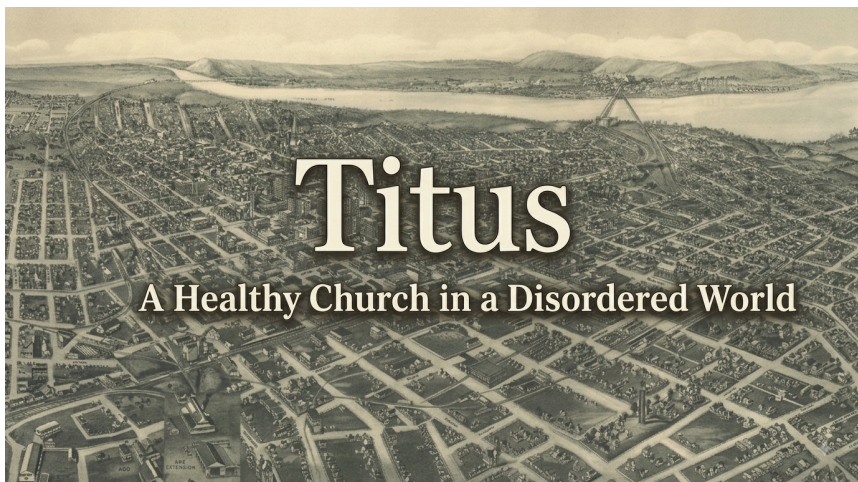


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## Preparation for Worship

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## God Calls Us to Worship | Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,

**for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.**

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,  
**prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of  
God is with man.

**He will dwell with them, and they will be His people,  
and God Himself will be with them as their God.**

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,  
**neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,  
for the former things have passed away.**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ  
might be seen today  
In our acts of love and  
our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise,  
Cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights  
of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from  
the dawn of time,  
That will echo down  
through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand  
on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk  
as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

## We Listen to God's Word | Proverbs 15:28-33\*

*\*Bibles are beneath your seat*

[28] The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,  
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

[29] The LORD is far from the wicked,  
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

[30] The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,  
and good news refreshes the bones. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## We Confess Our Sins

***Father in Heaven,***

***We confess that we are often blind to our own sins,  
while quick to notice the failures of others.***

***We confess that we have relied on our own strength instead of trusting  
Your sovereignty.***

***We have sought satisfaction in created things rather than the Creator.***

***We have stayed silent when we should have spoken for truth,  
and we have spoken harshly when we should have shown grace.***

***Forgive us for our lack of faith.***

***Forgive us for how easily we forget the gospel.***

***We ask that You would break the power of canceled sin in our lives.***

***Work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.***

*(Please pause for a moment of silent confession.)*

## We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

***Thanks be to God!***

### Thy Mercy My God

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Thy mercy, my God,  
is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart,  
and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone,  
from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections  
and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy  
I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me  
to utter despair;  
But through Thy free  
goodness my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me  
still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than  
a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel  
its own hardness depart;

Dissolved by Thy goodness,  
I fall to the ground,  
And weep for the praise  
of the mercy I found.

**Hallelujah! (hallelujah hallelujah)**

Great Father of mercies,  
Thy goodness I own;  
And the covenant love  
of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit,  
whose whisper divine,  
Seals mercy and pardon  
and righteousness mine.

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whose whisper divine,  
Seals mercy and pardon  
and righteousness mine.

**Hallelujah! (hallelujah hallelujah)**

## We Ask for God's Help

### Membership Vows

Emily & Fielding Elseman, Fitz, Ellie,  
Finley, Emmy, & Freya  
Rachel & Ryan Forrest, Raley & Rory  
Norah Hager  
Alan Meyer  
Jennifer & Gregory Tine

First Communion:  
Finley Elseman  
Fitz Elseman  
Sabrina Renfro

### Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save (*i.e. except*) in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Freya Lovelle Elseman  
Emogen Jewel Elseman  
Finley Luroe Elseman  
Ellivia Joy Elseman  
Fitzgerald Lyle Elseman

### **Parental Vows:**

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### **Congregational Vows:**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## We Confess Our Faith | Apostles' Creed (4th Century)

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church\*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

\* The word catholic (little "c") means universal and refers to the church throughout time and space; it is not referring to the Roman Catholic Church.

## We Greet Others with Peace | Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### ***And also with you!***

***TrinityKids:*** During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Nursing Mothers' room at the back of Trinity Hall, where the service can be viewed on the monitor.

## We Are Changed By God's Word | Titus 3:1-8

[1] Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, [2] to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. [3] For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. [4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. [8] The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

### “The Church in Public”

Rev. Mark Kuiper

Sermon in a Sentence: The Christian's experience of salvation must be reflected in their relationship to the world.

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I. Instructions for public life: vv. 1-2

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II. Inspiration for public life: vv. 3-7

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III. Incentive for public life: v. 8

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## We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me," by Robert Lowry, arr. Lloyd Larson

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

1. Online: ***give.trinityowasso.com***
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*Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Connect Card in the basket at the Connect Center in the lobby.*

***If you have children in TrinityKids, please go pick them up at this time.***

## We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Lift up your hearts!

***We lift them up to the Lord!***

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

It is right and good and a joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks  
unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and  
archangels, and with all the company of  
heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious  
name; evermore praising You, and singing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.***

## Is He Worthy

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Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)  
But do you know that all the dark  
Won't stop the light from getting through?  
(We do.)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?  
(We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is.)  
Is the glory of the Lord  
to be the light within our midst? (It is.)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of  
this? (It is.)

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah,  
who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who  
died to ransom the slave.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy  
of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? (He is.)**

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah,  
Hold forever those He loves?  
(He does.)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?  
(He does.)

*From ev'ry people and tribe, every  
nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom and priests  
To God to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

He is worthy, He is worthy,  
Of all blessing and honor and glory.  
He is worthy of this; He is!

A hymn of glory let us sing;  
new songs through-out the world  
shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The holy apostolic band  
upon the Mount of Olives stand;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
and with his followers they see  
Jesus' resplendent majesty.

To whom the angels, drawing nigh:  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
“This is the Savior,” thus they say.  
“This is his noble triumph day.

“Again shall you behold him so  
as you today have seen him go,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
in glorious pomp ascending high,  
up to the portals of the sky.”

## God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth in joyful service to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we love our neighbors, our city, and the world.

***Thanks be to God! Amen!***

## Community Group & Family Questions

*The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Remember, these questions are just a starting point. Feel free to adapt them to the specific needs and interests of your family worship times and/or community group.*

1. What emotions does the word “submission” conjure in your mind? Why does just that term seem to bring up negative emotions? What incorrect connotations of submission do you need to fight against as you consider God's instructions to you as a member of His church? Which “rulers and authorities” do you find difficult to submit to and which ones seem natural?
2. Which of the instructions given in vv 1-2 are hardest for me to follow?
3. How does the reminder of my personal salvation story (vv 3-6) help me to follow the instructions and commands above?
4. Becoming an heir (vv 7-8) to all that Christ has won brings on a joyful devotion. This seems the opposite of what we'd expect when we receive an abundant inheritance. How does the gospel of grace make sense of this call?



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## Announcements | Event Details and Signups in Church Center

### Stakeholder's Dinner 2:

*September 27, 5-8pm*; Everyone is a stakeholder! All are invited, though the information is the same as the first one. RSVP in Church Center.

### GROW Meeting:

*October 4, 10:30am*

### ROOTED New Members' Class:

*November 22, 12pm*

### Trinity Women:

*October 24, 6:30pm*; Fall Flower Arranging

Fall Bible studies and One Another groups registrations are open!



### Trinity Men:

*September 26*: Golf Scramble at La Fortune; Sign up now, gentlemen!

**Deacon Assistant on Duty this Sunday:** Sean Roberts

**Pastor on Call this Sunday:** Rev. Dr. Blake Altman



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