



The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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Introduction

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

** Please stand as you are able*

* **THE GATHERING SONG:** #669

Rise Up, O Saints of God

* **THE 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.**

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151a

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter

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

Gospel: : Luke 18: 1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #769

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED** page 217

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

* **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

**OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC**

* **THE OFFERTORY:** Let the Vineyards be Fruitful # 184

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, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

* **THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Sung) page 152

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 our thanks and praise.

* **THE PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* **THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Sung) page 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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.

* **THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

page 154

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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung)

page 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us

and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

THE SENDING

* **THE BLESSING**

The God of righteousness,

who gives justice to the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry,

who sets the prisoners free,

✠ bless you now and forever

Amen.

* **THE SENDING SONG:**

Jesus Still Lead On

#624

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: October 19, 2025

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Baylee Rodig

Usher: Allyson Schmalz & Steve Anderson

Musician: Michelle Foster

Sound System: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: October 26, 2025

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Judy Bariexca

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Amber Johnson

Musicians: Michelle Foster

Sound System: Laura Poethke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING: Worship 10AM every Sunday.

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship is back on the 4th Sunday of each month. **MORE INFORMATION:** on these and other upcoming

worship times and events can be found on the church Facebook page [HolyTrinityBT](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBT) and the church website:

www.holytrinityelc.org

VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION: Have you ever wanted to be a part of the ministry team. On February 1, 2026, we will be hosting a volunteer fair during our fellowship time after worship. Please mark your calendars and join us to see just how easy it is to serve on one of our worship teams.

GIVING OF TALENTS AND TIME : Stop by the bulletin board located in the main hallway and see how you can help.

FOOD PANTRY: Items needed: Apple sauce, canned meats (no tuna) like chicken, ham, Spam, cooking oil, crackers, canned fruits, powdered or evaporated milk, canned stews and chili, cereal, butter/ margarine, frozen breakfast items, frozen meatballs, chicken nuggets, pot pies, laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, toilet paper.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00AM Worship/Holy Communion
Wednesday: 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00—10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 9am Sunday School
10am: Worship



Upcoming Events for the Remainder of 2025

October 26: Reformation Sunday **Wear Red**

October 26: 6-7pm Junior High Youth 4th-7th grade

7-8pm Senior High Youth 8th-12th

November 2: All Saints Day

November 25: Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm

November 29: Greening of the Church @ 1pm-4pm

December 14: Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm with Voices That
Reign and Youth Choir

December 24: Christmas Eve Worship @ 7pm & 10pm

December 28: Lesson and Carols @ 10am

