

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 2025



“Looking Back”

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

Processional

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

H 711

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!*

Refrain: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia.

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!*

Refrain: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia.

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 183

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles,

and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 77: 11-20 *responsively by whole verse*

BCP 673

¹¹ I will remember the works of the LORD, *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.

¹² *I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.*

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

¹⁴ *You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.*

¹⁵ By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ *The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and
trembled; * the very depths were shaken.*

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;

¹⁸ *The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your
lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.*

¹⁹ Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,
yet your footsteps were not seen.

²⁰ *You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn*Be Thou My Vision***Hymn 488**

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.

Holy Gospel**Luke 17:11-19**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

*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 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 *How Can I Keep from Singing* Francine Watkins

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Closing Hymn *Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

Hymn 530

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word'. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on the upper line, and the harmony is written on the lower line. The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues on the upper line, and the harmony is written on the lower line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses indicated by numbers 1, 2, and 3.

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;

Dismissal & Postlude

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!



*Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for the life of Bob
Snow and many blessings by Ellen Snow.*



Serving Today

Greeter/Ushers 8am

Ron & Jan Jacob

Greeter/Ushers

Ellie Palmer

Joni Cover

Chalice 10:30am

Cheryl Hejl

Dana Visger

David Bloomquist

Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Rev. John Long

Rev. Verneda Kelly

Lectors 8am

John Schomerus

Robert Hillyer

Lectors 10:30am

Donna Kahler

John Andrews

Chalice 8am

Robert Hillyer

Rev. Verneda Kelly

Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Altar Guild

Julie Silvertrust

Amy Vyhlidal

Coffee Shepherd

John Schomerus



New Email Addresses from Holy Trinity

***If you receive an email from htlnk.org, this is
not spam.***

The staff at Holy Trinity are transitioning to new email addresses - each ending with **htlnk.org**. For example - you may get an email from Father Clay at clayl@htlnk.org, or Nicole Sherer at nicoles@htlnk.org. It will take some time to transition to this new program. If you have any questions please contact Joni or Nicole: Jonic@htlnk.org or nicoles@htlnk.org.

Come Join Us on the 3rd Sunday of the Month October 19th @ 10:30am

3rd Sunday
Family
Worship
10:30am

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 October 19th Third Sunday. Check out the video for words and actions for "Won't Worry 'Bout a Thing" by scanning the QR code.



"All Saints Hall" is Starting to Take Shape

I hope you've seen it by now. If you haven't then drive into the West Parking Lot and be impressed.

We are putting up the walls for the West Entry (To be called All Saints Hall). It's not all it will be, but you can get a glimpse of it.



Still Collecting Names for - All Saints Hall

The west entry will be called “**All Saints Hall**” to honor ALL those who have been a part of this church, past, present, and future. We are combing through our archives to get as many names as we can of folks who’ve been here. But we could use your help. If you have names that you think need to be on the Hall then will you write them down and send them to us?

Email your names to susane@htlnk.org.

Or write them out legibly and drop it into the **All Saints Hall** basket in the Narthex, by the architect’s drawings.

Youth Group News: October



Check out all that we are going to be doing in October.

- **Come join us for Movie Day at the Joyo on Oct. 11**
Meet at the Joyo Theater (6102 Havelock Ave.) for a 1:00 movie. Bring \$10 per person to cover your ticket, popcorn, and a drink! Pick up is at 3:00 pm.
 - Ignite Small Group Study on Oct. 15. 7 – 8:30 pm.
 - Youth Group Lunch & Serving Oct. 26. 11:30 – 1:00 pm.
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Register Now for Youth Group IGNITE RETREAT

Kick off the Spring semester with all of us at Platte River State Park, January 9-11. Register to reserve your spot today; we hope to see you there! Email darbyd@htlnk.org.

Looking for Someone Called to Join the Children & Youth Ministry Team!

Four years ago, Jane Janesch started the children's ministry here at Holy Trinity. Since then, we've seen amazing growth. Today we've got a vibrant growing ministry, a strong team, and a full-time Children and Youth Ministry Director. With Jane's retirement, we are looking for someone new to join our team!

This is a part-time position for a team player involved in *all* of our programs. As the Children's Ministry Lead, their primary focus will be Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and our new Family Worship program.

If you know someone passionate about kids, and experienced in education or ministry, feel free to send them to our website or pass on their name and contact info to Darby or Jill!



Email Darby at this address: DarbyD@htlnk.org

Men's Ministry Oktoberfest – Oct. 18th 6-9pm



In the new Holy Trinity Playground

All men, join us on the South Lawn Playground for some good German food, beer and fellowship.

Be Sure to RSVP so that we'll have plenty of FOOD!

RSVP to: Susane@htlnk.org

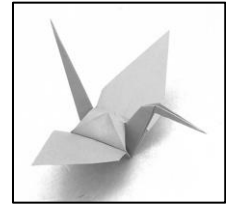
We Need Your Hands for:

1,000 Birds of Peace.

1,000 Birds of Peace is a chance for people from all across our community to join in an inspiring work of public art.



Our goal is to gather and display over 1,000 origami birds folded by children and adults as an expression of our prayerful longing for peace. The installation of these birds will debut at 2026 Arts Festival and everyone is invited to come and see their birds in flight.



If you, or your classroom, or small group are interested in being part of this community “prayer” for peace, contact susane@htlnk.org. **Finished Birds Can be Dropped Off at the “Bird” Table in the Parish Hall.**

Help Us Make Our Community BETTER

Join us for a Listening Session on
Sunday, Oct. 12th @ 11:30am or October
19th @ 2:00pm in the Memorial Room.



Seniors Coffee Hour

**October 28, 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

Looking Back at What God Has Done in the Last Five Years...

God has done something miraculous here.

- **We Have Grown by Over 93%.**

Only 10% of all mainline churches are growing. We've been growing steadily for the last 5 years in both attendance and giving.



- **God provided funds to begin the Master Plan.**

Through gifts and the Legacy Endowment Fund we have over a \$1 million to make Phase 1 of our Master Plan happen. These renovations enable our facilities to support the people and ministry that are coming, all without a Capital Campaign.

- **God has raised up new leaders.**

50% of today's vestry are new to Holy Trinity since 2020. New ministries for children, youth and adults have started. Missions is happening. God has provided the leaders and volunteers.

**Your Giving Helps Make That Happen,
so that Holy Trinity can be:**

***A Church our Kids and Grandkids will Love to
Visit, Experience God, and Stay.***



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: Edie; Phil; Grant; David; Lori; Kameron; Lloyd; 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 October Birthdays 1st Jerry Cotton, 3rd Roz Ninneman, 4th Mike Winter, 5th Sawyer Wasserburger, 5th Richard Spencer, 7th David Schmitter, 11th Chris St. Pierre, 13th Liz Johnson, 14th Clara McCully, 15th Mia Gaertig, 16th Rachel Stephens, 18th Louise Otero, 23rd Jean Kovar, 24th Ray Kansier, 24th Dale Fountain, 29th Ann Reese, 30th Jordyn Reese, 30th Lilia Jurczewsky

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sun Oct 12, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH)
8am Holy Eucharist (S)
8am Stewardship Begins
9:15am His Story (MR)
9:15am No Sunday School
10:30am Children's Chapel (CC)
10:30am Holy Eucharist (S)
10:30am Online Service
11:30am Justice In Action (MR)
1:30pm Dinka Language Worship
1:30pm Sudanese Sunday School

Mon Oct 13, 2025

Offices Closed

9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
6pm EFM (MR)
6pm Heartland Exercise (CHR)

Tue Oct 14, 2025

12pm AA (U)
6pm Heartland Exercise (CHR)
6:30pm Community Bells (BR)
8pm Tues AA (U)

Wed Oct 15, 2025

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

Thu Oct 16, 2025

8am Third Thursday Eucharist
12pm Thursday AA (U)
6pm Heartland Exercise (CR)

Fri Oct 17, 2025

8:30am Organ lessons (S)
9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
7:30pm Friday night AA (U)

Sat Oct 18, 2025

6pm Men's Ministry Octoberfest
(South Lawn)

Sun Oct 19, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH)
8am Holy Eucharist (S)
9:15am His Story (MR)
10:30am Children's Chapel (CC)
10:30am Family Worship Service
10:30am Holy Eucharist (S)
10:30am Online Service
11:30am Connection Corner (PH)
1:30pm Dinka Language Worship
1:30pm Sudanese Sunday School
2pm Justice In Action (MR)

PH-Parish Hall

S-Sanctuary

MR-Memorial Room

CC-Children's Chapel

CR- Choir Room (downstairs)

U-Undercroft/Downstairs

BR-Bell Room

Find the updated calendar of
events

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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
Jill Lein, Children's Ministry Lead
Sue Everett, Ministry Coordinator
Harve Evans, Sexton
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