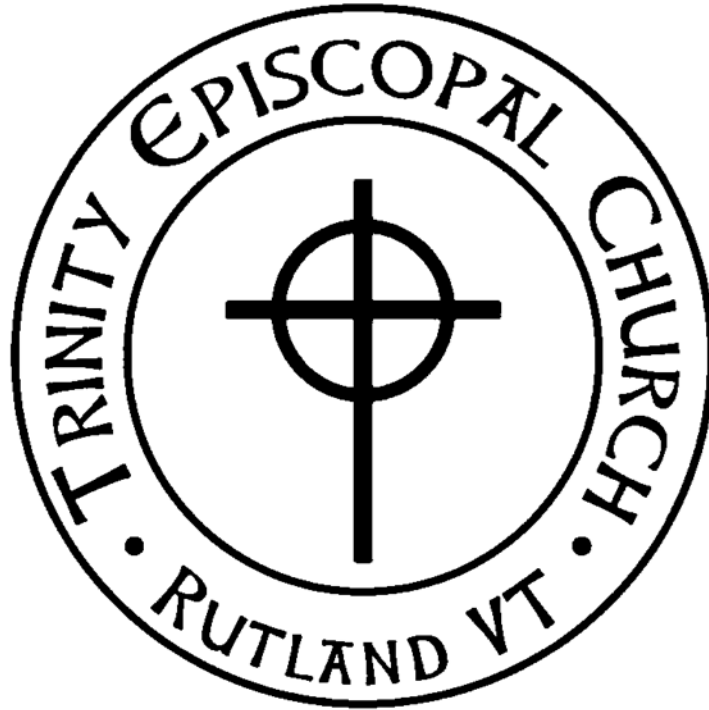


TRINITY CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

9:30 a.m.



WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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

We welcome and offer thanks to the Rev. Paul Gratz who is our celebrant today!

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

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	Intermezzo from Sonata IV	Josef Rheinberger
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Opening Hymn #398	<i>I sing the almighty power of God</i>	<i>Forest Green</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 #408	<i>Sing praise to God who reigns above</i>	<i>Mit Freuden zart</i>
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Reader:

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern

between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

People:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 119:129-136

Celebrant: Together, we'll read from Psalm 119 antiphonally by whole verse beginning with the Celebrant's side. (Celebrant side - plain text; lectern side - italicized.)

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 *When your word goes forth it gives light; **

it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *

I long for your commandments.

132 *Turn to me in mercy, **

as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 *Rescue me from those who oppress me, **

and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *

and teach me your statutes.

136 *My eyes shed streams of tears, **

because people do not keep your law.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-39

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right

hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Gratz

The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Celebrant: Together, let us affirm our faith.

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.

Intercession Prayers	New Zealand BCP Prayers for the People
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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: **Drew Howard, Julie Fox, Elaine Foskett, Adridne Nell, Patricia Hewitt, Bauer Hill**. 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: *Hear our prayer.*

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 **Chris, Gabriel, Helena, Linda, Ed, Elaine, Mary Ann, Jonathan, Ted, Sue**. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them. God of grace,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

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: *Hear our prayer.*

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania; St. John the Baptist Church, Hardwick; Jerry Willard, Senior Warden**. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory. God of grace,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, **especially Florence & Charles Perry, Robert & Elaine Perry, Henry Perry, Lawrence Perry, John Jaworski**

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: *Hear our prayer.*

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.*

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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 generous stewardship of Trinity Church. Through your gifts, you join the Good Shepherd in tending this community—nurturing faith, strengthening fellowship, and caring for others in Christ's name. Unlabeled cash offerings support our discretionary outreach ministries.

Offertory Hymn #380

From all that dwell below the skies

Old Hundredth

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

The Holy Communion

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 S 124

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.*

Eucharistic Prayer B (People stand or kneel as able.)

Celebrant: 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 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." After supper 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People: *We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 God, now and for 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! If mobility is a concern, ask an usher for Communion at your seat. Receive wine by drinking from the common cup or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the Communion Bowl. A grape juice bowl (lighter colored liquid) is offered and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to signal that 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, in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez à Dieu

Dismissal

Deacon: Dismissal
People: *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 heart abounds with pleasure

Johannes Brahms