

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 21)

September 27, 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 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* Hymn 574

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

Celebrants: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
*let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
*for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.*
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
*remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.*
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Celebrants: ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Hymn 339

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Celebrants: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

Celebrants: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

All may be seated.

HOMILY

Paul Yoon

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 Russ Bickert who will celebrate his birthday October 3
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, especially Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, and canines—and for all who serve in public office, medical science, social and relief work, and your Church;
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

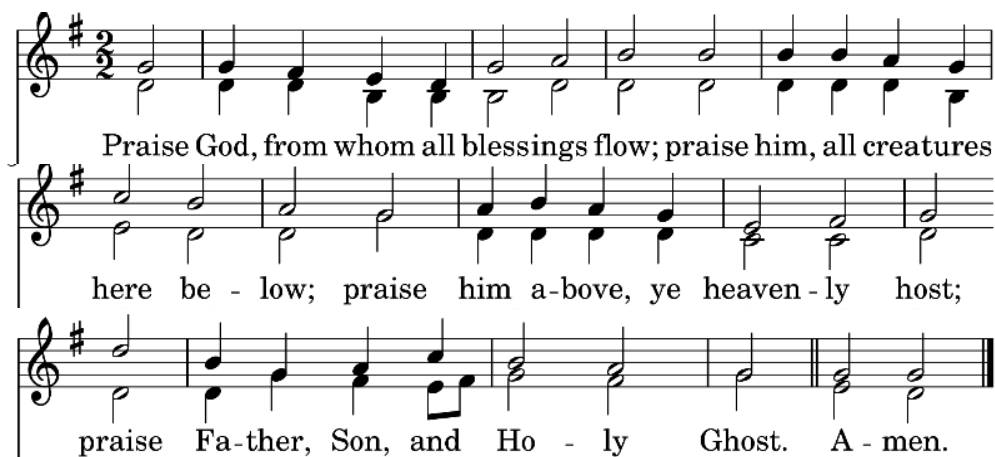
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All stand as are able

OFFERTORY HYMN *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymn 343

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

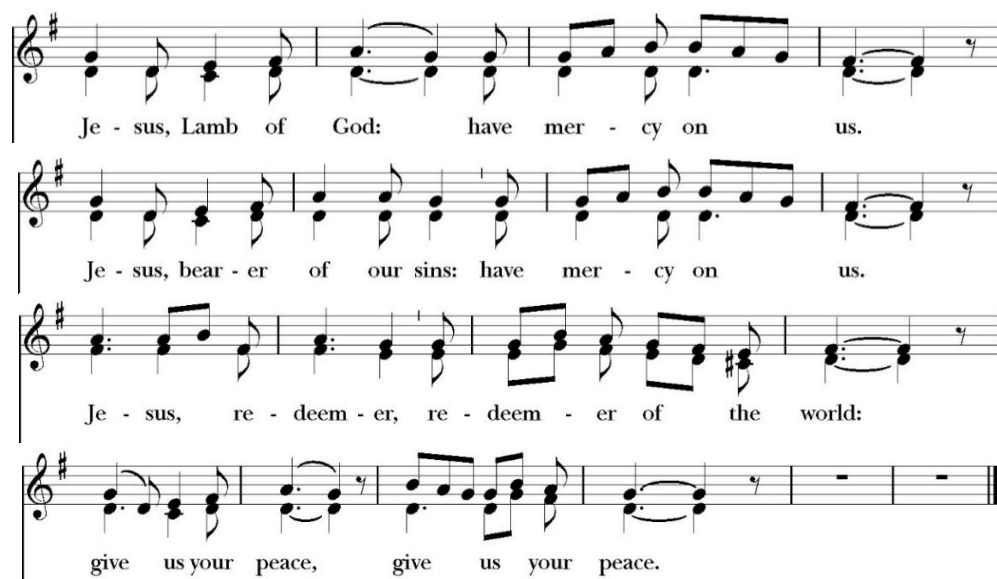
The Presider breaks the consecrated Host and, after a moment of silence, continues,

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

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

AGNUS DEI

S164 in Hymnal



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

God himself is with us

Hymn 475

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

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 a volunteer for **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. October's theme is Pet food. 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 - We will be having a special Coffee Hour Brunch today, to celebrate GIA's last day!. Hope everyone will join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate after the service! The signup sheet for October 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

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!

October 3 – Allendale Day.

October 4 - Blessing of the animals on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

October 17 – Trinity Oktoberfest – sign up sheets are in the Narthex – tickets available on the website www.trinitynbc.org