

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Holy Eucharist Rite II

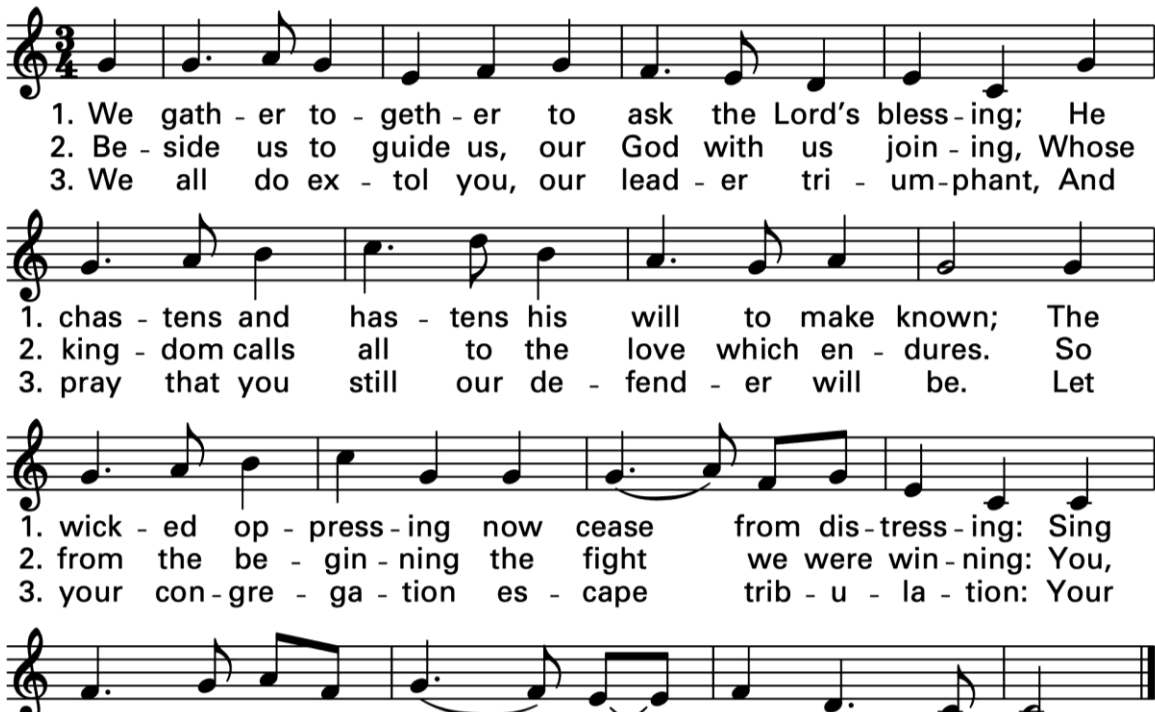
Prelude

Choral

J. Buttstett

Processional Hymn

We Gather Together



1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; He
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, Whose
3. We all do ex - tol you, our lead - er tri - um - phant, And

1. chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known; The
2. king - dom calls all to the love which en - dures. So
3. pray that you still our de - fend - er will be. Let

1. wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing: Sing
2. from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning: You,
3. your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion: Your

1. prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
2. Lord, were at our side; all — glo - ry be yours!
3. name be ev - er praised! O — Lord, make us free!

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The Word of God

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

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



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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

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.

Scripture

First Lesson

Genesis 29:15-18

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country – giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; **make known his deeds among the peoples.*
 - ² Sing to him, sing praises to him, **and speak of all his marvelous works.*
 - ³ Glory in his holy Name; **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*
 - ⁴ Search for the Lord and his strength; **continually seek his face.*
 - ⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, **his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,*
 - ⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, **O children of Jacob his chosen.*
 - ⁷ He is the Lord our God; **his judgments prevail in all the world.*
 - ⁸ He has always been mindful of his covenant, **the promise he made for a thousand generations:*
 - ⁹ The covenant he made with Abraham, **the oath that he swore to Isaac,*
 - ¹⁰ Which he established as a statute for Jacob, **an everlasting covenant for Israel,*
 - ¹¹ Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan **to be your allotted inheritance.*"
- 45b *Hallelujah!*

Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
4. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His
in His bo - som gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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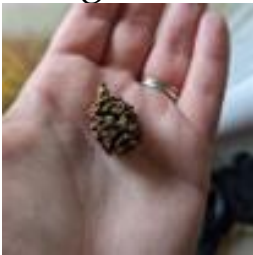
Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Reverend Kevin Cross

Nicene Creed

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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People

Diocese of Easton Discernment Prayer

O God our Comforter, who guides us in the ways of justice and truth and holds us close in times of uncertainty: Inspire us with your grace and wisdom, that we might do everything according to your will and ground ourselves in your love. Give us a sense of openness about the future ministries and mission of the Diocese of Easton. Help us remember that we do not hold all of the answers, nor do we need to. Encourage us when we are anxious about change, reminding us that all

things are in your hands: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us now pray for the Church, the nation and the world. Saying, *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Almighty God, we acknowledge you with grateful hearts and the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank you, O Lord, for your love, your goodness and your mercy. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our weekly prayer intentions we pray for: *(read the names on the prayer list)...*

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Elspeth Ritchie</i>	<i>John Dillon</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Fr. Ambrose Boyd</i>	<i>Tom Bixler</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Dan O'Neill</i>	<i>Ron Kaufman</i>
<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>	<i>Jackson Beaumont</i>	<i>Diane Lapp</i>
<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>Courtney</i>	<i>Peg Keller</i>
<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Polly Obermeier</i>	<i>Kate</i>
<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>	<i>Mike Fisher</i>	<i>The Groh Family</i>
<i>Betty Mackart</i>	<i>Everett Kimball</i>	<i>Stephanie Cooney Moorhead</i>

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart.(pause)... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, *Philly Reynolds Groh and Shirley Deeley*, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially the members of our military, *Lt. Tyler James Feehan, Pvt. Isabella Gonzales, and Sgt. Michael Emmanuel Swinton*, who died in service to our country and we pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart...(pause) ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in the war torn areas of the world today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children,

at risk and in fear, that you will hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. *Dear God, hear our prayer.*

A period for personal meditation is observed

All: God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided for your will is health and wholeness; you're God and we need you. Amen.

*The Altar Flowers Are Given By June DeHart In Loving
Memory of My Husband Daniel D. DeHart*

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen you in all

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

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

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Duo

Arr. C. Callahan

Doxology (*please stand*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

People: And of thy own we have given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

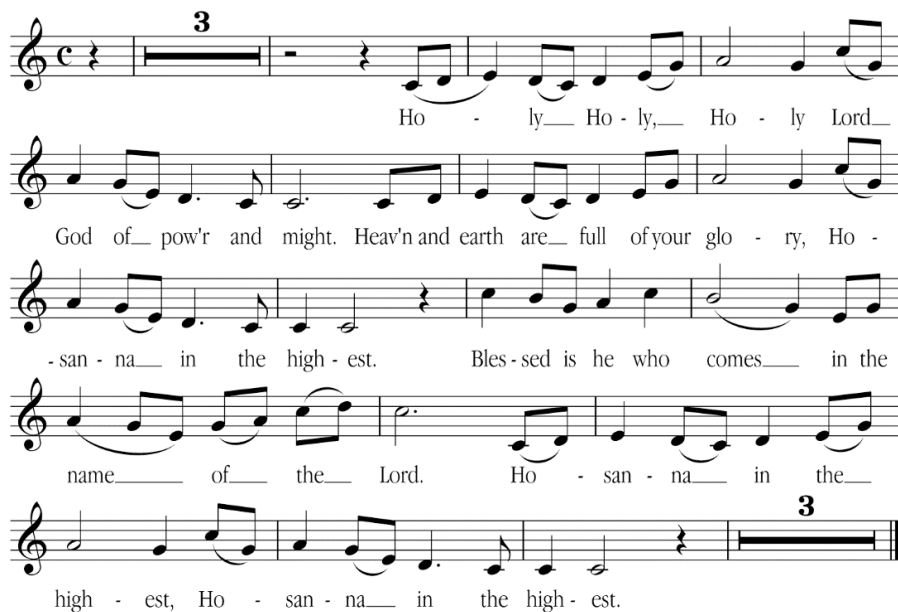
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface

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

Arr. Malcolm Archer



The musical score for the Sanctus is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, featuring a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are two trills marked with a '3' above the staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The lyrics are: Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

The 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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(Prayed with those joining us from home and hospital bed)*

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together

J. Krug

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-t'ning ears, All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise; The
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get That
na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white De - clare their Mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul-er yet.
This is my Fa-ther's world, I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world, He shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Fa-ther's world, The bat - tle is not done; Je -
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

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Sending Forth

Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face. The world needs our joy, Alleluia, Alleluia
Let us go to share it. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Postlude in F

C. Callahan

Thank you, Anne and Tom DeMarco for hosting Fellowship hour.

Summer Concerts

**July 26 3 p.m. Summer International Child Prodigy
Concert from The Leon Fleischer Academy**

**August 30 4 p.m. Hymn Sing with Monte Maxwell,
USNA**

Summer Choir

**Everyone is welcome to come sing with us this Summer!
Easy to sing anthems with familiar melodies.
All ages welcome!**

August 2 9:30 a.m. Service (come at 9 a.m.)

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

<u>Monday - July 27</u> 9:30 - Grief Group <u>Tuesday July 28</u> 8:30 am - Prayer Group <u>Wednesday - July 29</u> <u>Thursday - July 30</u>	<u>Friday - July 31</u> OFFICE CLOSED <u>Saturday - August 1</u> OFFICE CLOSED <u>Sunday - August 2</u> 9:30 am -Holy Eucharist with Informal Summer Picnic/Brunch

Vestry Members

Margot McConnel Sr. Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
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Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin
Laura Cassidy	Walda Roseman	Al Sikes

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	8:00 am	10:00 am
Reader	Michelle Mactavish	Corre James
Acolyte	Barbara Cross	Mickey Terrone
Usher	Tom Reynolds	Rene Van Erven
Vestry Greeter	Dick Deerin	Walda Rseman
Altar Guild	Midge Menzies, Marty Sikes, Meg van den Berg	
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard	

Holy Trinity Church

Informal Summer Picnic/Brunch

**Please Bring Your Favorite
Picnic Dish and
Come Join the Fun!**

**August 2, 2026
10:30am**



**and with Special Guests from
Highland Creamery!**



Please sign up in the Parish Hall