

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

August 31, 2025

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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 in Excelsis

The following is said, all standing

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.

The Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 2:4-13

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Epistle

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Sequence Hymn

No. 419

Lord of all being, throned afar, thy glory flames from sun and star;
center and soul of every sphere, yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life, thy quickening ray sheds on our path the glow of day;
star of our hope, thy softened light cheers the long watches of the night.

Lord of all life, below, above, whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before thy ever-blazing throne we ask no luster of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kindling hearts that burn for thee,
till all thy living altars claim one holy light, one heavenly flame.

Words: Oliver Wendel Holmes; Music: *Mendon*, adapt. Lowell Mason

The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Brothers and sisters, God will never leave us or forsake us. Let us humbly appeal to our faithful God, saying, “We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise; we offer the fruit of our lips.”

We pray for our leaders, those who speak your word to us, especially our Bishop and our Priest. May your whole Church listen for your voice and obey your words.

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;
People: We offer the fruit of our lips.

O God, you exalt the humble and humble the exalted. We pray that the leaders of the nations will serve their people in humility and manage their affairs with justice. May the poor and lowly be treated with respect and shown mercy.

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

People: We offer the fruit of our lips.

You have created a beautiful planet, full of wondrous creatures and magnificent works. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

People: We offer the fruit of our lips.

We pray for all laborers: for those who work, that they might be fulfilled; for those in need of work, that they might find meaningful employment; for those who are struggling to make ends meet, that they might receive a fair wage for their labors. In labor and in rest, be glorified by all we do.

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

People: We offer the fruit of our lips.

We pray for the strength to do your will. May we boldly and compassionately welcome the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. May all of us know you as God our helper.

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

People: We offer the fruit of our lips.

O God you invite those who have died at your heavenly banquet. We take great hope in the promise that not even death will cause you to leave us or forsake us.

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

People: We offer the fruit of our lips.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant and People together say

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

No. 598

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, upon a cross they bound thee,
And mocked thy saving kingship then by thorns with which they crowned thee;
And still our wrongs may weave thee now
New thorns to pierce that steady brow, and robe of sorrow round thee.

O awful Love, which found no room in life where sin denied thee,
And, doomed to death, must bring to doom the powers which crucified thee,
Till not a stone was left on stone,
and all those nations' pride, o'er thrown, went down to dust beside thee!

New advent of the love of Christ, shall we again refuse thee,
Till in the night of hate and war we perish as we lose thee?
From old unfaith our souls release
To seek the kingdom of thy peace, by which alone we choose thee.

O wounded hands of Jesus, build in us thy new creation;
Our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we wait thy revelation:
O love that triumphs over loss,
We bring our hearts before thy cross, to finish thy salvation.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 321

My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.

O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless numbers let them come
and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread all men be blest who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: sts. 1-3 Philip Doddridge, st.4 Isaac Watts Music: *Rockingham*, adapt. Edward Miller, harm. Samuel Webbe

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

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 for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith Music: St. Denio, Adapt. John Roberts

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

August 31, 2025

PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for the Church of South India

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for United Thank Offering Coordinator

Parish Calendar of Prayer for the Alcoholics Anonymous Group....

For Our sons and daughters in the military for Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin...

For those Celebrating an Anniversary this week Jessica & Howard Greenfield 08/31; Sharon & Mark Leone 09/05.

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Joseph, Julia, Olivia, Lisa, Amanda, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, Margie, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Carol, Michael, Douglas, Christine, Al, Barbara, Maureen, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L, Michael, Patty, Marissa, Laura, Audrey, John, Colleen, Anita, Bob N, Kay...

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving for 17 years of marriage by Jessica & Howard Greenfield, and by Jim Curran in memory of Judy Curran.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, September 27 – St. Francis Blessing of Animals 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, September 27 – Collingswood's PorchFest Celebration all afternoon on the plaza
- Saturday, October 4 – Collingswood Book Festival and Holy Trinity Book Sale all day on the plaza (and inside!)
- Wednesday October 4 – Boscov's Friends and Family Day (see additional info on the Announcements page)

AND PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Canon Martin Gutwein who is with us for this joyous celebration and whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS – Boscov's Annual Fund Raiser is coming soon.

This event benefits area non-profit organizations. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd from 8:00AM to 11:00PM. Discount shopping passes for 25% off of just about everything in the store cost only \$5.00 and are good for purchases during Friends Helping Friends Day! 100% of the ticket donation goes directly to the selling organization (that's us!). Discount shopping passes that can be used at all local Boscov's stores are for sale on Sunday mornings. You can also reserve a pass by calling the church office. (856-858-0491). Why not buy one for you and one for a friend!! This fundraiser benefits both Holy Trinity and your pocketbook.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will not meet for regular sessions during the summer months. BUT – we've got some fun trips and gatherings in the planning stage. Look for information on our special events coming soon.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CHART – is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign next to the desired date, if available or call the office at 856-858-0491. Flowers are \$45.00.

ONLINE GIVING – To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website to send your contribution electronically through **Vanco**. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued financial support of the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

HOMEMADE SOUP SALE

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*Our soups are made with fresh ingredients by loving hands!
Organic and low-/no-salt options are used whenever possible. All food
preparation is done in our church kitchen, which is inspected & certified by
the Camden County Board of Health.*

September's soup is...

HAMBURGER BARLEY

*Orders taken through **Monday, Sept. 15th***

*Pick-up available: **Friday, Sept. 19th, 3 - 4 p.m.** and*

Sunday, Sept. 21st, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

(use driveway door closest to the parking lot)

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PINTS (\$4.00) QUARTS (\$7.00)

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