

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The 18th Sunday *after Pentecost*

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



October 12, 2025

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, October 12	 11 am	Holy Eucharist – 18 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
		<u>Rachel and John's first Sunday back from Sabbatical!</u>	
	 12:30 pm	Sabbatical Celebration Luncheon	Parish House
	 2:30 pm	Chamber Philadelphia Concert	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, October 13		<u>Indigenous People's Day, Church Closed – No Morning Prayer</u>	
Tuesday, October 14	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, October 15	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, October 16	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Sunday, October 19	 11 am	Holy Eucharist– 19 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

James Otwell & Andy Gutknecht, *Lectors*

Frank LaMay, *Intercessor*

Martha Lipscomb, *Usher*

Thomas, Robert, and Henry Lipscomb, *Acolyte Team*

Sally Griffith, *Flowers*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

Our Vivid Vision

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshipers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

Core Values

Inclusion/Welcome

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

Innovation

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

Collaboration

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

Community Mindedness

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

Culture

Joyful

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

Fearless

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

Embracing

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

Engaged

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Anglican Chant Instructions

This fall, we are returning to singing the psalms to Anglican chant. You may be new to CHT or you may have been here a long time and never knew how exactly to align the text of the psalm with the music. There are several good resources online about the development of Anglican Chant and how it is sung. Below are instructions for the notation you will see in the leaflet:

- Each verse is sung to seven bars of music
- The bar lines in the music correspond to a vertical bar in the text.
- The double bar line in the music corresponds to the asterisk in the text (marking the half verse)
- Where there is one note (a half note) to a bar, all the words for the corresponding part of the text are sung to that one note.
- Where there are two notes (two quarter notes) to a bar,
 - if the text has 2 syllables, each note gets one syllable.
 - If there are more than 2 syllables, the dot (•) indicates when the note changes.
 - If there is one syllable, the text will be italicized and sung over both notes.
- On occasion, the first measure will be skipped. This is indicated by a dash () before the first bar line.

Many of the chants we will be using in the next few weeks are called double chant because they contain 2 7-bar phrases of music. With a **double chant**, verses are sung with the music in pairs. In the example below, verse 3 is sung with the first set of 7 bars and verse 4 is sung with the second set. A † indicates repeating the second half of the chant.



3 You brought me up, O | Lord, • from the | dead; *
you restored my life as I was | going | down to • the | grave.

4 Sing to the Lord, you | servants • of | his; *
give thanks for the re|membrance | of his | holiness.

3. You brought me up, O Lordfrom the dead;* you restored my life as I was go-ing down tothe grave.

4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;* give thanks for the re-mem-brance of his holiness.

Prelude

Six Variations on a Moravian Theme

Margaret Vardell Sandresky

Ye who called, ye who called To Christ's service are,
Join together, join together, Both in work and prayer;
Venture all on Him, our Lord, Who assures us in His Word,
We are always, we are always Objects of His care.

Showers of blessing, showers of blessing From the Lord proceed,
Strength supplying, strength supplying In the time of need;
For no servant of our King Ever lacked anything,
He will never, he will never Break the bruised reed.

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy One each land and place,
Where Thy servants, where Thy servants Preach the word of grace;
Life and power on them bestow, Them with needful strength endow,
That with boldness, that with boldness They may Thee confess.

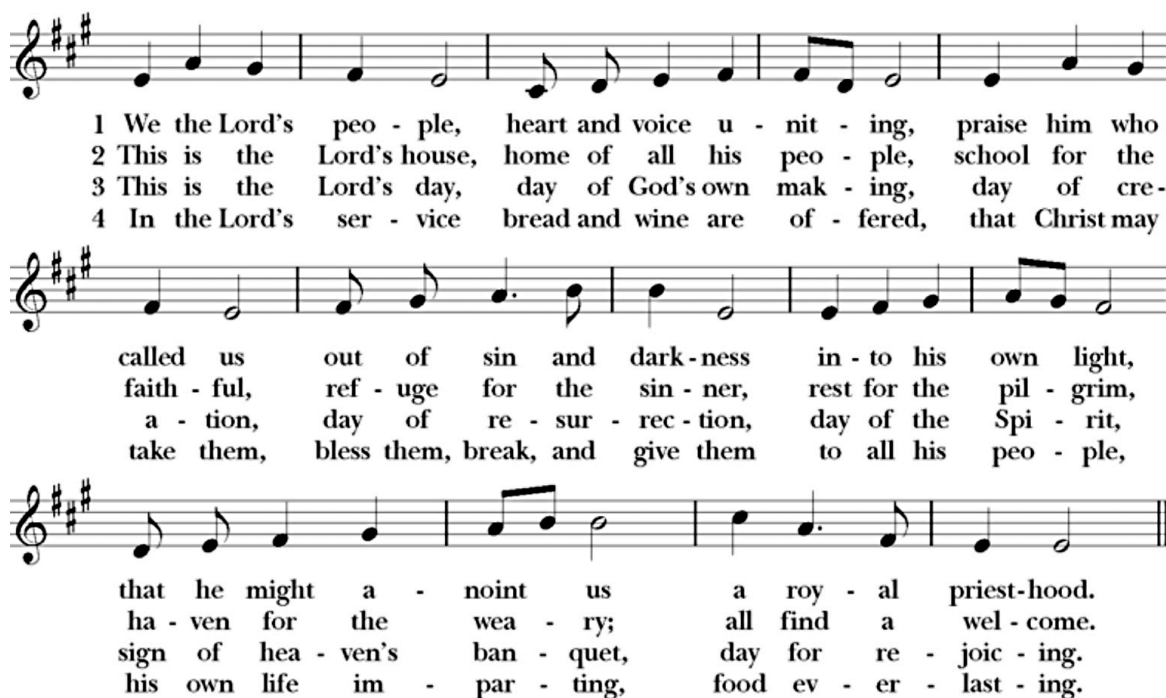
May we faithful, may we faithful In our service be,
Truly careful, truly careful In our ministry;
Keep us to Thy Church fast bound, In the faith preserve us sound,
Often weeping, often weeping Grateful tears 'fore Thee.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or spirit.

Entrance Hymn 51

Decatur Place



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may
called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,
that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Presider 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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,

al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

James Otwell

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Psalm 66 *Jubilate Deo*

The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all. The choir sings the verses, the congregation joining on the verses in **bold**. All sing the antiphon as indicated.



Chant: John Goss



- ¹ Be joyful in God, | all you | lands; *
sing the glory of his Name; sing the | glory | of his | praise.
- ² Say to God, "How | awesome • are your | deeds! *
because of your great strength your | ene- • mies | cringe be- | fore you.
- ³ **All the earth bows | down be- | fore you, ***
sings to | you, sings | out your | Name."
- ⁴ **Come now and see the | works of | God, ***
how wonderful he is in his | doing | toward all | people.

Antiphon

- ⁵ He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the | water • on | foot, *
and | there | we re- | joiced in him.
- ⁶ In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch | over • the | nations; *
let no | rebel • rise | up a- | gainst him.

7 Bless our | God, you | peoples; *
make the | voice of • his | praise • to be | heard;

8 Who holds our | souls in | life, *
and will not al- | low our | feet to | slip.

Antiphon

9 For you, O | God, have | proved us; *
you have tried us | just as | silver • is | tried.

10 You brought us | into • the | snare; *
you laid heavy | burdens • up- | on our | backs.

11 † You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and | water; *
but you brought us out | into • a | place of • re- | freshment.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Andy Gutknecht

Reader A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David~ that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful~for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

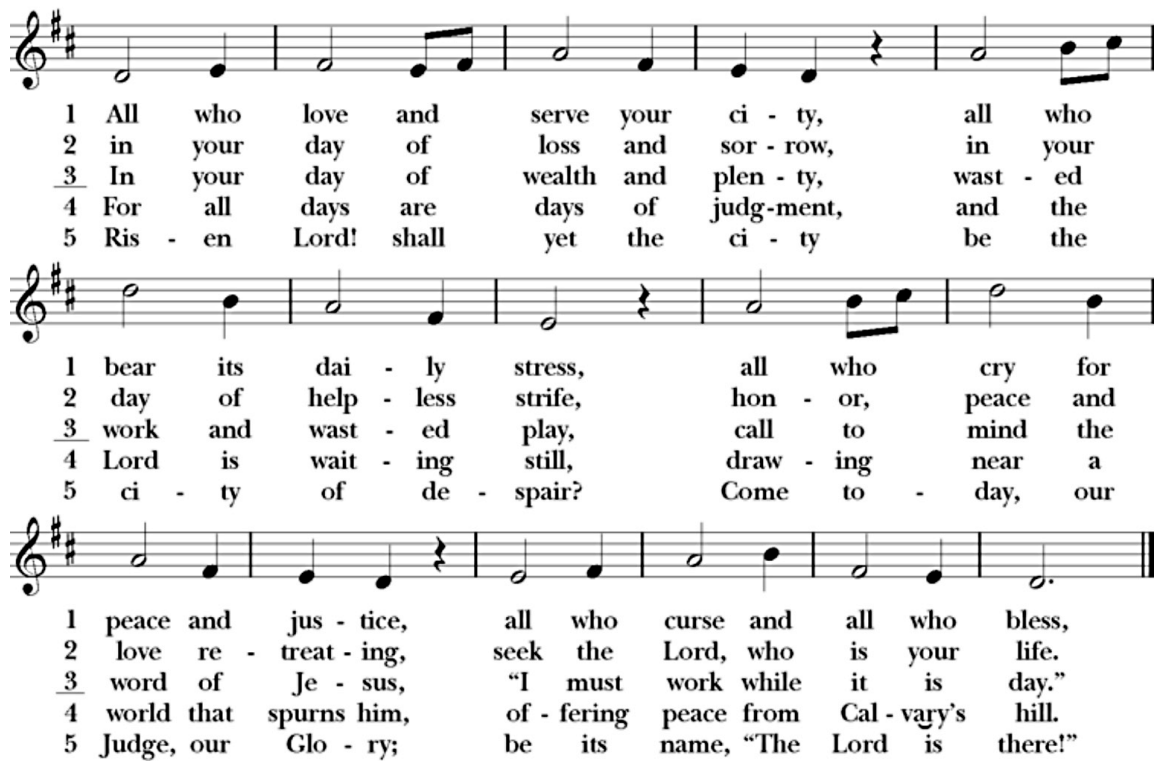
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Sequence Hymn 571

Charlestown



1 All who love and serve your ci - ty, all who
2 in your day of loss and sor - row, in your
3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
5 Ris - en Lord! shall yet the ci - ty be the

1 bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
2 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace and
3 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
4 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
5 ci - ty of de - spair? Come to - day, our

1 peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
2 love re - treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life,
3 word of Je - sus, "I must work while it is day."
4 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill,
5 Judge, our Glo - ry; be its name, "The Lord is there!"

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

Silence may be kept.

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Nicene Creed

All 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 IV

Frank LaMay

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

<i>Leader</i>	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
<i>Leader</i>	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
<i>Leader</i>	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially all who have asked for our prayers: Raymond, Osinis, Arthea, Kristin, Jenny, Herbert, Barbara; the Brando, Collins, and Williams families; Angel, Wayne, Jessica, Tracey, Sonrin, Tony, Michael, Frank, Charlie, Andrea, Miles, Farah, Yousef, Francesco, Feras, Gwenette, Vicken, Lisa, and Cari; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
<i>Leader</i>	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
<i>Leader</i>	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Presider</i>	Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Absolution

Presider 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**

A Rite of Welcoming After Absence

Warden We welcome our beloved Rachel & John, who have returned from sabbatical. Jesus said: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." *Matthew 11:28–30*

Those being welcomed may address the congregation. After the address, silence may follow.

Warden Blessed be God who forgives and loves us.

People **May we love and forgive one another.**

Warden Blessed be God who strengthens our love for one another.

People **May we be strengthened to love in the Spirit of Christ.**

Warden Blessed be God who calls us home.

People **May we rejoice together at our homecoming.**

The Warden takes the hands of those being welcomed and prays

Warden Eternal God, you are generous with your love and healing for all people. Your steadfast presence holds us up and guides us all our days. We thank you for John and Rachel and their family, and for our life together as Church of the Holy Trinity. As we gather together again after this sabbatical time, enfold us all back into the life and ministry of this congregation in this community, continue to fill us with you Spirit; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Gracious healer who meets us on the way, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. May we never settle for being merely clean when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. Amen. (*Luke 17:11-19*)

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

Please rise in body or spirit.

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 *5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant May God with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you forever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus S-131

Near

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

Celebrant And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Hannah and Deborah; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let this grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, though Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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

Silence is observed

The Fraction Anthem S-155

Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God – Holy Food for Holy People.

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. There will be two stations for bread and wine in front of the altar rail. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher). If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know.

Communion Anthem

Praise the Lord, O My Soul

Thomas Tomkins

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,

be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in f minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Healing Prayer – all who wish to receive prayers for healing for themselves, a loved one or even the world, are invited to join a member of the clergy and/or the healing team in the Prayer Corner (to the right of the altar area) after the service.

About this service...

Service: Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

Children are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back for children who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the “Pew Pen” in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door and turn left. Men’s room is straight ahead, women’s to the right. If you prefer a gender-neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

Offering: Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Communion: All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew we will bring communion to you.

Book of Remembrance

Add Names of Those Who Have Died in 2025

This year, during the 11:00 a.m. service on All Saints Sunday, on November 2, we will read the names of those who have died in 2025. If you would like to add a name, please put it in the book in the back of the church, or send to Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner at rgardner@htrit.org.



Our Stewardship Campaign Continues

*Support the Church of the Holy Trinity,
Rittenhouse by making a pledge!*

Vestry Member Jeffrey McEldowney Asks Parishioners to Pledge

As I was preparing for this morning's Stewardship talk, I realized that today is the official end of "Sabbatical Summer." It's fall. I love this season; the cooler weather, kids, and grandkids back to school, a new 'year' that always leaves me looking forward to being back together and next week, welcoming back John and Rachel from their, and our Sabbatical Summer. It is also our Stewardship Season, when we're invited to think about our life together and ministries to our community.

I'm Jeff McEldowney, a member of Vestry, and to me our life together is like a family. It may be imperfect, messy at times, but it is also welcome, inclusive, joyful, and we come together for comfort, strength, healing, and learning. This summer we've enjoyed dinners together, a movie night and hikes, and lots of great music.

None of this happens by chance, it happens because people in our community plan, reach out, and work hard to keep the family and our church 'home' afloat. It takes streams of income, and a budget to make sure what we do reflects our priorities, our identity, and our love for each other and the world in which we live.

Our pledges each year enable the Vestry to set a budget and make plans for the future. For me, making a pledge is part of my spiritual practice. This community grounds me, invites me to encounter God even when I struggle, and helps empower me to keep loving my neighbor as myself.

Giving of myself, financially and also volunteering my time and my skills, feels like a holy thing. It's done in gratitude and as a promise to a God who meets me here with you all, and through you. And wonderfully it is a joyful thing, and so I invite you to consider your own pledge with me this month. May we all understand how God calls us to be part of this community in this time, in this place.

Our team has put out a new Stewardship Campaign Guide with testimonials and FAQ's, and you can find them on the Welcome Table at the back. If you have questions, or want to talk about this season, please reach out to me or any member of the Vestry.



Consider Pledging Through Your Employee Match Program!

We invite you to consider participating in your company's match program as a way to participate in this year's stewardship campaign. If the match program doesn't already list the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse, and you are interested in exploring getting CHT added to a match, please reach out to Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner at rgardner@htrit.org or Rector's Warden Monica Heuer at maheuer06@gmail.com for more information.

Pledge Stewardship Campaign: Frequently Asked Questions

What is a pledge?

Simply put, a pledge is a promise to pay later. When you make a pledge, you are committing to making regular gifts in the coming year. Pledging allows you to think about what you are able to offer for 2026 and split up your gift into smaller, regular payments.

What's the difference between a pledge and a donation?

Pledges symbolize a commitment to give consistently to help support the costs, operations, facilities, and ministries of our church, while donations tend to be one-time offerings.

What's the benefit of pledging?

Pledging is critical in allowing our Vestry members, who are elected by the parishioners, to create a budget for the 2026 year. Your pledges help the Vestry members determine how we are going to allocate our resources to cover our expenses, which include everything from our basic bills (electricity, water, gas) and essential operational costs; our liturgy like Eucharist supplies, our choir and organ maintenance expenses; to our Open Hearts food and clothing ministries which serve nearly 500 guests per week. **Your pledges create the lifeline for our church to continue!**

What is the impact of pledging? How much have our pledge campaigns raised in the past?

Our church expenses total nearly \$1.4 million per year. Our pledges cover about 15-20% of our operating expenses. In the past years our pledge campaigns have raised between \$185,000-\$200,000 and we have had about 50 pledgers. Parishioners give generously, and as they are able, pledges range from \$10 to \$3,000 a month. Of these, half of our monthly pledges are between \$50-\$450. **Every gift, no matter how small or large, makes a difference!**

Do I need to pledge monthly?

Many parishioners pledge monthly, and that is certainly an option. If you prefer a different pledging schedule, you can make your selection when you submit your pledge online.

Are my pledge payments made automatically?

No. In the new year, you can submit your pledge payments by setting up automatic payments through our online Giving Form, or mailing in a check.

What are other ways I can give?

You can give by making one-time donations online or via check, placing gifts in the offertory plate during service, supporting property projects and renovations directly, purchasing stocks as a gift to the Church, and leaving a bequest to Church of the Holy Trinity in your will. Please contact Property Committee Chairperson Susan Leidy at susan.l.leidy@gmail.com to learn more about supporting necessary property projects. For other questions, please contact our Director of Development & Communications Inaara Neal-Shiraz at communications@htrit.org.

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