The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025 10:30am



Welcome to ALL Today!

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you believe, God WELCOMES and LOVES you, right now and always!

Church of the Holy Trinity

www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com

Staffed Nursery for our Smallest Guests @ 10:30

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

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude & Welcome



Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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 Children's Chapel Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Together Lord God, help us to see Jesus and hear his voice,

that we may love him in our hearts, think about him in our minds, and follow him with our lives.

Amen.

A Reading from 1 Kings 17:10-16

¹⁰ So Elijah went to Zarephath. When he reached the town gate, he saw a widow there. She was gathering wood for a fire. Elijah asked her, "Would you bring me a little water in a cup? I would like to have a drink." ¹¹ As she was going to get his water, Elijah said, "Please bring me a piece of bread, too."

¹² The woman answered, "As surely as the Lord your God lives, I tell you the truth. I have no bread. I have only a handful of flour in a jar. And I have only a little olive oil in a jug. I came here to gather some wood. I will take it home and cook our last meal. My son and I will eat it and then die from hunger."

¹³ Elijah said to her, "Don't worry. Go home and cook your food as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread from the flour you have. Bring it to me. Then cook something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ The Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'That jar of flour will never become empty. The jug will always have oil in it. This will continue until the day the Lord sends rain to the land."

¹⁵ So the woman went home. And she did what Elijah told her to do. So Elijah, the woman and her son had enough food every day. ¹⁶ The jar of flour and the jug of oil were never empty. This happened just as the Lord, through Elijah, said it would.

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

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Psalm 23	Read responsively by whole verse
Leader People	The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; and he leads me beside peaceful streams.
Leader	He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths.
People	Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.
Leader People	Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.
Leader People	You honor me by anointing my head with oil. <i>My cup overflows with blessings</i> .
Leader	Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,
People	and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Holy Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹ One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. ² "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. ³ A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' ⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, ⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!"

⁶ Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. ⁷ Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly!

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Children are invited to come forward for the sermon. They will return to be with their parents after the sermon.

Won't Worry 'Bout a Thing Holy Trinity Children & Youth

Free Like a bird in the big, blue sky Not a cloud or a care for a million miles I won't worry, worry 'bout a thing

God loves me, and he loved me first He rescued me when I was in a lurch And I won't worry, worry 'bout a thing To the left I'll fly, fly, fly
To the right I'll glide, glide, glide
Oh, and I won't worry, worry 'bout a thing

Gonna swoop down low, low, low And then I'll soar up high, high, high Oh, and I won't worry, worry 'bout a thing

The 3rd Sunday Creed

All stand.

Celebrant I believe in God the Father, People I believe in God the Father,

Celebrant who created me and all the world.

People who created me and all the world.

Celebrant I believe in God the Son, People I believe in God the Son,

Celebrant who saved me on the cross and loves me. People who saved me on the cross and loves me.

Celebrant I believe in God the Holy Spirit,

People I believe in God the Holy Spirit,

Celebrant who is in me and gives me life. *People* who is in me and gives me life.

Celebrant I believe in one God, People I believe in one God,

Celebrant who lives forever and ever. Amen. *People who lives forever and ever. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Now let us pray together for the Church and the world.

Leader God, our Father, watch over your people in all the world who worship you this day.

People We pray to you, our God.

Leader God, our Lord, guide the people of this nation, and our leaders as we work for justice and freedom in our land.

People We pray to you, our God.

Leader God, our Redeemer, rescue all who suffer in wars or violence, and restore goodwill among all nations.

People We pray to you, our God.

Leader God, our Savior, pour out your healing power on all those who are sick and comfort those who suffer.

People We pray to you, our God.

Leader God, our Shepherd, receive into your arms all those who have died, and give us peace in our grief.

People We pray to you, our God.

Leader God, our Friend, help us to be humble and loving like Jesus, who came to serve all those in need.

People We pray to you, our God.

Celebrant Lord God, you are our light and our life. Help us not to be afraid but instead be bold in sharing your love with all people. Amen

Confession and Absolution

All kneel or sit.

Almighty and merciful Father, We confess that we have sinned against you. We have said, done, and thought things that are wrong

We are sorry and we repent.

Have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you and forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

This is an opportunity to greet those around you and to share God's peace.

Announcements

Offertory It Is Well with My Soul

Please join us in singing

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain:

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain:

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Celebrant

It is right to give you thanks, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, so that all people might know the love of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy)

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.

Please sit, stand or kneel as you prefer.

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

On the last night of his life, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; he gave thanks then gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is shed for all of you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

In thanksgiving for all that you have done for us, we offer you these gifts. Bless 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.

Bless us also that we may faithfully receive this holy sacrament and serve you all the days of our life. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. *AMEN*.

And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray the Lord's Prayer:

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

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

All people of faith, children or adults, are welcome to receive communion. We believe this is God's table and no one is turned away. Follow the directions of the ushers to come forward.

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

Finally, if you would like communion brought to you, please inform the ushers.

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.



If you wish to use the common cup, reach out and guide the large chalice to your mouth.



Two options exist for receiving wine.

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.

Communion Music

Please feel free to join us as we sing

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but he is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way From the earth to the cross my debt to pay From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky Lord I lift Your name on high

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,
You have given us the gift of your son Jesus.
You have fed us with spiritual food.
You have saved us by your love.
Send us now out into the world in peace.
Give us strength and courage
To love and serve you with all of our life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn Praise to the Lord Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation: Join the great throng, Psaltery, organ, and song, Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath breath come now with praises before Him! Let the "Amen" sound from his people again, Gladly forever adore him.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,

Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dan Kingman, Jr.,
Dan and Nadine Kingman, Eugene and Shirley Engelhardt, Dudley
and Della Parrish, William Parrish and Ronald Parrish
by Jon & Bonnie Engelhardt.



Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers

Joni & Mike Cover

Alia Hogan

Lectors

Sawyer & Claire

Wasserburger

Pamela Starr

Coffee Shepherd

John Schomerus

Chalice

Dana Visger

David Bloomquist

Mary Jo Tietjen

Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Rev. John Long

Rev. Verneda Kelly

Altar Guild

Babette Dickinson

Nancy Stara

Calling All Kids to....

Check out the "Connection Corner" in the Parish Hall

Right after the service we invite you and your family to join us in the Parish Hall for light refreshments and fun snacks for the kids. You'll find the Connection Corner just inside the door. We'll have crafts, treats and fun for them to continue the learning!

Join Us next month! Next Family Worship is November 16th @ 10:30

Join us for Worship that is fun and accessible for all ages. Yet, still honors our traditions and faith. 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 is for you.

Youth Group Lunch & Serving: October 26th 11:30 – 1:00pm

Join us for lunch followed by fun, fellowship and serving.



IGNITE 2025 - 2026 November SOCIAL STUDY SERVICE Nov 8 - Hockey Game Nov 19 - Deborah Nov 30 3:00 - 6:00pm 7:00 - 8:30pm 11:30am - 1:00pm Come to the Breslow Learn & discuss how Come after the 2nd (433 V Street) to Deborah, a prophetess service for lunch cheer on the Huskers & judge, showed her together, an on Ice. Bring \$10 per zeal for God in the opportunity to grow person. We'll have a midst of her enemies! our relationships, and blast together, but (Middle-High School serve the kids of our be sure to dress in Level learning) Meet church as we "deck the Sunday School in the Oasis Room layers... it's a little chilly in there! @HT! Halls" downstairs!

Register Now for Youth Group IGNITE RETREAT January 9-11th at the Platte River State Park

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* 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: <u>DarbyD@htlnk.org</u>.



Looking Back... Over 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 Holy Trinity Can Be:

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

Looking Forward... God will Strengthen Us for Future Growth!

This past year has been busy. So much has happened. New things have begun, and new people have joined. Even our buildings are being transformed around us.

In 2026 we need to focus on catching up with what God has been doing. We need to focus on strengthening our church for the future.

Therefore, in 2026 we will:

- Deepen our care for one another as a family of faith.
- Invite and welcome ALL people to experience God for themselves here.
- Strive for excellence in our worship, our fellowship, and our faith.
- Grow our giving to catch up with our growth in people.
- Strengthen our administrative, physical, and human resources so that we can continue to grow our church.

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 today, 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



LPS Emergency Pantry at Bryan Community School (300 S. 48th St.) October 24, 2025, 2:45-5:45pm

Volunteers Needed! Once a month on the 4th Friday.

Sign up in the south entrance on the NEW Community Ministry table.

The pantry is open three days a week when school is in session and Holy Trinity will provide three volunteers to work at the pantry on the fourth Friday during the school year. Please consider signing up for one or more sessions and contact Cheryl Hejl chejl380@yahoo.com with any questions.

Thanks to our many volunteers who make this effort successful!

"Serving Today" New Process



Sign up online and make your own schedule:
Feel free to schedule yourself as little or often
- as you would like. Anyone can volunteer to
serve and training will be provided! Contact

Nicole <u>nicoles@htlnk.org</u> or Joni <u>jonic@htlnk.org</u> with questions.

https://tinyurl.com/mrymjd4a Or scan this QR code:



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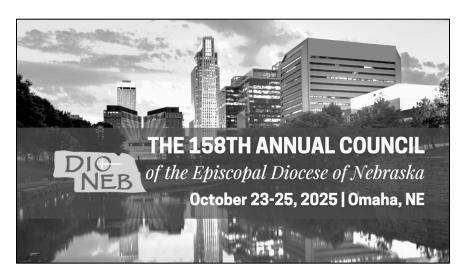
With all the issues we've been having with SPAM, we are shifting to a common email ending that will help you recognize communications from Holy Trinity.

We are updating the email addresses for the staff at Holy Trinity. They will end with the acronym for "Holy Trinity Lincoln. That's HT and then LNK – the airport designation for our city.

For example:

Father Clay's email would be clayl@htlnk.org
Nicole Sherer is at nicoles@htlnk.org
Joni Cover is at jonic@htlnk.org
and so on...

Our Diocesan Council Meets this Month Please Keep Us in Your Prayers!



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: 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 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

Mon Oct 20, 2025

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

2pm Justice In Action (MR)

Tue Oct 21, 2025

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

Wed Oct 22, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 12pm Al Anon (MR) 6pm Adult Bells (BR) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CHR)

Thu Oct 23, 2025

Annual Council 12pm Thursday AA (U) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CHR)

Fri Oct 24, 2025

Annual Council 8:30am Organ lessons (S) 9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 7pm Pius X FB Game 7:30pm Friday night AA (U)

Sat Oct 25, 2025

Annual Council All day Quilt Show (S) 11:30am UNL Home FB Game

Sun Oct 26, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH)

8am Holy Eucharist (S)
9:15am His Story (MR)
10:30am Children's Chapel (CC)
10:30am Holy Eucharist (S)
10:30am Online Service
11:30am Youth Lunch & Serve
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
Jill Lein, Children's Ministry Lead
Sue Everett, Ministry Coordinator
Harve Evans, Sexton
Garang Deng, A/V Coordinator
Rebecca Schultz, Finance Administrator
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