The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer – Rite II

WELCOME!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you’re joining us is a blessing. Please fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate, so that we can get to know you better.
❖ PRAYER REQUESTS
Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, M’lee, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Jane, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, Deacon Knute, George, Chris, Michael, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Louise, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Angela, Pat, Barbara, Phyllis, Al, Cherie, Sam, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Dave, Georgeann, Jeannie, Tim, Walt.

❖ WORSHIP
Next Sunday, July 30 we welcome Rev. Kate back to the pulpit.

❖ PARISH LIFE
Rev. Kate will be on vacation from July 13 to July 28th. There will be pastoral support available if an emergency arises during this time. Please call Trinity’s office during the weekdays and Rev. Kate’s number any other time. Just because Rev. Kate is gone does not mean she does not want to know if you are in need. Please call if there is a big event in your life. We want to know and support you.

🔥 Campfire Night, 6:30pm Friday, 8/11 - Come join us on the Rectory lawn for a campfire and smores. Smores will be provided. Please bring a chair and any other snack you would like to share. For planning purposes, please sign up using the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

🎬 Summer Movie night, 5pm Wednesday 8/16 - Come join us in the Parish Hall for pizza and popcorn. We will be showing the Sight and Sound presentation of Queen Esther on 8/16. For planning purposes, please sign up using the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Prayers for our Presiding Bishop - We have received the notice that follows informing everyone that Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has experienced a medical incident. We ask your prayers for Bishop Curry as he rests and recovers. Please join us in praying for Bishop Curry.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servant Michael, and give your power of healing to those who minister to his needs, that he may be strengthened in his weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, p. 459)

Bible Study - Bible Study meets Wednesday’s from 1pm to 2pm in the lounge. Please come with a bible if you have access to one or one will be provided. See you there!

❖ CARING CONNECTIONS
Birthdays – Antonio Medina (the 20th), Ronel Cayo (the 24th), Lucas Nicholson (the 24th), Bill DeFranco (the 26th), Zachary Stapleton (the 26th).

❖ OUTREACH
COVENANT TO CARE BACKPACK SUPPLIES - A note from Vestry member Lisa Brown:
Dear Trinity Family,

As you know, Covenant to Care helps to provide school supplies to those in need. Supplies from notebooks to crayons are needed. Collection bins will be available to drop items at the church. My email address is ark261503@yahoo.com and my cell phone is 203-954-8874. Shoot me an email, send me a text or give me a call with any questions. The deadline for donations is Sunday, August 13th. Thank you! Lisa

LAUNDRY LOVE - Looking for Volunteers!
A new outreach program in Bridgeport has begun. A Laundry Love chapter, a national organization that helps people who are struggling financially to wash their clothes for free. It will happen every 3rd Tuesday of the month and volunteers are needed. To help at the laundromat. You can sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b4daeaa22a6f58-laundry#/ You can also speak with Deacon Diane.
Entrance Hymn: Father We Praise Thee (Hymnal #1)

Opening Sentences
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14
Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Psalm 43:3

Confession of Sin (sit or kneel as you are comfortable)

Officiant:
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
A brief period of silence is kept.

People:
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.

Officiant:
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

(All stand as able)

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.
People: Come let us adore him.
All: Alleluia

(Reaim standing as able)

Jubilate (Hymnal #S 43)

(Be seated)

The First Lesson  Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from the book of Isaiah;
Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 86  (Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses)
Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart,*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.
For great is your love toward me;*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life;*  
they have not set you before their eyes.
But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion,*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
Turn to me and have mercy upon me;*  
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;*  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

The Second Lesson  Romans 8:12-25
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans;
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
Reader: The word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 20  (Hymnal # S 280)  (Stand and sing with choir)
(Be seated)
The Third Lesson  Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
A reading from the Gospel of Matthew
Jesus put before the crowd anotherparable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of
“Let them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Reader: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 12 (Sung by Choir – please remain seated)
Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

The Homily
Reverend Diane Peterson

The Apostles’ Creed (said together, all standing as able)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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 Peace
Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Announcements

The Offertory
Officiant: Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Hymn: All My Hope On God is Founded (Hymnal #665) (Stand as you are able)
The Doxology *(to be sung)*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers and Intercessions *(sit or kneel as you are comfortable)*

**Officiant**  The Lord be with you.
**People**  And with your spirit.
**Officiant**  Let us pray.

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

**Officiant:**  God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. Amen.

**Suffrage A**
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day**
Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**A Collect for Sundays**
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Collect for Grace**
O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
A Prayer for Mission
Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched our your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving *(All)*
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us Bless the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing *(Hymnal #344)*

The Dismissal
Officiant: Let us go forth into the word, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!
People: Thanks be to God!

*The flowers today have been given by Patti Kay in celebration of her daughter April’s 40th birthday.*

Officiant: The Rev. Diane Peterson
Organist: Herb Lazration
Crucifer: Sam Sutter
Ushers: Joe Buzzeo
Lectors: Joe Buzzeo, Sam Sutter, Robert Pitzschler
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MISSION STATEMENT
Our mission is to proclaim by word and deed, the good news of Jesus Christ, reaching out to all in His name. Our desire is that others may come to faith in Him, drawn by the example of our lives.

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Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm.
Rev. Kate’s Office Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 1 – 3pm
Please note, the office is closed on Friday.