



WELCOME TO TRINITY

FAITH. LIFE. COMMUNITY.

8:45am

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We are glad you are here at one of our THREE WORSHIP SERVICES this weekend, each centered around the same scriptures but with three different musical styles. THIS BULLETIN contains information for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service

A SEPARATE BULLETIN lists the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service here in the sanctuary. The other service we offer is Praise worship in Jack's Place.

We invite you to turn to **pages 15 and following in this bulletin** for HELPFUL INFORMATION for visitors and members alike, such as service participants.

For directions or help with special needs, just ask an usher.

- DIAPER CHANGING AREA - in Gathering Space restroom
- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS for the Sanctuary services
- AURACAST AUDIO is available for hearing impaired for use in the Sanctuary and Jack's Place
- HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM - Gathering Space
- WHEELCHAIR available - Gathering Space
- HANDICAPPED PARKING - near Worship entrances
- PAST SERMONS on the web - visit www.trinityashland.org

SUNDAY MORNING 8:45

September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

✝ ✝ ✝ GATHERING ✝ ✝ ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

Where Charity and Love Prevail - arr. James F. Coe
Mark Koehler, organ

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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**Please stand, as able.*

✠ *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection

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.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy,
has given his Son to die for you,
and for his sake, forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

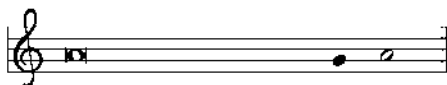
*ENTRANCE HYMN

Our Father, We Have Wandered

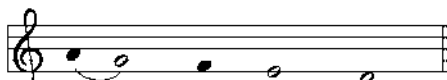
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*GREETING

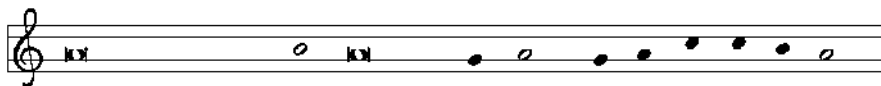
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



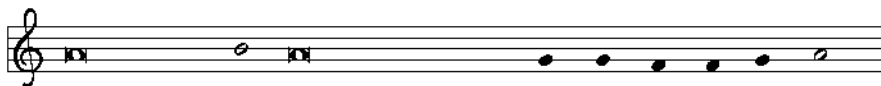
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

I Come With Joy - arr. Zebulon M. Highben

Trinity Choir

Kim Wolbert, director

✝ ✝ ✝ **WORD** ✝ ✝ ✝

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING *Genesis 50:15-21*

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-12 *Sung responsively* - Tone 4



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¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!

**²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not all his | benefits,**

³who forgives all your in- | iquity,
who heals all your dis- | eases,

⁴**who redeems your life | from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**
⁵who satisfies | you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
⁶**The LORD works | righteousness
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,
his acts to the people of | Israel.
⁸**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**
⁹He will not | always chide,*
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
¹⁰**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.**
¹¹For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
¹²**as far as the east is | from the west,
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit.**
**As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL***Matthew 18:21-35*

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Benjamin Mollohan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each portion of the prayers:

**Lord, in your mercy,
 hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

His Mercy is More (Hymn of the Month) - Matt Papa, Moatt Boswell,
 & Keith & Kristyn Getty
 Aaliyah Bibb, soprano, and Kim Wolbert, piano

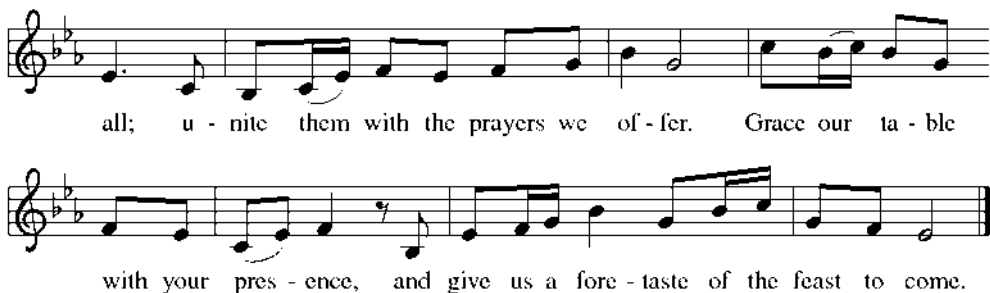
***CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*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.**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SENDING** ✠ ✠ ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

***SENDING SONG** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 596

***DISMISSAL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share God's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE**

He Giveth More Grace and No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

- arr. Mark Hayes

Mark Koehler, piano



*We invite you to the Olive Tree Café after the service for goodies and Goldberry coffee.
The Café is located in the north office hallway on the Walnut Street side of the building.*

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES: 8:45

PRESIDING MINISTER - Pastor Ben Mollohan,

ASSISTING MINISTERS - Vicar Gage Garlinghouse, Stan Kopp

ORGANIST - Mark Koehler

LECTOR - Bob Harpster

GREETERS - Adam & Laura Kime

USHERS - Usher Team #1, Gary Goon, Captain, John McNutt, Co-Captain

SOUND - Sam Wolfe

PRO PRESENTER - Jason Breining

CAMERA OPERATOR - Michael Prezioso

RADIO - Everett Kime

NURSERY - Rebekah Gorsuch, Kristen McClain

*If you would be interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities,
please contact Wendy Shreffler at the Church Office.*

SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by:

> Greg and Peppy Crosby in loving memory of their parents, Dr. F. D. and Mary Alice Crosby,
and Frank and Polly Parker, and brother, Paul Parker,

> Tom Pate in loving remembrance of his wife Cheryl and their 59th anniversary,

> John and Marsha McNutt in honor of their 52 blessed years of marriage and to the glory of
God.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service is sponsored by Janet and Gary Greene as
their gift to those Trinity members who cannot attend in person today.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 11 a.m. Sunday Praise Service is sponsored in honor of Goldie Ca-
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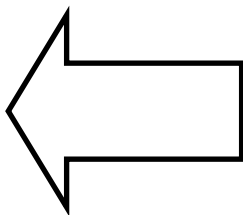
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