

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 19)

September 13, 2026

10AM Holy Communion with Music

TRINITY CHURCH

Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand and join us in singing the hymns, prayers which reflect on the theological themes of the day and season, and can be found in the blue hymnal in your pew, ordered by the numbers listed in the bulletin below.

OPENING HYMN *"Forgive our sins as we forgive"* Hymn 674

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Celebrants: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: 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*

GLORIA

S280 in Hymnal

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Celebrants: *And also with you.*

Presider: Let us pray.

ALL: *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*

All may be seated.

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Celebrants: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 103: 8-13

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it

in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Celebrants: *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN *Here in Christ we gather, Love of Christ our calling*

Hymn 577

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Presider: ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

Celebrants: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my

heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

Celebrants: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All may be seated.

HOMILY

Dana and Kathryn Hiscock

All stand as are able

NICENE CREED

*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.
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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:

for our world,
the heavens tell of your glory;

for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray: for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;

for artists, scientists and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life and life shared together; especially Ruth Ann Morel who will celebrate her birthday September 16 and Priscilla Henry who will celebrate her birthday September 18.
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray:

for those who are sick; especially Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Jana, Margie, Russ, Carol, Nancy, Bob, Debby, Michael, Deirdre, Mandy, Jacqui, Braden, Lydia, Tom, Rich, Bruce, Wayne, Geoff, Kim and Penny;
for prisoners, refugees, and all who are deprived of fullness of life;

for those in military service, politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church, especially Nick, Jason, Elizabeth and canines;
for all who seek to bring life to others.

Silence

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

*God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.
Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.*

The Presider concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Blessed are you,
God of growth and discovery;
yours is the inspiration
that has altered and changed our lives;
yours is the power that has brought us
to new dangers and opportunities.
Set us, your new creation,
to walk through this new world,
watching and learning,
loving and trusting,
until your kingdom comes. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

All may share with one another a sign of peace.

All may be seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

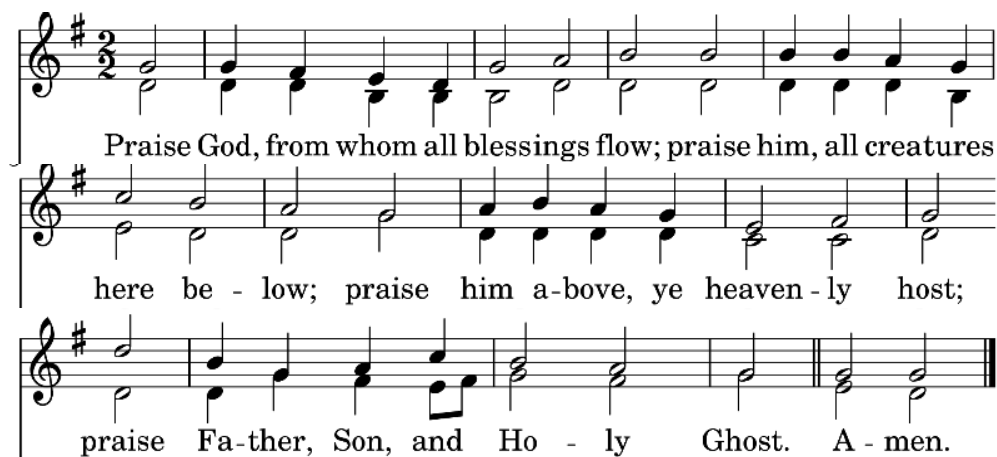
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All stand as are able

OFFERTORY HYMN *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Hymn 593

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven - ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Celebrants: *And also with you.*

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Celebrants: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Celebrants: *It is right to give God 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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

SANCTUS

S125 in Hymnal

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All kneel as the Presider continues,

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: ***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Host and, after a moment of silence, continues,

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Celebrants: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

AGNUS DEI

S164 in Hymnal

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Presider says the following invitation

Behold what you are and become what you receive.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All may kneel.

Let us pray.

Presider: Blessed be God who calls us together.

Celebrants: Praise to God who makes us one people.

Presider: Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Celebrants: Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Presider: Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Celebrants: Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Presider: Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Celebrants: Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Presider: Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

Celebrants: Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

THE BLESSING

All stand as are able

CLOSING HYMN

Come down, O Love divine

Hymn 516

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrants: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

After the closing hymn, our Director of Music will offer a musical voluntary for the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Real Partners Uganda — This Sunday we are grateful to Dana and Kathryn Hiscock for sharing their story, which began on a 2003 trip to Uganda, at a village school they had no particular reason to stop at, in front of a choir of children. That stop turned into Real Partners Uganda, founded in 2006, and into the Mustard Seed schools in Lukaya, serving children in partnership with Ugandans through Tree of Life Ministries. Twenty-three years on, the work continues. Learn more at realpartnersuganda.org.

Feasts of All Saints and All Souls — On November 1 we will remember by name those we love who have died. Please send their names to Lana by October 26 so they can be included in the program, and bring a photograph if you have one; there will be a display table at the service.

Compassionate Outreach

St. Paul's Men's Shelter- The 2026 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important part of our outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Thank you to everyone who volunteered so far in 2026. We still need volunteers for October and November. You can also call and leave a message or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

CFA In our efforts of continuing to support Center for Food Action (CFA), the Outreach Committee has decided to host different themes each month during the year. The theme for September is School Lunches – juice boxes, pudding, canned fruit, peanut butter crackers NOTE: This does not mean people must only donate these items, since they are only suggestions. ALL donations are greatly appreciated.

Joyful Fellowship

Coffee Hour - The signup sheet for SEPTEMBER is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex! We would love new Hosts to join us. There is a new Instruction sheet on the Bulletin Board, next to the Pantry in the kitchen to help everyone! If you need any further guidance, contact me and I will be glad to help you. Janet Zacco

We will be having a special Coffee Hour Brunch on Sept. 27th, to celebrate GIA's last day! There is a signup sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex for Brunch items - for example:

Egg dish, Cheese & crackers, Muffins, Bagels, Fruit, Coffee cake, etc.

Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. Hope everyone will join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate after the service! Janet Zacco

The Community Thrift Shop

The Shop is now accepting FALL items!! The Shop is open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Merchandise is accepted on Mondays only, from 9:00 am till 12 noon. Mark your 2 bags or boxes with #66, our account. Any questions, contact Janet Zacco.

Save the date!

September 19 - Allendale 250 parade (starting 12pm at dunkin donuts) and celebration

September 26 - Allendale festival day – sign up sheet in the narthex

October 17 - Trinity Oktoberfest – sign up sheets are in the Narthex – Tickets available at

www.trinitynbc.org/events

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