

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The 19th Sunday *after Pentecost*

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



October 19, 2025

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, October 19	 11 am	Holy Eucharist - 19 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, October 20	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, October 21	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, October 22	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, October 23	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Sunday, October 26	 11 am	Holy Eucharist-20 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Gail Caruso & Thomas Lipscomb, *Lectors*

Margaret Dowling, *Intercessor*

Andy Gutknecht, *Stewardship Speaker*

David Otwell, *Usher*

Connor Gardner, *Acolyte Team*

Gail Caruso, *Flowers*

Jeannie Welsh, *Refreshments*

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.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or spirit.

Entrance Hymn 1

Christe sanctorum

1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual

o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
 man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
 Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -

fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
 send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
 va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -

ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
 nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
 sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Gail Caruso

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt— a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

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.



Your words are sweet - er than hon - ey to my mouth.

Chant: John Goss



⁹⁷ Oh, how I | love your | law! *
all the day | long • it is | in my | mind.

⁹⁸ Your commandment has made me | wiser • than my | enemies, *
and | it is | always | with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than | all my | teachers, *
for your de- | **crees** | are my | study.

¹⁰⁰ I am wiser | than the | elders, *
because I ob- | **serve** | your com- | mandments.

Antiphon

¹⁰¹ I restrain my feet from | every • evil | way, *
that | I may | keep your | word.

¹⁰² I do not shrink | from your | judgments, *
Because | you your- | self have | taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your | words • to my | taste! *
they are sweeter than | honey | to my | mouth.

¹⁰⁴ Through your commandments | I gain • under- | standing; *
therefore I hate | every | lying | way.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-5

Thomas Lipscomb

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

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

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: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.



1 Thanks to God whose Word was spo - ken in the deed that
 2 Thanks to God whose Word In - car - nate heights and depths of
 *3 Thanks to God whose word was writ - ten in the Bi - ble's
 *4 Thanks to God whose word is pub - lished in the tongues of
 5 Thanks to God whose Word is an - swered by the Spi - rit's



1 made the earth. His the voice that called a na - tion;
 2 life did share. Deeds and words and death and ris - ing,
 3 sa - cred page, rec - ord of the rev - e - la - tion
 4 ev - ery race. See its glo - ry un - di - mi - nished
 5 voice with - in. Here we drink of joy un - mea - sured,



1 his the fires that tried her worth. God has spo - ken:
 2 grace in hu - man form de - clare. God has spo - ken:
 3 show - ing God to ev - ery age. God has spo - ken:
 4 by the change of time or place. God has spo - ken:
 5 life re - deemed from death and sin. God is speak - ing:



1 praise God _____ for his o - pen word.
 2 praise God _____ for his o - pen word.
 3 praise God _____ for his o - pen word.
 4 praise God _____ for his o - pen word.
 5 praise God _____ for his o - pen word.

The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Wenner 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

Margaret Dowling

- 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.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* 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.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* 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.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially all who have asked for our prayers: Shelbi, Raymond, Osinis, Arthea, Kristin, Jenny, Herbert, Barbara; the Brando, Collins, and Williams families; Angel, Wayne, Jessica, Tracey, Sonrin, Tony, Michael; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* 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.

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider 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**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome, Parish Notices, and Blessings

Stewardship Speaker

Andy Gutknecht

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kin-dom comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who still stands and knocks. **Amen.** (*Luke 18:1-8*)

Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

*O Word, equal of the Most High, our sole hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens,
we break the silence of the peaceful night. Divine Saviour, cast Thine eyes upon us!*

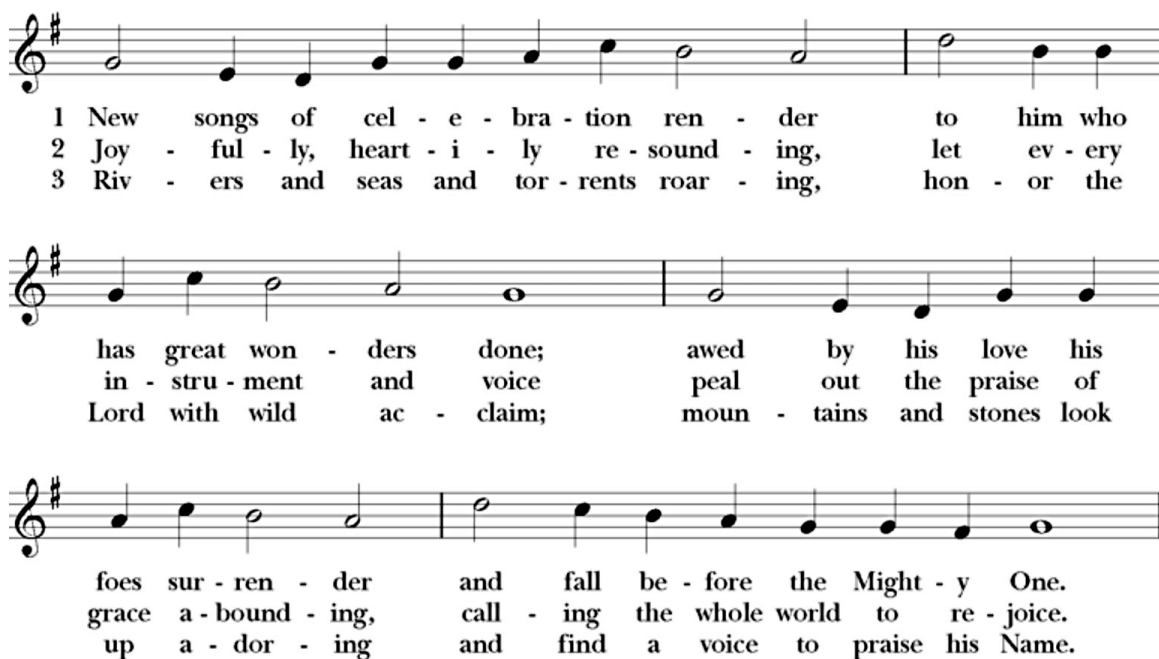
*Shed the light of Thy mighty grace upon us. Let all Hell flee at the sound of Thy voice.
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul that leads it to the forgetting of Thy laws!*

*O Christ, be favorable unto this faithful people now gathered to bless Thee.
Receive the hymns it offers unto Thine immortal glory and may it return laden with Thy gifts.*

Please rise in body or spirit.

Offertory Hymn 413

Rendez à Dieu



1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the

has great won - ders done; awed by his love his
in - stru - ment and voice; peal out the praise of
Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones look

foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.
grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
up a - dor - ing and find a voice to praise his Name.

He has made known his great sal - va - tion which
 Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such
 Right - eous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais -

all his friends with joy con - fess; he has re - vealed to
 sounds as make the hea - vens ring; all things that live in
 es be his that nev - er cease; just is our God, whose

ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.
 earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 truth vic - tor - ious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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.**

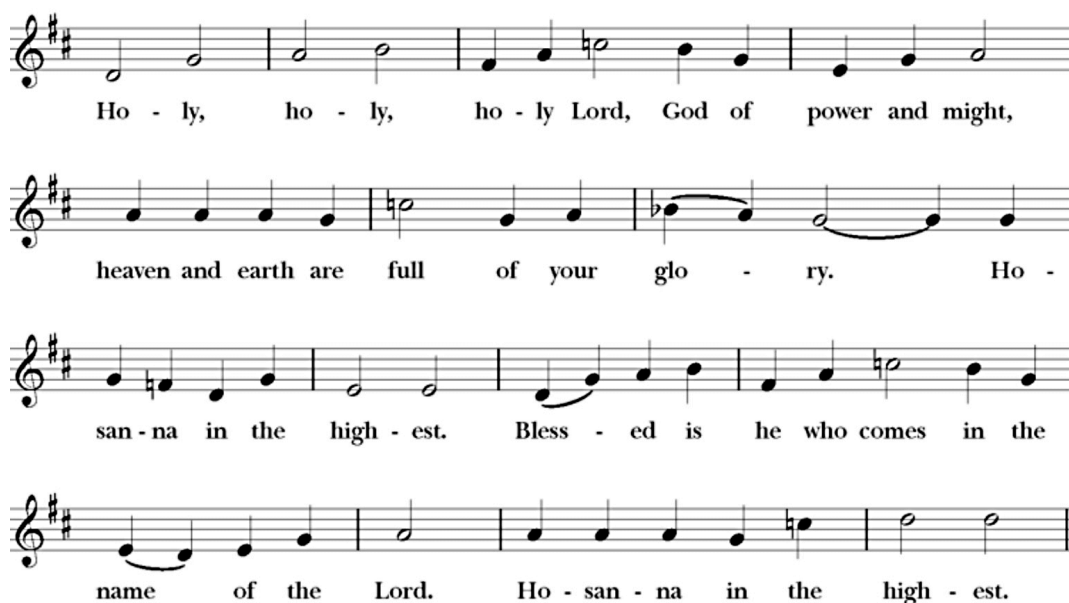
Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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



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

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

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 Hymn 337

Unde et memores

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
*3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
*4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

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.

Dismissal Hymn 530

Gott sei Dank

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 located on the altar in the Prayer Corner, or send to Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner at rgardner@htrit.org.

Evensong on November 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an All Souls Evensong Service at St. Peter's Church



**Tell Out
My Soul**

**THREE MORE WEEKS LEFT
TO PLEDGE!**

Our pledging campaign will come to an end on Sunday, November 9. Please be sure to have submitted your pledge cards by then. Pledge cards are available on the Welcome Table or can be found on our website.

Please remember:

- A pledge is not a commitment to pay right now. A pledge is a promise to pay later, through regular installments or in a lump sum amount in 2026 to support the church's expenses.
- Churches are not businesses and rely entirely on the support we get from our parish. **Your support is critical to keeping our church operating.**
- You can pledge by bringing cash and placing it in the offertory plates, submitting payments online, donating appreciated stock or securities, or sharing other investment options and accounts you may have.
- Whichever way you choose to pledge, please submit a pledge card so that we can properly account for your pledge. All pledge cards will be blessed during Sunday Service on November 9!

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.

The Church of the Holy Trinity - Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, *Rector*

The Rev. John Gardner, *Rector*

Chiquita Anderson, Brett Oliver, Molly Hebert-Wilson, Therese Tiger, *Welcome Coordinators*

Benjamin Leiby, *Organist-Choirmaster*

Karen Majer, *Director of Rentals & Events*

Inaara Neal-Shiraz, *Director of Development & Communications*

Robyn Schnieders, *Director of Administration & Operations*

Jonah Shortall, *Streaming Services*

Demetrius Swinson, *Assistant to the Director of Operations AKA Superman*

Dr. Stephen Framil, *Musician-in-Residence*

Dr. John French, *Organist-Choirmaster emeritus*

The Choir of Holy Trinity

Hannah Bashore, Nathaniel Bear, Gail Caruso, Patricia Conrad, Stephanie DeMane, Will Dowling, Franny Geller, Andrew Gutknecht, Samuel Keeler, Thomas Kneeland, Alex Mathews, John Miles, Mike O'Bryan, Aimee Pilgermayer, Eddie Rubeiz, Erica Rose Smith, and Julianna Smith

The Church of the Holy Trinity - Vestry

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