



Weeds Among the Wheat

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2026 – 9am

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Thank you for joining our community in worship today.

If you are interested in baptism or wish to become a member of the parish, please speak to a member of the staff. We would be delighted to have you join our family. If you are not yet an Episcopalian, please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance during the worship service.

Visitors, please sign the guest book.

The entire text for the Eucharist may be found in the **Book of Common Prayer**.

The Word of God – pages 355–358

Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer A – page 361

The Breaking of the Bread and Post-Communion Prayer – pages 364–365

All hymns and service music are included in the bulletin for your convenience.

The hymns with numbers are found in **The Hymnal 1982**.

ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

When I Am Laid in Earth *from Dido and Aeneas*
Guy Stephens, *English horn*

Henry Purcell

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn of Praise 423

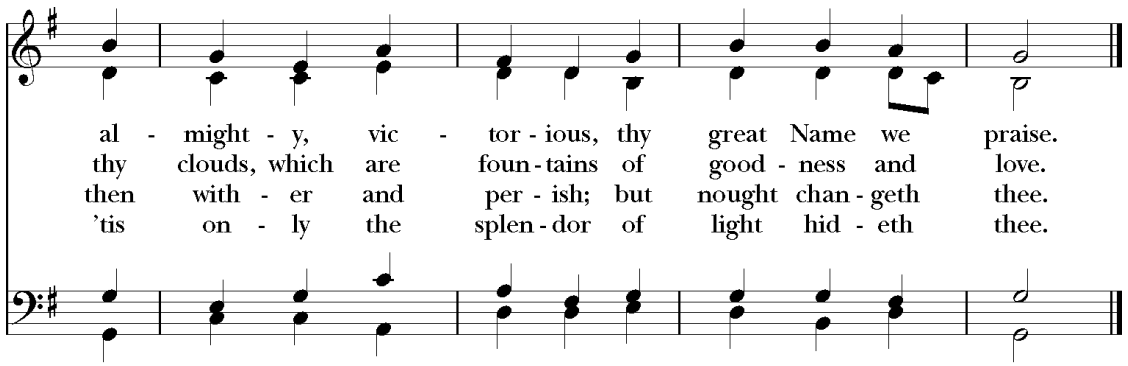
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som like flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.
 Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877)
 Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17

FESTAL SONG

1. Teach me your way, O Lord, And I will keep your law;
 O knit my heart to you that I May hold your Name in awe.
2. With all my heart, O Lord, I praise your Name today;
 For in your love you saved me from The power of the grave.
3. A band of violent men, The arrogant arise;
 They seek my life, they have not set The Lord before their eyes.

4. **You, Lord, are slow to wrath, Compassionate, and true;
Oh, turn to me, be merciful, Give me your strength anew.**
5. **Show me your favor now, That those who hate may see
And be ashamed because you, Lord, Have helped and strengthened me.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ— if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 302

Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

RENDEZ A DIEU

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
 Music: *Rendez a Dieu*, melody and harm. Att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Holy Gospel

All standing

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Celebrant
 People*

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered,

“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz

The Nicene Creed

All standing

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially, those on our prayer list; and those whose names are offered at this time, either aloud or in silence; *Pause for naming*

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

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. *Silence*

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.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

HAVE MERCY UPON US, most merciful Father;
Hin 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 concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

*Celebrant
People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The minister and people greet one another with a bow.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Where'er You Walk *from* Semele
Guy Stephens, *English horn*

George Frideric Handel

The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting people of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The People stand and the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

**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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people will be instructed how they will be receiving the Sacrament.

The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized Christians of any age, regardless of denomination, to receive Holy Communion

Communion Music

Sonata in F: Largo
Guy Stephens, *English horn*

Georg Philipp Telemann

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us now rise and pray.

ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior 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.**

The Blessing

Brothers and Sisters, remember that life is short, and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 344

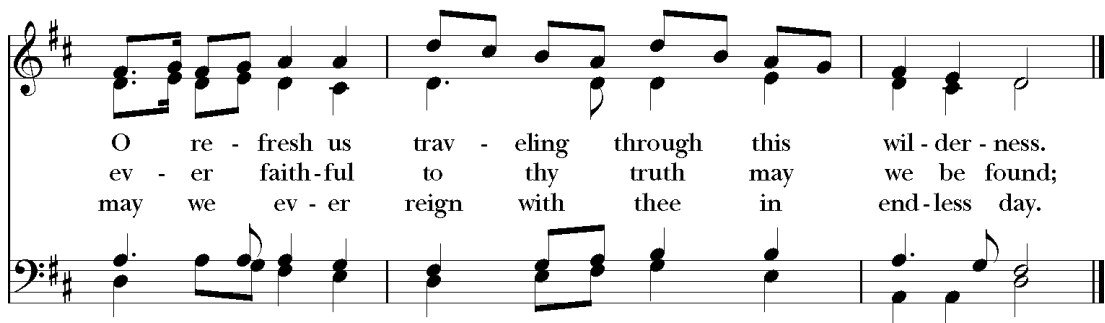
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1847)

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody;

First published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Aria: My Savior lets Himself be Seen in His works of Grace *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Guy Stephens, *English horn*

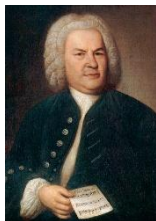
You are encouraged to remain and listen to the Closing Voluntary.

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TODAY'S MUSIC: *Father, We Thank Thee* An anonymous text, adapted from the second-century *Didache (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles)*, expresses gratitude to God for salvation through Jesus Christ, in whole love God has made provision for us all our days. It offers a plea for the Church, that God will save it, guard it, perfect it, and unite it, and that the Church will be gathered together by Jesus Christ.



July 19 **Guy Stephens**, *Oboe*

July 26 **Melissa Athos & Sandy Renner**, *duets*



✠ This week we pray for ✠

Our parish friends in need: Danna, Penney, Luna, Debbie, Sara, Jeff, Alex, Janet, Joy, Cindy, Joyce, Dustin, Bill, Kira, Ron, Bernice, Denise, Jean, Dorothy, Kaylyn, Judy, Marilyn, Rob, Talia, Roy, Rose, Ian, Doris, Chris, Michelle, Ed, Erick, Lily, Desmond, Alton, Chris V., Patti M., Linda, Sarah, Brian, Michael, Alison, Tim, Cheryl, George, Dick, Gale, Malcolm, Signe, Nate, Devon, Katie, Mary, Maggie, Bud, Cathie, Mike, Sue, Daniel, Jared, Marrianna, Cathy, Ken, Sasha, Cecilia, Anthony, Andrea, Robert, Inga, Gary, Otto, Jenson, Chaney, Julian, Bobbie, Mary Ellen, Jim, Jamie, Marilou, Tom M., Eileen, Chireen, David, Debbie, Bernie, Nigel, Barb G., Rita, Terry, Matthew, Amy K., Al, Sharon, Lisa, Christie, Robin, Rainer, Don, Virg, Tawnya, Shanna, Kim, Kris, Connor, Anne, Bob, Phyllis, Ella, Talon, Taylor, Linda J, Ty, Roberta, Paul, Dick, Larry, John, Bruce, Charles, Charlene, Greg, Lynn, Phil, Gloria, Jörg, Lauren, Leo, Rodney & Bonnie.

✠ The Flowers are given to the Glory of God ✠

In Loving Memory of Kathryn E. Gyllsdorff

✠ The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God ✠

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Richard & Debbie Abner

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP ONLINE @ ZOOM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3889192038>

OR JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AURORA, IL GROUP

MORNING PRAYER 9AM – EVENING PRAYER 7PM

TUESDAY-THURSDAY

Flower Charts 2026 Flower Charts are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please sign up if there are special dates which you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. (Suggested donation for flowers is \$40.)

Sanctuary Candle 2026 Sanctuary Candle Sign-Up is now available. Please sign up if there are special dates which you would like to have the candle lit in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. Donation for the candle is \$5.

Neighbor Box We have begun to stock with non-perishable food which will be placed in the box weekly. The Box will soon be secure so that items in plastic or paper can also be donated. Parishioners can help by routinely picking up an extra item when shopping, donating money by cash or accessing the Neighbor Box donation tab on our website; www.trinityaurora.com on the online giving page. Collections baskets are at the back of the church. Our gifts collectively will make a difference for many families.

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Serving:	Marianne Evans
Lector – Lesson 1:	Melissa Athos
Lector – Lesson 2:	Wendy Stewart
Intercessor:	Wendy Stewart
Ushers:	Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg

✠ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY ✠

Serving:	Linda Barber
Lector – Lesson 1:	Karen Dolan
Lector – Lesson 2:	Cecilia Seabrook
Intercessor:	Cecilia Seabrook
Ushers:	Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg



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The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz, *Priest-in-Charge*

Gregory Gyllsdorff, FAGO, ChM, *Director of Music and Organist*

Vestry

Guy Stephens, *Sr. Warden*; Marilou Clohessy, *Jr. Warden*; Thomas Herget, *Treasurer*;
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