



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00am

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Introduction

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

** Please stand as you are able*

THE GATHERING SONG:

#834

Immortal., Invisible, God Only Wise

* 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

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant." ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 15

- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**
- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- ⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who
fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do
not take back their word.**
- ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take
bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall
never be overthrown.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ

in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10th chapter

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

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #754

Jesus, the Very Thought of 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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

God of grace,
hear 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**

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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**

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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**

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

THE SENDING

* **THE BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

* **THE SENDING SONG:** #676

Lord, Speak To Us, That We May Speak

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: July 20, 2025

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Acolyte: TBD

Lector: Judy Bariexca

Usher: Bonnie Mazza & Allyson Schmalz

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Bonnie Mazza

Serving Next Week: July 27, 2025

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Ushers: Amber Johnson

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Amber Johnson

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today 10:00AM Worship/Holy Communion
11:15-1pm: Food Pantry
Monday: 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp
7:00 Congregation Council
Tuesday: 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp
Wednesday: 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp
5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Thursday: 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp
Friday: 4:00pm Burlington Theater Camp Show
7:00—10:00PM AA
Saturday: 11:00am: Burlington Theater Camp Show
2:00pm: Burlington Theater Camp Show
Next Sunday: 10:00AM Worship

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 will be returning in September on the 4th Sunday of each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

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 WELCOME: Have you ever thought about joining one of our worship teams. We are always looking for new people to help usher, read, help with communion or acolyte. Please see Bonnie Mazza if you are interested.

FOOD PANTRY: Our food pantry is open today immediately following worship. Please continue to bring in your donations to help those in need.

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.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT: We have completed our building repairs to meet the new state guidelines. So far to date we have received donations in the amount of \$2,025 toward our goal of \$5,000, to cover the expenses of these upgrades and repairs. Thank you everyone for your generosity. We will be working to raise the balance of this money throughout the Summer.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING THIS SUMMER: and looking for a place to worship , please reach out to Pastor Haab for ELCA church suggestions where you are vacationing. Please also invite family visiting with you, to join us in worship.



A Greener Holy Trinity Kitchen

We are making good progress toward greening our kitchen! Thank you to all who donated coffee mugs this year. We now have a supply that will see us through any congregational gathering. Our next collection request is for cutlery, specifically **forks**. You can also make a monetary donation towards the purchase of cutlery. Please help Holy Trinity save money and help our beautiful planet by donating your extra forks to our church kitchen



**Our congregation has made its third donation of aluminum tabs to Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey!
And it was a doozy: 38 pounds!**

RMHSNJ's mission is to provide hope, help, and home for families of seriously ill children. NO family is turned away based on an inability to afford the housing fee. Revenue from selling pop top tabs helps to fill the gap when families are unable to pay. Please continue to collect tabs and drop them in the jar in the church entrance lobby. Thank you!

