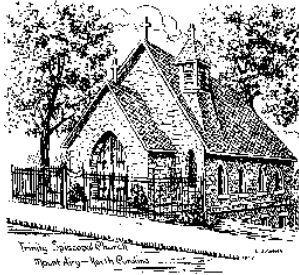


# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Very Reverend Sarah Carper Morris, Rector**  
**The Reverend Bill Pendleton, Deacon**  
**Jessica Simandle, Deacon Intern**

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 7, 2025**

*If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.*

*Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.*

*Kid's bags are in the narthex including a children's bulletin, crayons and other fun for the kids during church. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.*

## **Processional Hymn # 450    vs. 1-3**

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!
- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,  
who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all!
- 3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all!

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

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

## **The Collect for Purity**

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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.*

## **Song of Praise LEVAS # 221**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

### **The Collect**

*(kneel or stand as you are able)*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.*

### **The First Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17** *Domine, probasti*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

- 5      Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12     For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13     I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14     My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15     Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the  
womb; all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16     How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17     If I were to count them, they would be more in  
number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be  
like yours.

## **The Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn # 383**

- 1    Fairest Lord Jesus,  
        Ruler of all nature,  
    O thou God of man the Son;  
        thee will I cherish,  
        thee will I honor,  
    thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
  
- 2    Fair are the meadows,  
        fairer still the woodlands,  
    robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
        Jesus is fairer,  
        Jesus is purer,  
    who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33** (*stand as you are able*)

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.



**The 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 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 III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

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**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

## **Announcements**

## **Offertory**

## **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise him, O praise him.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*Stand as you are able. The Celebrant faces the people and sings or says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 III



(No verse 2 during Lent)

*Stand or kneel as you are able*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Father, now and for ever.

*People            AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

## Fraction Anthem II



*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

## The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

## Communion Chant

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

## Communion Hymn # 416 vs. 1, 2 & 4

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

- 2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

*Refrain*

- 4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and for ever.

*People*                      **Amen.**

## **Processional Hymn # 474**

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
    where the young Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
    and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
    save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
    I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet  
    sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
    or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
    that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
    demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

***People***

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

### Immediate Needs:

Gene  
Riva  
Diana Adelizzi  
Teresa Auld  
Bromage Family  
Jane Carper  
Heath Church  
Ken Collins  
Charlene Deaver-Vazquez  
Clarence & Rosie Derrick  
John Derrick  
Dianna Ellis  
Vi Endter  
Carolyn Flippen  
Mila Rain Floyd  
Nancy Follett  
Jennifer Green  
James (Pete) Haynes  
Bowen Horton  
Phyllis Frye James  
Kyle Jones  
Gus Lewis  
Cynthia Light

Debra Martin  
Kitty Martin  
Lorri Martin  
Kenneth Matthews  
Cheryl Menezes  
Johnny & Phyllis  
Meredith  
Robert Morris  
Bill Nichol  
Katie & Will Nichols  
Angie Nolfo  
Steve Phillips  
Diane Prichard  
Gail Reeves  
Erika Rowe  
Stephanie Serika  
Angela Shur  
Sid Spencer, Sr.  
Matthew Stevens  
Jim Tatman  
Carolyn Town  
Zack Tucker  
Kelli Vincen  
Joe Waddell

Brent Wall  
Jacqui Weiss  
Henrietta Williams  
Dakota Wood  
Rusty York  
*Western NC*

### Long Term Needs:

Linda Carroll  
Ann Cochrane  
Steve Hines  
Carrie Krahn  
Barbara McGatlin  
Rev. Bill Pendleton  
Lorene Ramsey  
Phyllis Rose  
Candace Sammons  
Mac Sammons  
Kris Saunders  
Denny Shelton  
Jeanette Staples  
Betty Town  
Vicky Town  
John Townsend

## TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch,  
Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble,  
Robert Poole

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Mary's, Speed  
Trinity, Statesville

## BIRTHDAYS

September 1<sup>st</sup> Chrisanne Quance, 9<sup>th</sup> Luke Morrison,  
10<sup>th</sup> Sarah Morris, 12<sup>th</sup> Dottie Coly

## ANNIVERSARIES

8<sup>th</sup> Mark & Larnette Snow

## FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Frances Fawcett Sydnor  
by Tom & Mary Fawcett.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We extend a warm welcome to The Rev. James Franklin who is here celebrating with us today during Sarah's sabbatical.*

**Many thanks** to Lee Wilsonwithers for playing for us today.

The loose offering on the first Sunday of each month is designated for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. This offering helps the Rector provide pastoral care, medicines, utilities, rent and other assistance.

**First Sunday Potluck is today!** Join us following the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall for good food and fellowship.

**Help Needed**-Josh Holt has a neighbor that is starting over after a domestic abuse situation. If you have household items to donate, please contact him at 336-648-9540.

The **Caregiver/Grief Support Group** meets on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Parish Hall.

Our **Backyard Bible Study** concludes on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ginny Gilbert at 415 Howell Rd. Pilot Mountain. We will have a potluck supper at 5:30 followed by the study.

**Sunday School for Children** begins on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

A new **Young Adult Ministry** begins in September! On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> we are asking those interested in our newest ministry to meet for a potluck lunch following the 10:30 service. Ages 18+ singles and couples welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

**Save the Date:** *Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>* for the Mount Airy Alzheimer's Walk at Riverside Park. Registration and donation forms are available in the Parish Hall, at Alz.org and from Margie Martin. Be a member of our award-winning TEAM TRINITY!

The **Wednesday Book Group** will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>, a change from what had been announced before. The group meets every week from 10:30-12:00. All are welcome. The book we will be reading is *The Woman with the Alabaster Jar*. There are some books available in Tobi's office for \$7.00.

### **MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Pat Clark	LECTOR	Vicky Town
Mike Wilson	CHALICE BEARER	Jessica Simandle
Josh Holt	GREETER	Benny Combs
Mike Wilson	ACOLYTE	Jessica Simandle

### **MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE**

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Margie Martin	LECTOR	Lucinda Fallin
Karen & David	CHALICE BEARER	Jesse & Jackie
Josh & Ann Marie	GREETERS	Gloria & Larry
Pat Gallagher	ALTAR GUILD	Ann Vaughn
Steve Delacroix	VESTRY	Brenda Goings
Karen Nealis	ACOLYTE	David Silvia

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist First Sunday Potluck
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	1:00 p.m.	Art Class
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

### **TRINITY VESTRY**

Jane Ciancio, Steve Delacroix, Brenda Goings,  
Pam Smith, Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson



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