

**Online Service**  
**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 13, 2020**



**Church of the Holy Trinity**

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Loretta Love, Music Director & Organist  
Nancy Youngman, Hand Bell Choir Director

**Welcome to all worshippers today.**

*No matter where you come from or what you're going through*

*No matter what you believe or what you doubt*

*No matter what you feel or just don't feel today*

*No matter whom you love*

*You are welcome into this space to be met by a God*

*Who knows you by name, who knows your heart,*

*Who knows your mind, and*

*Who wants to have a relationship with **you**.*

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Book of Common Prayer (red book) is abbreviated **BCP**, The Hymnal (blue book) is abbreviated **H**, and Wonder, Love and Praise (green book) is abbreviated **WLP**.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*“There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

Loretta Love

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP p. 355**

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

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen..

**Collect for Purity**

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**

*said in unison*

**BCP p. 356**

*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*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson          Alan Everett          Philippians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 103:8-14          Said responsively by whole verse          BCP p. 733**

8      The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9      *He will not always accuse us, \**  
*nor will he keep his anger for ever.*

10     He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11     *For as the heavens are high above the earth, \**  
*so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.*

12     As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13     *As a father cares for his children, \**  
*so does the LORD care for those who fear him.*

14     For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

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

**The Gospel**

**The Rev. John Long**

**Matthew 18:21-31**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**“In Search of JOY”**

The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

**The Nicene Creed**

*said in unison*

**BCP p. 358**

*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 (Form VI) BCP p. 392**

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Scott our Bishop and all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(This is a time to add your own needs aloud or silently)*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(This is a time to add your own thanksgivings aloud or silently)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(This is a time to name those whom you've lost aloud or silently)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The 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 the Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.

**The Offertory**      **"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"**      Loretta and Ed Love

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**BCP p. 361**

*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 him 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.

Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of humility, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

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, forever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

If you would like to receive communion (and you live within the Lincoln, NE area) please let us know of your need. We have a team of Lay Eucharistic Visitors who will gladly bring blessed wafers from this altar out to you. Simply email us at [HolyTrinity10@yahoo.com](mailto:HolyTrinity10@yahoo.com)

If that is not possible for you then please do take this time to silently meditate on the sacrifice of our loving savior on the cross. And for the gift of himself out of deep love for you.

## The Closing Prayer

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*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 forever. Amen.*

## Blessing

## Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Loretta Love



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in memory of Jung and Ed Wahl  
and Chuck Wahl  
by Ann Wahl.





**This week we pray for:** Ardis N.; The repose of the soul for Don Jones & for his son, Jeff; Mary Catherine; John A.; Marla; The repose of the soul for Dean Wright and his family; Lisa; Gretchen; Carolyn S.; the husband and son of Lori Ann D.; Diana; Rev. Sam; Russ J.; Michael S.; Karen E.; Amy G.; Larry B.; Dean W.; Monnie O.; Amy; Dee; Eddie K.; Dow C; Mike J; Don M. & Jenny; Ed B.; Kathryn & Michael; Mark; P.; Bill K.; Dulcie B.; Dennis; Mike; Amy G.; Susie; Kris.; Dorris J.; Anna J.; Darlene B; Mike & Beth; Mark S. and his family; Ellie; Hanney; Tom; Jane; Lee H; Will; Sue F.; Mary K.; Pastor Tim B.; Candace F.; Tiffany; Jerry and Mary; Mary P.; Maggie and Megan; Ray C.; Mary L; Rosemary; Susan W; Ann W.; Glenda H.; Ann H.; Fr. Gearhart; Anne G.; Wayne; Janet G; Dick Bost.

**In thanksgiving for those celebrating September birthdays**

- 1 Peter Sewell
- 2 Marcia White
- 5 Bob Halvorsen
- 7 Betty Deaton
- 12 Larry Graham
- 14 Carrie Mardock
- 15 Shane Perkins
- 16 Mary Churchill
- 16 Susan Spencer
- 17 Sherry Kent
- 20 Elizabeth Love
- 23 Kathleen Jacobson
- 24 Brynlee Cornell
- 24 Marilyn Wright
- 25 Rev. Clay Lein
- 28 Alan Everett
- 29 Sue Everett
- 29 Jeff Jones

**In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for** St. Mark Pro Cathedral, Hastings The Very Rev. Katie Hargis, Deacon Greg Burke · Brother James Dowd and The Benedictine Way Brother James Dowd, OSB.

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for** the Anglican Church of South America; The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.

**Prayer Chain** Prayer requests for Holy Trinity's prayer chain are always welcome. Our plan is to include them on our list for a total of four weeks unless more time and prayer are needed, and we certainly understand that is sometimes the case. Please keep us updated concerning those for whom you request prayers by contacting Marilyn Dorf at (402) 489-3104 or [marilyndorf@gmail.com](mailto:marilyndorf@gmail.com) (please note Marilyn's new email address) or the church office [holytrinity10@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinity10@yahoo.com) or 402-488-7139.

# Holy Trinity Announcements

**Don't Forget: Outdoor Service Sunday – September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

## **Important Details:**

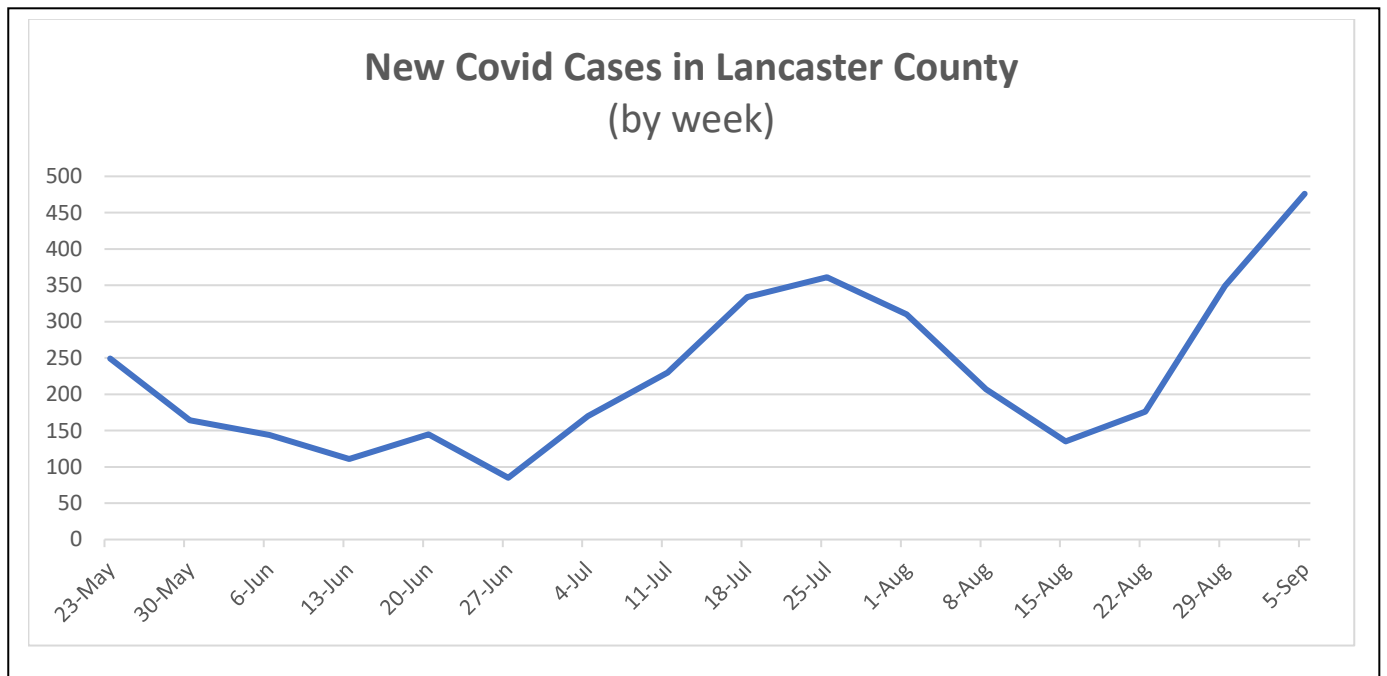
Bring lawn chairs or blankets

Bring your Prayer Book

Bring your MASKS

Bring your friends

## **We Have Experienced a Record Number of New Cases in Lancaster County**



The latest information from the Lancaster County Health Department indicates that we've seen a new spike in COVID-19 cases in our county. That new high is 476 new cases, just over half amongst college students. The concern by county officials at this time is that this *"could impact a greater proportion of older adults in Lincoln who are more likely to have more severe illness."*

As of 9/10 a similar high level of COVID spread continues this week which could lead to another record high level of cases. We need to continue to:

- 1) PRAY for all those in our community.
- 2) Wear a Mask
- 3) Stay SAFE in our own community interactions

## We Will NOT be Able to Regather Indoors on Sundays in September

It was our goal to be back indoors for our Sunday Worship this month. But with new case levels we will not be able to do that. We are working with the Diocese and our Vestry to find ways to open quickly BUT SAFELY. Our new goal is now October. Please do keep that in your prayers!

### However, We Will Still Gather...

.... for our Next Outdoor Service on  
October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

**OUTDOOR Service**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am**  
**South Lawn**

God has been gracious to give us some amazing weather for our Outdoor Services. August 16<sup>th</sup> was gorgeous. September 13<sup>th</sup> is supposed to be even better.

We've had such a good response that we are going to have another Outdoor Service on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please join us and keep praying for some great fall weather. Bring your lawn chairs, your masks, and your Books of Common Prayer (or bulletin).



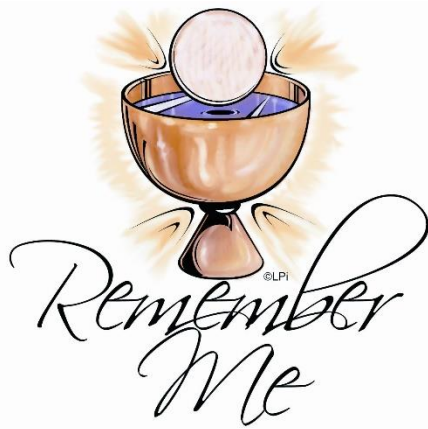
### Watch Here Next Week for More Photos



#### Important Details:

- October 4th @ 10:00 am
- Bring lawn chairs or blankets
- Bring your Prayer Book
- Bring your MASKS
- Bring your friends

## May We Bring Holy Communion to Your Home?



We would LOVE to bring you Communion at your convenience. You are an Important part of the Holy Trinity family and we want you to feel included in our sacramental life.

We have a Visitation Team that is ready to bring Communion to your front porch. They will show up wearing their masks to keep you safe. They will stay on the porch, check in with you, share what is going on at church, pray with you and then safely give you the consecrated bread.

Just email us at [HolyTrinity10@yahoo.com](mailto:HolyTrinity10@yahoo.com) or call Rev. Clay on his cell at (402) 613-9557.

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## New Fall Program Starts Up MONDAY

....It's NOT too Late

On Monday we will join together as a church to discover the JOY that comes from knowing Jesus Christ. That JOY is completely independent of our circumstances or the challenges we face. It's the kind of JOY that lasts even in the face of a pandemic.

Join us as we read and study the book of Philippians. Starting on September 14<sup>th</sup> we will be offering a broad selection of resources for you to choose from. You can dig in deeply or take it in smaller doses that works for you.

There will be a:

- daily reading plan starting 9/13 and will be available as a daily email – (if you sign up for it)
- daily devotion booklet written by Fr. Clay – handed out at the 9/13 outdoor service
- weekly sermon series on Sundays

**It's not too late to sign up for the daily emails** [HolyTrinity10@yahoo.com](mailto:HolyTrinity10@yahoo.com)

