

TRINITY

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN FINDLAY, OHIO
WELCOMES YOU



Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, ca. 1627

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026
Holy Eucharist

WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS
and we invite all baptized Christians to receive Holy Communion

Prelude

376 Entrance – *Hymn to Joy*

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Then is sung

In pews *Kyrie*

In pews *Gloria*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (33:7-11)

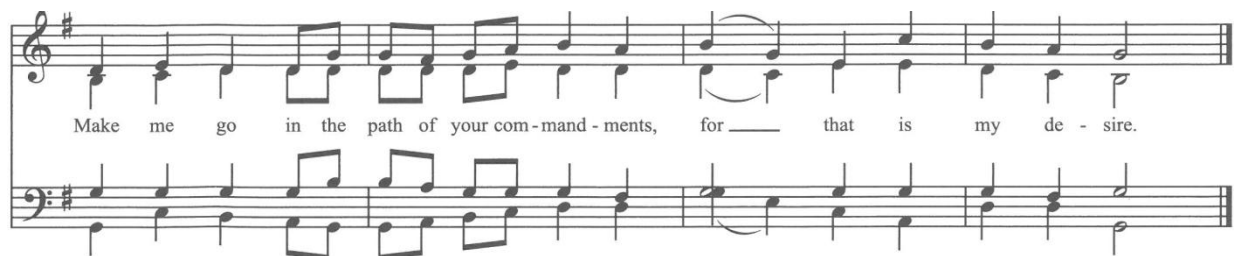
You, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life. And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: “Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 119:33-40

Antiphon



³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

Antiphon

³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

Antiphon

³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

Antiphon

³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Antiphon

A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (13:8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

674 Sequence Hymn – *Detroit*

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:15-20)

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People, the Confession, and the Peace 392

547 Offertory – *Marsh Chapel*

The Holy Communion (Eucharistic Prayer C) 369

In pews *Sanctus & Benedictus*

The Lord's Prayer 364

The Bread is broken and silence is kept, after which is sung

In pews *Agnus Dei*

LEV74 Communion Hymn – *Ghana Folk Song*

Post Communion Prayer, Blessing, and Dismissal 365

610 Closing Hymn – *Blaenhafren*

Postlude

ORGANIST	Holly McConnell
LECTORS - 8:30 a.m.	Jim Miller
10 a.m.	Lisa Robeson
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Victoria Hansen
GREETER	Karen Eubanks
COFFEE HOUR	Annie Stricklin

FLOWERS TODAY are a gift to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul O'Sullivan from Nancy and his family.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 6

8:30 Holy Eucharist (said), 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung), Coffee hour

Monday, September 7 Labor Day

OFFICES CLOSED, NO Morning Prayer

Tuesday, September 8

8 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, September 9

8 a.m. Morning Prayer, Lunch Bunch reservations due

Thursday, September 10

8 a.m. Morning Prayer

Friday, September 11

11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Kira's Grill, Bluffton (11 a.m. to carpool)

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said), 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung), Coffee hour

Thought for the week...Labor Day - my schedule says do absolutely nothing.

AS A COST-SAVING measure, we will begin sending financial statements twice annually instead of quarterly. If you need a quarterly statement, please let Deborah know. In addition, Trinity is transitioning to new accounting software which will allow individuals to access their own giving records at any time. While the transition is in progress, it is a good time for updating directory information, including birthdates.

CHOIR WILL RESUME the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13th. We welcome everyone who is interested in joining us on Sunday mornings. The choir also prepares an anthem for the Christmas Eve and Easter services with rehearsals on Sunday mornings the month before. We would be happy to have new voices join us then as well. Contact any choir member or Barb Masterson if you have any questions.

DARREL THE BARREL'S wish list for September is instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing, gravy mixes, cream of mushroom soup, canned green beans, canned onion rings. We continue our ongoing collection of non-perishable food and taxable toiletries (toilet paper, diapers, sanitary items, cleaning and sanitizing products, shampoo, and soap) for area charities. Baskets in the parish hall or contact Annie.

A REMINDER – You may make your tithes and offerings through Tithe.ly, our on-line banking option.

CALENDARS for 2026 are available in the parish hall for \$6 with proceeds going to the Altar Guild.

COFFEE HOUR hosts are needed! If you will help, please sign up on the bulletin board. Families, individuals, and/or groups are welcome to host! Store-bought treats are great.

LUNCH Bunch will travel to Bluffton to eat at Kira's Flipside Grill. We can carpool, meeting at Trinity and leaving at 11:00. Please let Nancy O or Ginny Lee know by Wednesday, September 9th if you can join us and if you want to carpool.

PLEASE REVIEW the prayer list and make updates.

Let us pray for...

MONDAY

Bob Abbey
Corrie Abels
Beth Abshire
Ali
Don Allen
Karen Allen
Lori Amstutz
Kathleen Anderson
Nan Anderson
Ann Marie
Athán
Angie Baker & family
Sandy Baker
Kristi Bedlion
Greyson Biglin
Gavin Bingamon
Lisa Blair
Tom Boltz
Katie & Boucher family
Brooks Bosse
Tom Bova
Judy Brann
Bob Brater
Mary Brater
Kay Brodes
Natalie Elise Brown
Georgia Browning
Bud & Ginny
Don Burgess
Larry Burrell

THURSDAY

Kallie
Keith
Elizabeth Kelly
Amy Kempher
Terri Kempher
Jane Kindsfater
John Koch
Jeanna Kolhoff
Kynslee Monroe
Carol Lehman
Sarah Leroy
Ed Lenz
Leslie
Li Su Lan
Linda
Cathy Linhart
MAF
MAL
Malcolm
Mandy
Marria and Viktor
Paul McBride
Richard McCoy
Michael McCurdy
Linda McPherson
Ann Meehan
Joe Meehan
Sharon Lee Meibeyer
Melanie
Linda Metzger
Vince Metzger
Lylah Micatrotto

TUESDAY

Caitlan
Carol Bryant
CAL, Jr.
Chris
Chuck & Jo
Daniel J. Churchey
Cigere
Sharon Cole
Jesse Colman
Jody Combs
Nathan Constable
John Curtis
Dalton
Jude Davidson
Ken Davis
Denise
Bob Doebel
John Dohr
Easton
Delores Edelbrock
Codie Edler
GKE
Ellen
Paul Esselman
Esther
Jan & Dallas Foster
Cindy Fox
Mary Funke
Frank Gamper
Joe Gardi

FRIDAY

Jim Miller
Ron Miles
Missy
Tom Mitchell
Allen Mosley
Joe N.
Bruce Neikirk
Barry Niswander
Jim & Sue O'Malley
Mike P.
Marcos, Patricia, and Keira Parra
TEP
Paul
Linda Perry
Jane Peschel
Claudia Phillips
Ronnie and Mary Pinckly
Dave Pine
Duane Place
Gayle Pohl
Joe Reffitt
Diane Regan
Mike Riecker
Lisa Robeson
S. Saldana
Shirley Salerno
Sam
Andrani Samuel
Sandy
Marj Schott
Tara Semantel
Chris Schutz

WEDNESDAY

Dove Gevedon
Tony Girvin
Coolidge Greer
Greg
Shane Griesser
Ruth Gulliford
Susan H.
Susan Lee Hamilton
Harper AnnaMae
Kristi Hancock
Laurie Hansen
Teddy Hartley
Tom Heimann
Kim Hindman
Joanne Hosbach
Nathan & Lisa Hoy
Hunter
Monica Hunyadi
Lorraine Ignarski
James
Janice
Jason
Jessi
Jimmy
Joanie
Joel
JPF
C Julius
Clancy Johnson
Jennifer Kahn

SATURDAY

Sharon
John Sharninghouse
Melanie Sherger
T. Shnego
Steve Siferd
SMC
Bette Snyder
Madeline Sommer
Sheila Sowa
Dr. Larry Spees
Joyce Sullivan
Susan
John Tallman
Janice Taub
Bonnie Thomas
Jim Thompson
Jackie Thornberg
Dave Unkefer
Harrison VanDorn
Tom Vocea
Rick Walter
Natalie Ware
Steve Ware
Diana Warnement
Philip Whitney
Doug Wilhelm
Alex Wolper
Bill Wolph
Chuck Wolph
Gloria Wolph
Jackson Wolph
Travis Wolph
Bart Z.