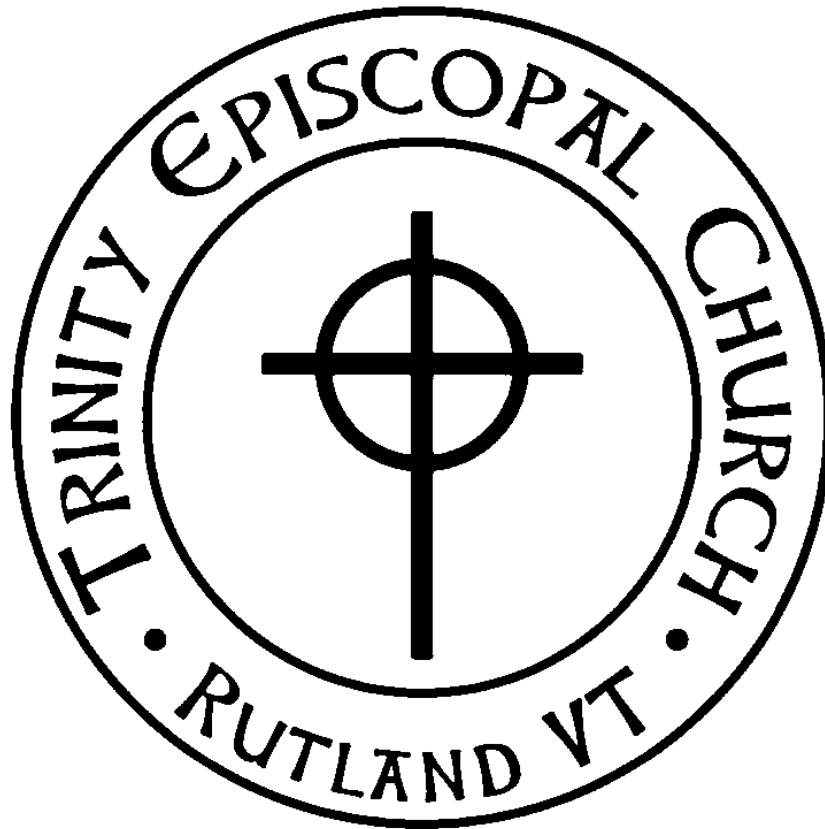


TRINITY CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

9:30 a.m.



WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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9:30a.m. Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost– Morning Prayer

The Invitatory and Psalter

We invite you to quiet conversation when the prelude begins. Please silence your mobile devices.

Prelude	Come, thou fount of every blessing	Paul Manz
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Opening Hymn #419	Lord of all being, throned afar	Mendon
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Opening Sentences

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: *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.*

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

All: *Come let us adore him.*

Venite

Officiant: Let us say together:

All: *Come, let us sing to the Lord; **

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving **

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

*For the Lord is a great God, **

and a great King above all gods.

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, **

and the heights of the hills are his also.
*The sea is his, for he made it, **
and his hands have molded the dry land.
*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
*and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

Officiant: Together, we'll read from Psalm 119 antiphonally by whole verse beginning with the
 pulpit side. (pulpit side - plain text; lectern side - italicized.)
 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
 and I shall keep it to the end.
 34 *Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; **
I shall keep it with all my heart.
 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
 for that is my desire.
 36 *Incline my heart to your decrees **
and not to unjust gain.
 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
 give me life in your ways.
 38 *Fulfill your promise to your servant, **
which you make to those who fear you.
 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
 because your judgments are good.
 40 *Behold, I long for your commandments; **
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Lessons

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Reader: A reading from the book of Ezekiel.
 You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word
 from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked
 ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their
 ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But
 if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the
 wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say
 to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon
 us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live,
 says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn

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

Hymn #686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* Nettleton

Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle The Second Song of Isaiah Quaerite Dominum

*All: Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; **

call upon him when he draws near.

*Let the wicked forsake their ways **

and the evil ones their thoughts;

*And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, **

and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, **

nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *

so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *

and return not again, but water the earth,

*Bringing forth life and giving growth, **

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *

it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *

*and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

When a Gospel lesson is read during daily offices, the congregation remains seated as with the other readings.

Responses are those of the lessons.

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn

#482

Lord of all hopefulness

Slane

Homily

The Rev. Liz Skaleski

Apostles' Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Together, let us affirm our faith.

All: *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 to the dead. 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Thank you for your generous stewardship of Trinity Church. Through your gifts, you join the Good Shepherd in nurturing faith, strengthening fellowship, and caring for others in Christ's name. To give to the parish's general fund, please use the labeled envelopes in your pew.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

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 Suffrages A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: *And grant us your salvation.*

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: *Let your people sing with joy.*

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: *For only in you can we live in safety.*

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: *Your saving health among all nations.*

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collects

Officiant: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Officiant: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies;

that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercession Prayers	New Zealand BCP Prayers for the People
Intercessor:	God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving. We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. In our congregation, we celebrate with those whose birthdays and anniversaries are this week: Larry Jensen, Sharon Howard. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us. God of grace,
People:	<i>Hear our prayer.</i>
Intercessor:	We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. We pray especially for Annie, Lauren, Linda, Ted. Have mercy on all those affected by floods in Nepal, Tibet, and China. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them. God of grace,
People:	<i>Hear our prayer.</i>
Intercessor:	We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these lands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations. God of grace,
People:	<i>Hear our prayer.</i>
Intercessor:	We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom, praying in particular for The Most Reverend Sarah Mullaly, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Thomas and Rob, our companion Bishops of Maine and New Hampshire; for Sarah, our priest; and for Liz, our Deacon; and for all our lay leaders. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. In our diocesan cycle of prayers, we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; Trinity Church, Rutland; the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; and the Rev. Deacon Liz Skaleski. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory. God of grace,
People:	<i>Hear our prayer.</i>
Intercessor:	We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, especially for Robert & Helen Kinney for whom the altar flowers have been given, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom. God of grace,
People:	<i>Hear our prayer.</i>

Intercessor: Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

People: *Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Officiant: O God, whose care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly ask you graciously to behold and bless those whom we love who are now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Officiant: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may be reminded that they are cherished members of our faith community. May your visit bring comfort, joy, and the assurance of God's grace.

All: Go in peace, and May the Spirit guide you in your ministry today. Amen.

Closing Hymn #493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

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Dismissal

Officiant: Dismissal.

Response: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!*

The postlude is an integral part of our worship. We invite you to remain in worship through the postlude.

Postlude

My soul, now bless thy Maker

Johann Gottfried Walther