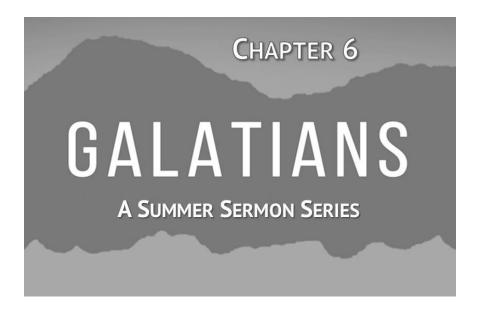
The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 27, 2025



SPIRIT -vs- FLESH

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!**

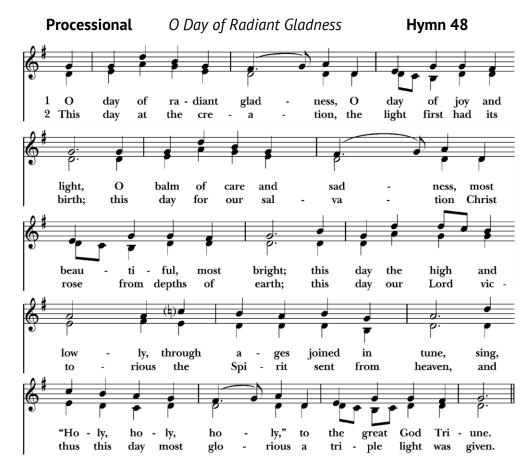
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Staffed Nursery for our Smallest Guests @ 10:30

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.

Prelude & Welcome



Summer Sunday 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 180

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A Reading from the book of Genesis. Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰The LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then

he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 read responsively by whole verse **BCP 793**

- ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;
- ³For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.
- ⁴When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- ⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
 enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *O LORD, your love endures for ever;do not abandon the works of your hands.

A Reading from Paul's letter to Galatia. Galatians 6:7-18

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised — only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

Gradual Hymn Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God **Hymn 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. 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. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For

everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Sermon The Rev. John Long

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 with the Father.

Through him all things were made

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 Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask; Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 O God Beyond All Praising Adria Benes

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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. 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.



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.

The Closing Prayer

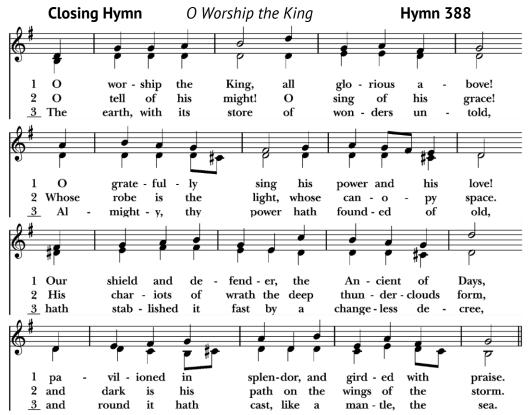
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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, 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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Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for God's many blessings and in celebration of our wedding anniversary.

By Mark and Julie Silvertrust

Serving Today

8am **Greeters/Ushers**

John & Bonnie

Engelhardt

Lectors

Patt Harper Melanie Gibson

Chalice

Marcia White Rev John Long Rev Dr. Clay Lein

10:30am

Greeters/Ushers Mike & Ioni Cover

Lectors

Angee Dostal Hector Coronado

Coffee Shepherd

John Schomerus

Chalice

Dana Visger Liz Johnson Don Rabbe Sue Everett

Rev Dr. Clay Lein Rev John Long

Altar Guild

Jane Janesch Janie Rife

Not Too Late to Help Fill Backpacks

Help out at the Food Bank of Lincoln on Monday at 10:30am. Sign up or show up at 1221 Kingbird Road.



Here's a Great Way to Connect with Folks...

AND Build Friendships that Last.

Holy Trinity Dinner Circles

These are groups of 6-8 adults who meet for a meal together 4-5 times between

September 2025 and February 2026. Register today and we'll connect you with a group. Then schedule a time to share a meal and begin getting to know one another. Groups can meet at homes or restaurants (all pay for their own meal).

This activity is open to all adults. Each group will have a lead person to kick things off. Please consider this fun activity. Sign up in the Narthex or email Sue at Sbeverett51@gmail.com

McPhee Fall Supply Drive Ends TODAY

We are still collecting supplies and gift cards for our partners at McPhee Elementary. We need:

Walmart gift cards in \$25 denominations, Cash or checks for gift cards, Tissues and Clorox wipes.

Please drop off any supplies by the end of the month in the Narthex on the table labeled

McPhee Supply Drive.

THANK YOU!!









Join us on August 31st One COMBINED Worship Service @ 10:00 am

We Will Be INDOORS!

Church Potluck Right After: All are invited to bring sides, covered dish or dessert. If you are unable to bring food, please do still come. God always provides enough!



The West Entrance is Officially Under Construction!

Please use the south entrance, by the circle driveway or east entrance by the kitchen when entering the building.

Parking is available on the south and east side.



Our Youth Had a Blast @ Camp Canterbury!

Thanks for your prayers and for your financial support! This year you all sent 12 of our teenagers to summer camp in Fremont, NE.

More than a hundred other youth from the Diocese of Nebraska joined with us to experience a community of gracious love and faith. And of course, have FUN!





Kids Camp 2025 is a Wrap!

We started Kids Camps in 2022 as a way of connecting with families in our community. It's been an amazing success – and a great blessing to so many.



We've hosted 16 weeks of learning oriented camps here in our facility. Topics have ranged from Art, Dinosaurs, Story Writing, Health, Insects, to Outer Space, Quilts, and Harry Potter. Each week has been filled with learning, activities, crafts, and RELATIONSHIP Building. Most of the kids that have attended are not members of Holy Trinity – YET.

You and the generosity of Holy Trinity have made this possible.

From the parents and the kids who have come – THANK YOU!

Thanks also to Jill Lein and the team of folks she has assembled to make this happen. As one parent put it, "this has been the best camp experience of our whole summer!"





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: Amy; Alessa; Devyn; Jim; Paul, Ward, Lynn, Kevin, Anne H.; Pat H.; Sergio; JoAnn, Deana, Michael B.; Natalie, Mary T., Lindsey; Kacie and her small children; John C.; Amy; Sabrina; John B & family; Jo D; Wade; George; Joseph; Bob B; Tami; Lucy, Dana; Aaron; Charlene; Marlene P.; Josh; Opal S.; Shawn; Richie F; Ann H.; Dow C.; Donna; Jackie H; Christopher; Tom H; Madison.

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

The Rev. Deacon Sarah Grubb.

In Thanksgiving we pray for July Birthdays 2nd Jim Carraher, 2nd Sue Carraher, 2nd Roxane Graham, 4th Russell Jacobson, 5th Adria Benes, 8th Ann Behrens, 8th Shirley Cooley, 10th Jeffery Sneller, 11th Wanda Dietrich, 12th Jim Lundak, 13th John Andrews, 13th Liz Carney, 14th John Streedbeck, 17th Hector Coronado, 17th Carrie Graves, 17th Harper Wasserburger, 18th Tyler Blair, 19th Gregory Geerts, 19th Opal Stivrins, 21st Ann Kansier, 22nd Jan Connor, 24th Wade Graft, 24th Zoe Machmer Frederick, 26th David Kovar, 28th Nancy Machmer, 29th John Schomerus.

This This Week at Holy Trinity

Sun Jul 27, 2025

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

Mon Jul 28, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 3pm EFM (MR) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CH)

Tue Jul 29, 2025

12pm AA (U) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CH) 8pm Tues AA (U)

Wed Jul 30, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 12pm Al Anon (MR) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CH)

Thu Jul 31, 2025

12pm Thursday AA (U) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CH)

Fri Aug 1, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CH) 6pm Linzell Wedding rehearsal (S/PH)

7:30pm Friday night AA (U)

Sat Aug 2, 2025

All day Linzell Wedding

Sun Aug 3, 2025

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

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

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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
Jane Janesch, Children's Ministry Lead
Jill Lein, Children's Ministry Lead
Sue Everett, Ministry Coordinator
Harve Evans, Sexton
Ky Machmer-Frederick, A/V Coordinator
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