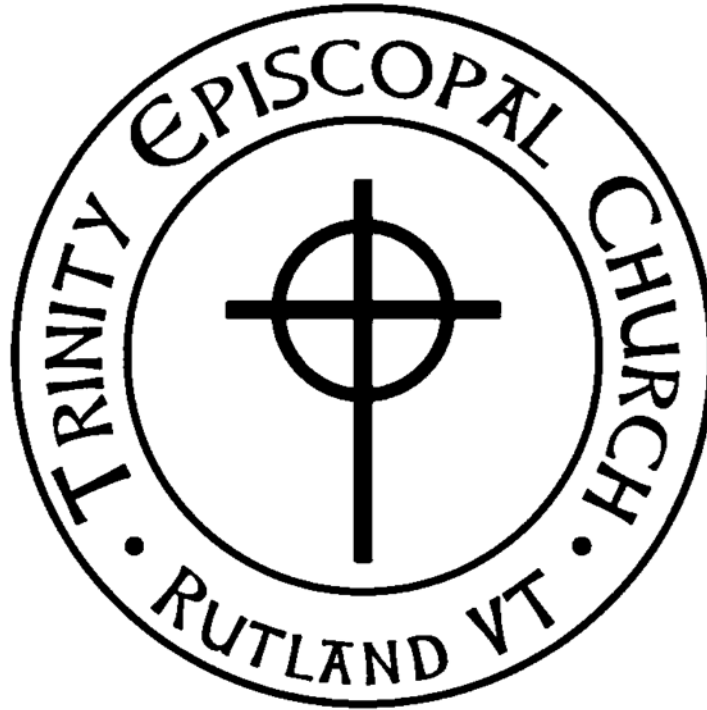


TRINITY CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

9:30 a.m.



WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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9:30a.m. 13th Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Eucharist

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	<i>Ricercar brevis</i>	<i>Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck</i>
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Opening Hymn #423	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise</i>	<i>St. Denio</i>
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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.*

Hymn of Praise #524	<i>I love thy kingdom, Lord</i>	<i>St. Thomas (Williams)</i>
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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. *Amen.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Reader: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Celebrant: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 1 responding on the italicized verses.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 *Their delight is in the law of the Lord, **
and they meditate on God's law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 *It is not so with the wicked; **
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 *For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, **
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Reader: A reading from the Letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love~ and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother~ especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

People: *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.

Intercessor: It is in this mystery of communion with Christ that we pray for the Church throughout the world, praying in particular for the office of 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. God, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for the people and communities of faith from whom we have come and to whom we shall return. In our diocesan cycle of prayers, we pray for **The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; St. Luke's, St. Albans; the Rev. Darcey Mercier; the Rev. Deacon Jim Ballard and their constellation partners, Grace Church, Sheldon.**

God, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed and the homeless, praying in particular for **Carolyn, Mona, John, Kathi, Chris, Joseph.**

God, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for those who died, **especially Robert and Helen Kinney for whom the altar flowers have been given, and for the Right Reverend Thomas Ely, and Kate Shattuck who died last week,** that they may rest in eternal light.

God, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for healing. We pray for those living in war zones, for those living in famine, for those who are incarcerated by unjust means, and for those who cannot find hope. We also pray for the children under the protection of Orphan Care Volunteers Association in Uganda.

God, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: And because you are one with us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. We honor those in our congregation celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Sarah Hawkins, Jared Moore, Sharon Howard, Arthur Kaufman.**

God, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your reign; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

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

People: *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.*

Celebrant: 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.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church—especially during the slower, summer months. Your faithful stewardship helps our mission to follow Jesus, build community and love others through service. The Offering plate is located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *see insert*

All who hunger gather gladly

Holy Manna

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. 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

All: *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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. 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 before he died for us, Our Savior 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." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of daughters, sons, and children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You are welcome at God's table! To join in this sacred meal, proceed up the center aisle to the communion rail.

Use the side aisles to return to your pew. If that's too far a walk, please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. There are two options to receive the wine: by sharing from the common chalice (cup) or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the Communion Bowl. Please do not use the common cup for dipping.

Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Finally, those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

Celebrant: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, all in the name of the Holy Trinity Amen.

Closing Hymn #344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

Deacon: Dismissal

People: Thanks Be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Praeludium pedaliter

Sweelinck

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.