

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

<u>September 20, 2026</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>17th Sunday After Pentecost</u>
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PRELUDE	Voluntary No. 1 in E-Major	W. Walond
	“Every Day Is a Gift From the Lord”	D. Besig

Leader: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,
People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
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 Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,
People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
We praise God's name forever and ever!

Generous God, You come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Calling to us, gathering us in, You give us Your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do Your work with joy alongside others whom You also love. We celebrate Your salvation not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom You are bringing. Align us with Your ways and help us receive Your gift of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty — and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works — and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.
2 He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard.
3 “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.
4 He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’
5 So they went.
“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.
6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’
7 “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.
“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’
8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’
9 “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.
10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.
11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.
12 ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’
13 “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’
14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.
15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’
16 “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*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	“I Can Only Imagine” Herb McCoun, Tenor David Lawson, Piano	Millard, arr. Keveren
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*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	No. 95
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION	“I Love Thy Kingdon, Lord”	No. 540
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SERMON	“That’s Not Fair! (Justice or Envy)”	Rev. Benita Harris
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*HYMN OF INVITATION	“O Jesus, I Have Promised”	No. 396
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE	“In Thee Is Gladness”	J.S. Bach
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**Invitation to Stand*



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(A United Methodist Congregation)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWER BELL RINGER: Dick Robinson
9:00 A.M. HEAD USHER: Rick Darrah
9:00 A.M. USHERS: Sheila Darrah, Ginny Riffle, Linda Nelson, Sonnie Lucas
9:00 A.M. READER: Loudell Insley
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP LEADER: Marlene Waller
9:00 A.M. NURSERY Margy Meeks, Erin West
9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER: Darra Hansen
10:30 A.M. USHERS: Debbie Heslen, Bobby Allen, Jr.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in loving honor of our children and grandchildren by Bill and Jennifer Doyle.

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 has resumed. We welcome 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.

THE COMBINED YOUTH GROUP is part of our Bethesda/Trinity Ministry Partnership. The youth group meets every Sunday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Bethesda.

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

UMW LUNCHEON – Tuesday, September 22nd, at Noon in the Jackson Building. All ladies who are members of the UMW are welcome!
PRAYER GROUP – Tuesday, September 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in the church chapel.
CHRISTIAN LADIES BOOK CLUB – Wednesday, September 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

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>
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR 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

ABC STUDY GROUP – Thursday, October 1st, at 2:00 p.m. in the downtown parlor.
OUTREACH AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – Tuesday, October 6th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building.
TRUSTEES – Wednesday, October 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jackson Building.
THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be a September/October combined edition.
TRUNK OR TREAT - Trinity TCAP is once again hosting Trunk or Treat for our faith-based partner school, Choices. We would appreciate any candy, snack packs or individually wrapped treats for the students. Please leave these items in the back of the sanctuary or the church office by Monday, October 26th. Choices students and TCAP appreciate your support. If you would like to join our fun or have any questions, contact Barb Dix (410) 430-1970.
WORLD STAGE THEATRE AT THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE – On Wednesday, November 11th, Trinity is planning a bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. to see the show, entitled “A Silent Star”. It begins at 2:00 p.m. It is a brand-new Christmas Musical Live onstage. We have booked a 56-passenger motor coach from Jor-Lin Tour and Charter Bus Service. We will leave from the Fruitland Wal-Mart parking lot. (Time to be determined.) We have been given permission to leave cars there until our return. For more information or to reserve a seat on the motor coach, please call the church office at (410) 749-5562.
SALISBURY URBAN MINISTRIES – Please continue to support the needy of the community through your donations of non-perishable food, snacks and hygiene supplies. Donations can be placed in the container at the church or donated directly to SUM. A big SUM “Thank You” goes out to the Trinity UM men for unloading the MD Food Bank Truck at the Lazarus Food Pantry last Tuesday.
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.

AROUND TOWN

GOLD STAR FAMILIES - WWI families displayed a flag with a gold star to commemorate their soldiers who lost their lives to serve for freedom. Soldiers’ mothers founded American Gold Star Mothers to support grieving families and hospitalized veterans; illustrate the dignity, honor, and sacrifice of service persons; and continually recognize milies’ losses with special remembrance on the last Sunday of September. Website at <https://www.army.mil/goldstar/>