

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 14, 2026 ~ 11:00 AM



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## Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

### † Welcome

### \*† Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)*

P: Holy God,

**C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away, and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C: Amen**

### \*† Greeting

### \*† Entrance Hymn: "Bless the Lord" TFBF 273

*Refrain:*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,*

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

*and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul,*  
*and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

*He has done great things,*  
*he has done great things,*  
*he has done great things,*  
*bless his holy name! [Refrain]*

**\*† Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*† Kyrie**

A: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy,**

A: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen**

**\*† Hymn of Praise**

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,*

*whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*Power and riches and wisdom and strength,*

*and honor and blessing and glory are his.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God*

*and join in the hymn of all creation.*

*Blessing and honor and glory and might*

*be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God,*

*for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

### **\*† Prayer of the Day**

**God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*~God's Word~*

### **† First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a**

*At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.*

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

**† Psalm: Psalm 100; refrain, Ps. 100:3**

*Refrain: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.*

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom | we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture. R**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age. R**

**† Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

*We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**\*† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter

*C: Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord*

**\*† Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 [9-23]**

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes." ]

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: *Praise be to you, Praise be to you, Praise be to you O Christ*

† Youth Anthem: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

† Adult Choir Anthem: "God Has Smiled On Me"

† Lay Sermon: Raquel Richardson-Hogan

† Sermon Hymn: "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" TFBF 220

*1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Refrain:*

*Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]*

*3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]*

*~ Prayer ~*

\*† The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

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 into hell.\*  
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.

**\*† Prayers of the People**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction (*especially*), and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of faith, we give thanks for (*Macrina, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, and all*) the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **\*† Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **\*† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.*

*Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**\*† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**\*† Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements**

**\*† Benediction**

**\*† Hymn: "I'm Goin'-a Sing" TFBF 109**

*1 I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

*2 I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray.  
I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray.  
I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

*3 I'm goin'a moan when the Spirit says moan.  
I'm goin'a moan when the Spirit says moan.  
I'm goin'a moan when the Spirit says moan,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

*4 I'm goin'a shout when the Spirit says shout.  
I'm goin'a shout when the Spirit says shout.  
I'm goin'a shout when the Spirit says shout,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

**\*† Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday via Zoom. Next session June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073**
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session June 21<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 2PM – 3:30PM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM
- ◆ Trinity will host a **Fish-Fry fundraiser** on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 12PM – 4PM
- ◆ New Date!!! Trinity will celebrate **Pastor Dianne's 4<sup>th</sup> Pastor Anniversary** on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ *Save the Date:* Trinity's **135th Anniversary Gala** will be Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pines Manor, Edison, NJ. \$125.00 donation per person. More info to come!
- ◆ Trinity is selling "**Faith Over Fear**" T-Shirts in 3 different designs. Short-sleeved: \$20; Long-sleeved: \$23. Please check our website for the designs and order info.
- ◆ Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser... Your donation supports the pew restoration labor and the installation of a personalized legacy name plate on your selected pew. \$500 for center aisle; \$300 for window aisle.
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