

THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Trinity Church
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

PRELUDE

Sinfonia

J. S. Bach

The Word of God

The Bell is rung; all stand for the Entrance Hymn.

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN

All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen)
(H 400) vss. 1, 5 & 7

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all
thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great
commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy
neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law
and the Prophets.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 324)

Glory be to God on high,
 and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
 we worship thee,
 we glorify thee,
 we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
 have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
 with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart;
seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their
own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast
of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and
reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

⁷So 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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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.

¹⁰Now 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?” ¹¹Say 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?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach 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 law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.*

³⁵Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

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

³⁷Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

³⁸*Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.*

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

⁴⁰*Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.*

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If the member 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. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, 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. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 389)

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, *Lord, have mercy.*

All kneel.

Lector: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Brian our Bishop, for Sarah, Carlos, Mark, Zachary, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our President, JB our Governor, Bentley, Cail, Courtland, Levi, Mia, Nolan, and Rankin, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially Annette; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this *congregation*, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Stella, Anna, Cynthia, and Greg & Anna, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. David, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another
in the name of the Lord.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)

The Celebrant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life
and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Litany

Charles Callahan

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling
(Ubi caritas (Murray)) (H 577)*

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 333)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS (BCP p. 333)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for

many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 337)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat

the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

At the Lamb's high feast we sing (Salzburg) (H 174)

POSTLUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

J. S. Bach

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INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

The Church

The Diocese of Springfield	Brian, Bishop
The Episcopal Church	Sean, Presiding Bishop
The Church of England	Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Region of Arequipa (Peru)	Carlos, Vicar
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria	
St. George's (Belleville)	Mark, Rector
Isevyia Parish (Tanzania)	

Birthday

Stella VanAken (9/10)
Anna Bergschneider (9/12)

Baptism

Cynthia Meisner (9/8)

Wedding

Greg & Anna Bergschneider (9/8)

For those who suffer from any sickness or distress

Annette

Those on active military duty and in law enforcement

Bentley Clayton	Samuel Rankin Weller
Levi Haley	Courtland Woodruff
Cail Lang	Mia Yamada
Nolan Welch	

MINISTRY AND CALENDAR

The Very Rev. Zachary D. Brooks, Celebrant

Organist: Mary Wilson

Lector: Cathy Nelson

Acolyte: Clayton Robb

Ushers: Bob Hardwick & Jim Herget

Altar Guild: K-Lou Ashmore, Janet Cisne

Melissa Evans

Coffee Hour: Beth Hilleke

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Tuesday, September 8: 7:00 pm Trinity Fellowship

Wednesday, September 9: 10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 13: **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
(Feast of our Lord)

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist

Church School

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