

“Living Jesus Christ’s Vision – Building Communities of Compassion”

<i>September 6, 2026</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>15th Sunday After Pentecost</i>
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PRELUDE

“Fugue in C Major (the 'Jig' Fugue)”
“By Verdant Pastures”

D. Buxtehude
E. Thiman

L: Sing praises with an upright heart

P: as we learn the ways of God.

L: Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,

P: who seek God with their whole hearts.

God of blessing, You call us to be one with You and Your creation in love, faithfulness, and truth. Help us to carry out the vows we make; to adore You with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if Your reign has fully come. Amen.

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 57

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

² Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—

³they do no wrong but follow his ways.

⁴ You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

⁶Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

⁸ I will obey your decrees;

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’

²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison.

²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’^[f]

³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’

³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne;

³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

OFFERING

Head Usher: Let us join together and ask the Lord to bless the giving and receiving of our tithes and offerings. Let us pray:

Gracious God, we thank You for all the ways You bless us each day and for giving us the opportunity to worship You with our tithes and offerings. Help us to give cheerfully so that all may come to experience the grace of Your forgiveness and the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY “Come Ye Blessed” J.P. Scott
Dr. John Wesley Wright, Tenor

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

*HYMN OF PREPARATION “Break Thou the Bread of Life” No. 599

SERMON Wishing It To Be So! Rev. Benita Harris

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Pg. 12
(Distribution of the elements will be with pre-made bread/cup vessels.)

*CLOSING HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” No. 557

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Introduction to 'Joshua” G.F. Handel
*Invitation to Stand



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWER BELL RINGER: Tracy Shannahan

9:00 A.M. HEAD USHER: Dan Williams

9:00 A.M. USHERS: Noldo & Soso Oneus, Curt & Joyce Hickman

9:00 A.M. READER: Joe Burris

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Paxton

9:00 A.M. NURSERY: Heather Porter & Jennifer Spivey

10:30 A.M. USHERS: Laura Twilley & Judy Briele

THE ALTAR FLOWERS – This Labor Day, we thank God for the hands, hearts and hours our church family pours into His kingdom. We are blessed.

TODAY AT TRINITY

OFFERING MADE EASY – Just scan this code to go directly to Pushpay where you can give your offering.

CHURCH NURSERY is available every Sunday for the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin TODAY. We will be welcoming back Danielle Farrell as our teacher this year! Volunteers are needed to make this a wonderful and blessed experience for the children of Trinity. See the Newsletter and the flyers posted for information.

A CRISIS FUND MINISTRY OFFERING will be taken today during both worship services. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please place your offering in the plates on the front pews as you come forward to take Communion.

MEAL TRAIN - A meal train has been organized to provide Thursday dinners for Pastor Hayden during his treatment. To participate, visit <https://mealtrain.com/mw82q3> or contact Maureen Williams at (410) 251-0491. Pastor Hayden deeply appreciates this support and encourages everyone to continue their generous donations to the Salisbury Urban Ministries Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, dropped off at the church office through the week (office is closed on Fridays), or taken to Salisbury Urban Ministries.

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT TRINITY - Please look for the Finance Committee's article on Tax-Wise ways to support Trinity to learn more about Giving to Trinity Through Appreciated Stock and Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) in the September newsletter and in the online announcements. Your donations can help Trinity, provide you with tax savings, and enable you to meet your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from an IRA. Contact Finance Chairman, Dan Williams, at (410) 430-8803 for more information.

SUPPORT FOR OUR TRINITY FAMILIES - Many of our Haitian families have not been able to attend church or felt comfortable leaving their homes during the past month due to recent events in our community. This has made it difficult for them to get to work, buy groceries and take care of other essential needs. To support our Trinity families during this difficult time, we are asking for the following donations: toothpaste, deodorant, tampons, shampoo, toilet paper, diapers: size 2, 3 and 5, wipes, powdered baby formula, rice, beans, bottled water, sugar, cooking oil, potatoes, fruit, wheat flour, and peanut butter. Items can be dropped off in the back of the church or the church office Monday through Thursday. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to : Trinity UM Church with a designation to SUPPORT FOR TRINITY FAMILIES.

THE WEEK AHEAD

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

UMW CIRCLE GROUPS:

“Ruth” – Tuesday, September 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor

“Deborah” – Monday, September 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Jackson Building

PRAYER GROUP – Tuesday, September 8th, at 2:00 p.m. in the church chapel.

INVITATION TO PRAYER FOR PASTOR HAYDEN – Every Thursday at 8:45 a.m. by Zoom. This will be approximately 15 minutes devoted to prayer, asking God to strengthen Rev. Hayden’s body, grant him peace for each new day, give wisdom to those caring for him, and remind him that he is deeply loved by God and by the people he has faithfully served. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85731076162?pwd=Sr4yGWL3eslEPg2olhqloFvuGwSC4x.1>

ALTAR GUILD MEETING – Thursday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will begin on Thursday, September 10th and will rehearse every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We invite you to visit us and see if you might enjoy singing in our choir. Feel free to call Phyllis if you have any questions or comments at (410) 845-0212.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

TRINITY UM MEN will meet on Monday, September 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Deli at Pecan Square.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING – Tuesday, September 15th at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building.

Anyone involved in our Nursery or Sunday School programs who has not previously completed this training should attend. Others are welcome to join! Please call the church office to RSVP.

ABC STUDY GROUP – Thursday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

UMW LUNCHEON – Tuesday, September 22nd at Noon in the Jackson Building.

CHRISTIAN LADIES BOOK CLUB – Wednesday, September 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

AROUND TOWN

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY’S RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT & DONATIONS - Friday, September 18th at 5:00 p.m. at Winterplace Farm in Salisbury. Website at [Relay For Life of Wicomico County](#)

SALISBURY URBAN MINISTRIES would like to thank the Trinity congregation for its tremendous support these past weeks. Your donations of school supplies, non-perishable food, hygiene items, and money have really helped the needy of the community get through the summer and prepare for the fall. Please continue your support as the days get shorter and colder. Donations can be dropped off in the container in the back of the sanctuary or at the church or SUM Offices. Volunteers are also needed.

BETHESDA UMC ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The festival will include a silent auction, raffles, cake walk, bake table, ice cream, oyster sandwiches, sweet potato biscuits, pies, canned goods and more.

