pm in the Memorial Room

Every 4th Tuesday at 2:00pm we'll enjoy coffee, snacks, fellowship and a chance to learn more about the world around us.

For more information contact Rev. Verneda 402-310-5854



New Member Lunch September 21 @ 11:30

We want to celebrate you and help connect you with what's going on in your church.

We'll meet other people, get to hear stories of what God is doing, and talk about how we can help you connect into your church. Please RSVP to sbeverett51@gmail.com

We Need Your Help to Make Lincoln Better!

So, Join Us for One of Our Listening Sessions and Make Your Voice Heard!

In 2022 we helped start a new, interfaith coalition with 25 other faith communities. It's called "Justice in Action."

We'll update you on our progress on our existing justice initiatives in:

Affordable Housing Adult Pre-Trial Diversion Mental Health Resource Navigation program



Then we'll ask you where we need to act next.

Sunday, October 5th @ 2:00 pm – Memorial Room (No RSVP required)

Sunday, Oct. 12th @ 11:30 am – Memorial Room w/coffee & donuts (No RSVP required)

Sunday, Oct. 19 @ 2:00 pm – Memorial Room (No RSVP required)

Need a prayer? Text or call the Holy Trinity Prayer Chain (531) 280-8515 or Email holytrinityprayer10@gmail.com to ask for immediate prayers or become involved in our prayer chain.

Prayer requests for Holy Trinity's prayer chain will include them on our list for a total of two weeks. Please help keep us updated.

This week we pray for: Julie S; Rod B; Lisa; Shannon; Don; Sara; Mike & Cheri; Carrie C; Amy; Alessa; Devyn; Jim; Paul, Ward, Lynn, Kevin; Pat H.; Sergio; JoAnn, Deana, Natalie, Mary T., Lindsey; Kacie and her small children; John C.; Amy; Sabrina; John B & family; Wade; George; Joseph; Bob B; Tami; Lucy, Aaron; Charlene; Marlene P.; Josh; Opal S.; Shawn; Richie F; Ann H.; Dow C.; Donna; Jackie H; Christopher; Tom H; Madison.

In Thanksgiving we pray for September Birthdays

1st Peter Sewell, 2nd Marcia White, 3rd Justin McCully, 4th Maggie Fritz, 6th Todd Heiser, 11th Liz Bernt, 11th Leslie Johnson, 12th Larry Graham, 16th Verneda Kelly, 16th Susan Spencer, 23rd Kathleen Jacobson, 24th Brynlee Cornell, 25th Clay Lein, 28th Alan Everett, 29th Sue Everett, 29th Jeff Jones.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sun Sep 14, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH)
8am Holy Eucharist (S)
9:15am Fellows Program (MR)
9:15am Sunday School Starts
10:30am Holy Eucharist (S)
10:30am Online Service
10:30am Summer Sunday Chapel
1:30pm Dinka Language

Communion (S)

Mon Sep 15, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 6pm EFM (PH) 7pm Vestry (MR)

Tue Sep 16, 2025

12pm AA (U) 1pm Judy Tenney Memorial 6:30pm Community Bells (BR) 8pm Tues AA (U)

Wed Sep 17, 2025

6am Adult Bells (BR)
9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
12pm Al Anon (MR)
4pm DOK (MR)
7pm Youth Group Bible Study (OR)

Thu Sep 18, 2025

8am Third Thursday Eucharist 9am Building Team Huddle (Zoom) 12pm Thursday AA (U) 5pm Graves Event (PH)

Fri Sep 19, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CH) 7pm Pius X FB Game 7:30pm Friday night AA (U)

Sat Sep 20, 2025

11am UNL Home FB Game

Sun Sep 21, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH)
8am Holy Eucharist (S)
9:15am Fellows Program (MR)
10:30am Family Worship Service
10:30am Holy Eucharist (S)
10:30am Livestream Service
10:30am Children's Chapel (CC)
11:30am Connection Corner (PH)
1:30pm Dinka Language Worship
1:30pm Sudanese Sunday School

PH-Parish Hall
S-Sanctuary
MR-Memorial Room
CC-Children's Chapel
LGR-Large Group Room
(downstairs)
CR- Choir Room (downstairs)
U-Undercroft/Downstairs
BR-Bell Room

Find the updated calendar of events

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church |
Calendar

The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein, Rector
The Rev. Verneda Kelly, Pastoral Care Coordinator
The Rev. John Long, II, Deacon
Loretta Love, Music Director & Organist
Nancy Youngman, Hand Bell Choir Director
Nicole Sherer, Parish Administrator
Darby Davidson, Children & Youth Ministry Director
Jane Janesch, Children's Ministry Lead
Jill Lein, Children's Ministry Lead
Sue Everett, Ministry Coordinator
Harve Evans, Sexton
Garang Deng, A/V Coordinator
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