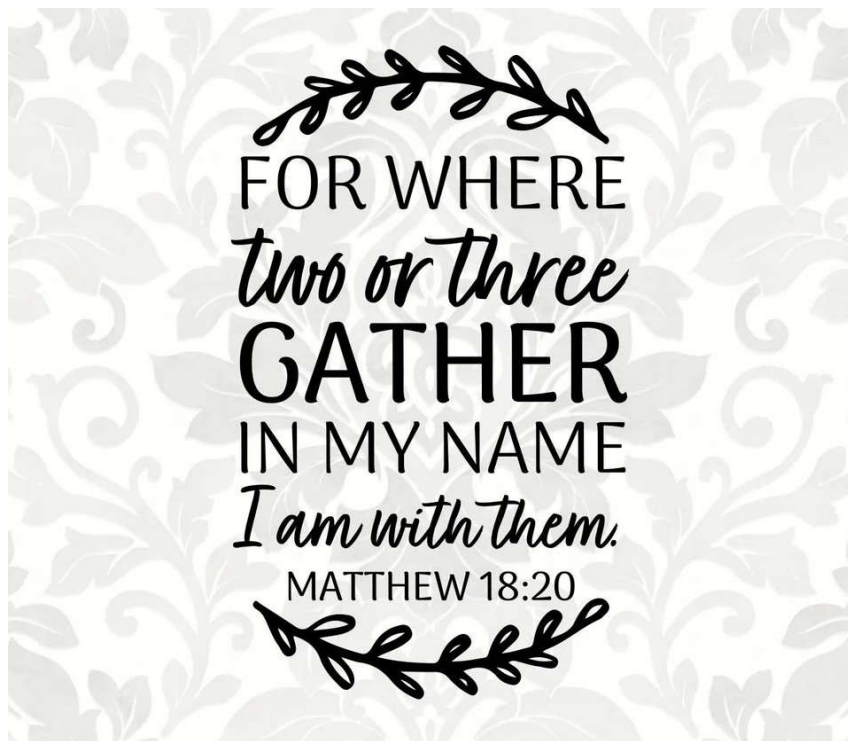




15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026

**HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL
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10:00AM

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your
call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus
Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and
the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

**Please Stand as you are able*

* **THE GATHERING SONG:** #522

As We Gather at Your Table

* **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 HYMN OF PRAISE** pg. 149

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in

their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 Matthew the 18th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101 Philip the Bucket

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

#793

Be Thou Thy Vision

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Here us O God,
Your mercy is great.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

*** THE OFFERTORY: Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks!

*** THE OFFERING PRAYER**

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we
have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to
you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** **pg. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, **pg. 153**
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**

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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**

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who
are hungry, come!

THE LAMB OF GOD **pg. 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**

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with
mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this
table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your
liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in
whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** THE BLESSING**

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*** THE SENDING SONG:**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

836

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: September 6, 2026

Communion Assistant: Amber Johnson

Acolyte: Baylee Johnson

Lector: Allyson Schmalz

Ushers: Maris & Chris Rodig

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Bonnie Mazza

Serving Next Week: September 13, 2026

Acolyte: William Schmalz

Lector: Laura Poethke

Ushers: Schmalz Family

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Amber Johnson

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00am Worship

11:00am Birthday Fellowship

Wednesday 5:00-7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety

Friday: 7:00- 10:00PM AA

Next Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School/Rally Day

10:00am Worship/ Backpack Blessing



RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13:

We welcome back our Sunday school classes. Please join us after worship at 11 in the parking lot for a Kona Ice fundraiser. Buy and enjoy Kona Ice, a percentage of the sales will benefit our SS.



BACKPACK BLESSING:

On Sunday, September 13, we will be blessing backpacks, bags and briefcases of all our students, teachers, and staff.



PANCAKE FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, September 20, Worship and Music will be hosting a pancake breakfast immediately after service. Please stay and join us for a time of fellowship.

