



TRINITY *20 September 2026*

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a growing Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children in the sanctuary – their sounds are the sign of a growing church!

COVER ART: *Kevin Lindholm*

Home Groups

Fourth Point	Wednesday 5:30 PM	Bill & Teri Cober’s Home (<i>in Broussard</i>)
Bereans	Thursday 6:30 PM	Maura Foret’s Home (<i>in S. Lafayette</i>)

Studies

Women’s Bible Reading	Tuesday 10 AM	Family Center Classroom
Men’s Bible Study	Wednesday 7 AM	Family Center Classroom
Youth Choir & Dance	Thursday 4 to 6 PM	Family Center
Trinity Scholars	Saturday 9 to 11 AM	Family Center Classroom

Prayer

Prayer Group	Friday 3 PM	Library
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Sundays

Communion Service	Sunday 10 AM	Sanctuary (<i>Family Center</i>)
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Announcing the Marriage of Francisco Atwi & Gabriela Sovero, ceremony to take place on Saturday, October 3, 2026. We welcome your prayers on their behalf.

Meet & Greet honoring Gabriela Sovero, bride-to-be of Franco Atwi

Monday, September 28 ~ Come & go from 5:30-7:30 PM at the home of Bill & Teri Cober.

Please RSVP by signing on the yellow sheet in the Family Center kitchen.

Living Stones Update ~ Sunday, October 18 ~ Following morning service we will have a tour of the construction, and an update on the finances of the project. Please save the date!

Opelousas Pregnancy Center “Be The Spark of Grace” Gala ~ Saturday, Nov 14th

This annual fundraising gala will be held at Our Savior’s Church in Opelousas. Doors open at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM. Contact Teri Cober for tickets, a limited number of free seats are available.

	Old Testament	Responsive Reading	New Testament
<i>This Week</i>	Shawn Howren	Bill Cober	Riley George
<i>Next Week</i>	Maura Foret	Eric Carlson	Andreas Atwi

All stand and sing the **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, Most Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

THE ACCLAMATION

Priest The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

People **We will repent and believe the good news.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Priest Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

People **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

Priest This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it:

People **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Priest On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

All kneel or sit for THE PRAYERS

Deacon We pray to thee, Lord Christ.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our bishops and clergy, and all congregations of the faithful, that they may preach the pure Word of God and duly minister the sacraments, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our elected officials and all public institutions, that they may govern according to thy truth, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know the peace of God, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who do not believe, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, and be born again to new life, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those requesting prayer: _____, and others we now name silently or aloud _____, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves and all who have died, that by faith in Christ we may be delivered on the Day of Judgment, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

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

We take a moment of silence for repentance.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

Priest 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.**

All stand for **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

Deacon Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 LORD WHO HAS REMEMBERED US

The Lord who has remembered us
His blessing will bestow;
All those who fear His holy Name,
His loving care shall know,

For small and great who fear His Name
The Lord has good in store;
Ye and your children, blest of God,
Shall prosper more and more.

The great Creator blesses you
With gifts of boundless worth;
The heavens He claims, but gives to man
Dominion in the earth.

The silent dead praise not the Lord,
The grave no song can raise;
But we will bless Him evermore,
Let all proclaim His praise.

All sit for **THE WELCOME**

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing:
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted
dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 5:8-10, 12:1-14

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

“These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way. But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.”

“You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your God is giving you. But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, then to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and

your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the Lord. And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you. Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, but at the place that the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 115

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

**Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”**

Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.

**Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.

**They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.**

They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.

**Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.**

O Israel, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel;

he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the Lord,

both the small and the great.

May the Lord give you increase,

you and your children!

May you be blessed by the Lord,

who made heaven and earth!

The heavens are the Lord's heavens,

but the earth he has given to the children of man.

The dead do not praise the Lord,

nor do any who go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Thou shalt have no other gods but Me;
Before no idol bow thy knee.
Take not the Name of God in vain;
Nor dare the Sabbath Day profane.
Give both thy parents honor due;
Take heed that thou no murder do.
Abstain from words and deeds unclean;
Nor steal, though thou art poor and lean.
And do not lie, but always say what is true,
And covet not the things that don't belong to you!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

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

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV'D DR. PETER JOHNSTON

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SERMON NOTES

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THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY



- + *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)*
- + *Use this QR Code to give from your phone.*
- + *Visitors should feel no obligation to give.*

All stand to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit**

Priest Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

People **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

All sit or kneel

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He 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.

Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Priest In the words that Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.

People **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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

+ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

+ *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal.*

+ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest.*

SEEK YE FIRST

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia**

***Refrain:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu, Alleluia**

**Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia**

Refrain

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia**

Refrain

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

**O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food, of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

All stand to sing **THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.
She is His new creation by water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy Bride
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, in love may dwell with Thee.

THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your Spirit.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Priest And the peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Pick 2 or more):

1. The second commandment forbids making “a carved image, or any likeness” of anything in heaven, on earth, or in the water, and bowing down to it (Deut 5:8–9). How is this different from the first commandment? Why would God forbid his people to make an image, even of him, and to worship him “in that way” (Deut 12:4)?
2. God calls himself “a jealous God.” What does his jealousy tell us about his love? How does the way we worship shape our children and grandchildren?
3. Psalm 115 says of idols, “those who make them become like them.” What idols do we create for ourselves today? How do we become like them?
4. When the disciples saw the risen Jesus, “they worshiped him” (Matt 28:17). Why is it right to bow down to Jesus? How do the gospel of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit help us tear down our idols and keep this commandment?

Close with Prayer: Pray for each other, for eyes to see Jesus as the true image of God, and for strength in the Holy Spirit to worship him alone.

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