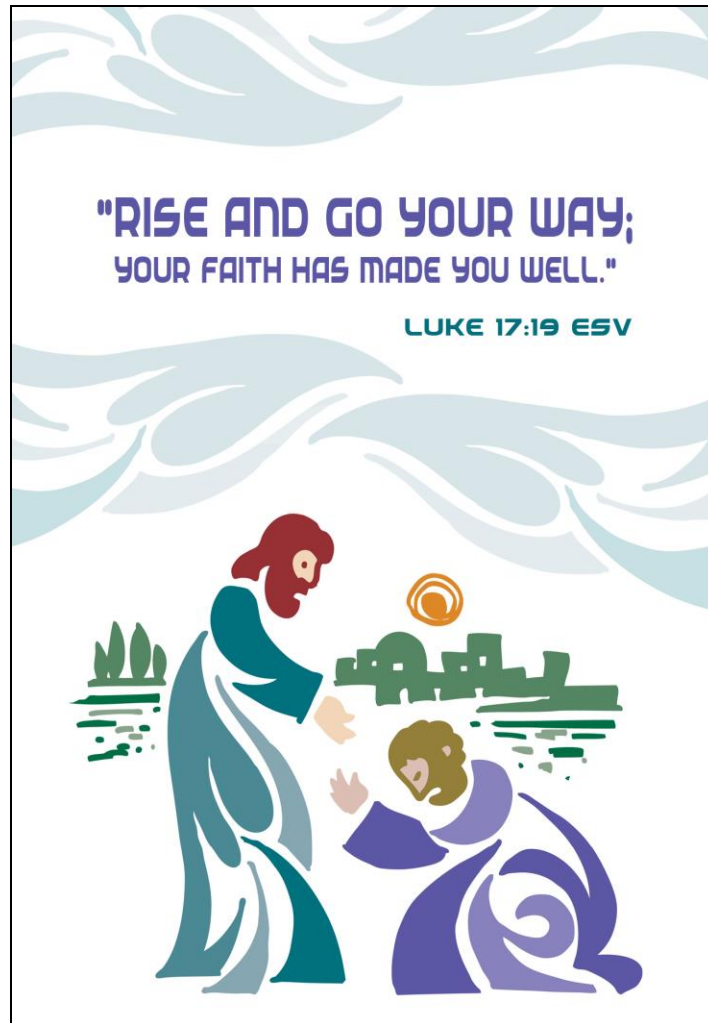


TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



OCTOBER 12, 2025 – PENTECOST 18/PROPER 23 – YEAR C
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRANT – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN
PREACHER – THE REV. CHRISTOPHER COX

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WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this service bulletin will help. Masks are optional within the Cathedral buildings. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces. Thank you for helping us to remain as safe as possible while enjoying in-person worship. "This is how we love one another!"

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 410

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing

Hymnal # S-280

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Tony Wootson

A Reading from the Second book of Kings (2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to

me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Psalm 66:1–11

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Charles Villiers Stanford



- 1 Be joyful in God, ¹all you ¹lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the ¹glory ¹of his ¹praise.
- 2 Say to God, “How ¹awesome are your ¹deeds! *
because of your great strength your ¹enemies ¹cringe be ¹fore you.
- †3 All the earth bows ¹down be ¹fore you, *
sings to ¹you, sings ¹out your ¹Name.”
- 4 Come now and see the ¹works of ¹God, *
how wonderful he is in his ¹doing ¹toward all ¹people.

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- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the ¹water on ¹foot, *
and ¹there ¹we re¹joiced in him.
- †6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch ¹over the ¹nations; *
let no ¹rebel rise ¹up a¹gainst him.
- 7 Bless our ¹God, you ¹peoples; *
make the ¹voice of his ¹praise to be ¹heard;
- 8 Who holds our ¹souls in ¹life, *
and will not al¹low our ¹feet to ¹slip.
- 9 For you, O ¹God, have ¹proved us; *
you have tried us ¹just as ¹silver is ¹tried.
- 10 You brought us ¹into the ¹snare; *
you laid heavy ¹burdens up ¹on our ¹backs.
- †11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through ¹fire and ¹water; *
but you brought us out ¹into a ¹place of re¹freshment.

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Brenda Whiteman

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy (2 Tim 2:8-15)

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 567

Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

**The Rev. Christopher Cox,
Deacon**

All stand as able and say together

A Statement of Faith based on Galatians 3:26-28

Celebrant: Let us renew our pledge to work for unity, justice, and peace.

We are all children of God.

There is no longer Jew or Greek.

There is no longer slave or free.

There is no longer male and female.

For we are all one.

We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this.

We pledge ourselves with God's help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.

Remain standing

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of the People

Lector: J. Gil Williams

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Let us bow before almighty God, offering our thanksgiving and making known our requests for the whole human family and for all the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: O God of morning and evening, noonday's brightest sun and midnight's darkest hour, hear us as we offer you our praise and dare to sing your new song. For confidence to believe that your gift of life requires our most willing effort, and that accepting that gift we never forget to offer our thanks: Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Joshua Jenkins, Cynthia R. Coleman, Brian Allen Moore, Jennifer Ng'andu and Olivia Smith.** Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the land in which we live, that we see it as your gift, and that all its peoples work together with all our strength to conform it to your holy will: Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For courage and commitment, that we wait upon those in need, and that they may see in us your loving care for them: Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Christopher, our Deacon, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Sarah, the Archbishop-Elect of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially Church of the Province of Uganda; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the Ministry of Parish Treasurers. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all in any need, for those in pain and in sorrow, that your gift of hope will strengthen them on their way to wholeness: Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with **the People of Ukraine and Russia, the People of Israel, Palestine and Iran, the People of Haiti, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Andrew McDonald, Virginia Barbarin, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky & Vince, Mike Bernardo, Hang Tran, Amy DeSanto, Jason, Hannah, Ava H., Laura Fuschini, the Reed, Gordon and Lopez families, Wendy Gilgeous, Michael Shoop, Judith Miller, the Griffith family, Debbie Gottlieb, Dan Gottlieb, the Samuel family, Belinda Whiteman & Elvis, Bethany Whiteman & Leopold, the Lopez, Gordon, Diehl, Turnbell and Shoucair families, and the Howard family.** Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the ties that bind us to those who have gone before, and that with all our loved ones and all the blessed saints we keep in view the joyous feast that is to come: Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Reid Howard**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Hear these words, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Anthem

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Howard Helvey

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 538

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer A

Chalice bearer: Virginia Harmer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds . . .

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in

your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Hymnal # S-129

Sanctus

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues . . .

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

Celebrant 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.

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said . . .

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Hymnal # S-163

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: 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.

All Baptized Christians are welcome to make their Communion at the Lord's table.

Communion Hymn

LEVAS # 67

I Love the Lord

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 411

O Bless the Lord, My Soul!

Blessing

Celebrant: 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.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY OCTOBER 12, 2025 ~ PENTECOST 18/PROPER 23



Following Christ, joining the Cathedral – We invite you to accept the invitation to follow Christ, to become a Christian and to become a member of Trinity Cathedral. We encourage you to fill in one of the pew cards and place it in the offering plate, or please contact one of the clergy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 10/19 are:

Suzette Price, Judith Miller, Virginia Harmer & Erica Warner (alternate)

Chalice bearer: Cn. Clara Gregory

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 10/19 (3rd Sunday) are:

Samuel Richards (Greeter/Usher) & Margaret Nartey (alternate)

Today we will re-dedicate the Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry in memory of Janet Thompson, former Food Pantry Director and stalwart supporter.

Check out the NEW items added to our kitchen cart raffle: Fall kitchen linens, a Cathedral cookbook and an inspirational cutting board! LAST CHANCE TO ENTER TO WIN!!! – If you cannot be with us at our Golf Outing – the biggest fundraiser of the year – you can still contribute to its success! We are raffling off a fun package of kitchen accessories, with all proceeds going to support the outing. Look for the flyer in your bulletin for more information, and **get your tickets today after Mass in Synod Hall; when sales have ended, the winner will be drawn during hospitality hour. For just \$10, you could win a fabulous Christmas gift!**

Have you checked out our new volunteer bulletin board? It's just inside the parking lot doors. Here you will find posted opportunities to volunteer at the Cathedral, with our partner organizations, and in the community. Projects big and small will be posted here. If you would like to advertise a volunteer opportunity, you can create your own flyer or use the form on the literature table in the main hallway.

Upcoming Coffee Hour Fellowship
Immediately following the Sunday Eucharist, in Synod Hall

Sunday, October 12
Honoring our Trinity Cathedral clergy!

Dean René John
Deacon Christopher Cox
Associate Priests Noel Amadi, Peter Bridge,
John Luttrell, Julia McKeon, Bruce Montgomery

Tour of Trinity Cathedral Available - Join us for a tour of Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, October 26th conducted by Bernard McMullan, informal Cathedral historian and former chair of the Cathedral's Property, Maintenance and Improvement Commission.

The 90-minute tour of the four different churches in the Cathedral complex will include a review of the history, architecture, stained glass, fabrics, and other art of Trinity as well telling some of the "stories" of this 133 year-old congregation. The event requires extensive walking and traversing of several flights of stairs. The tour concludes with hors d'oeuvres, sweets, wine and conversation in Synod Hall. Just a few slots are available on each of the days. A donation to Trinity Cathedral of \$25 per person is requested. **Sign up on the poster in the main hallway outside the Cathedral offices.**

Group tours of the Cathedral can be arranged through Patrice D'Angelo (PatriceAtTrinity@aol.com) or Bernard McMullan (rivervue1622@gmail.com).

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, October 25th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners "to go" from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



Enter to Win!!

Amazing Kitchen Accessories...



Can't make it to our Golf Outing and want to support our biggest annual fundraiser? Buy a \$10 raffle ticket and you could win this great set! (\$310 Value)

- 12-piece cookware set
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- Spoon rest & tea towel
- Fun kitchen plaque, spices & tools

Great for gifting season, or to refresh your kitchen.
Purchase tickets in Synod Hall after Mass today!

Thanks to Deborah McConnaughey for this generous donation!

Please Join Us For The



Annual Gala

Saturday
October 18, 2025
5PM - 7PM

The Watershed Institute
31 Titus Mill Road
Pennington, NJ

Silent Auction

Drinks and Hors D'oeuvres to be served

Please join Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra on October 18, 2025 at the Watershed Institute in Pennington for our Annual Gala in support of Stretto, Blue Mountain Festival, and Trinity Strings' mission to provide high-level musical training and character development to a diverse community of children and youth that fosters socio-economic inclusion, peer leadership, and multi-level mentoring.

We will be honoring Stretto alumna and Active Duty Army Aviation Officer
Alexa Zammit
with the "Alumni Achievement Award," and
the Christina Seix Academy Leadership Team
with the "Service Leadership Award."



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Stretto and
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Join us for a brief presentation at
hospitality hour on Sunday,
October 19th.

Request to Speak on Family Financial Needs at Your Church

Dear Sir,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Ethel Atefoe, and I am a licensed financial professional with a passion for empowering individuals and families to take control of their financial futures. Our mission is to educate and guide people of all generations in managing and protecting their hard-earned money with wisdom and confidence.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak to your congregation about important and timely financial topics that impact families every day. These include, but are not limited to:

Emergency fund planning

Wealth protection and legacy planning

Retirement planning strategies

Long-term care solutions

Income protection through insurance and other tools

Understanding taxes and how to minimize their impact

Financial literacy is a key component of overall well-being, and when families are equipped with the right knowledge, they are better positioned to thrive and be a blessing to others.

I would be honored to bring a brief, informative, and faith-respecting presentation or workshop to your church, tailored to meet the unique needs of your congregation. My goal is to serve — not to sell — and to ensure each family walks away with greater clarity and confidence regarding their financial future.

Please let me know if we can schedule a time to speak further about this opportunity. I'd be happy to provide additional details or references upon request.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of serving your church community.

Warm regards,
Ethel Atefoe (862-298-8600)
Associate
eatfoe@gmail.com
World Financial Group

Trinity Cathedral African Festival 18th Annual Dinner and Gala Night



Saturday, October 25, 2025
7:00 - 11:00 pm

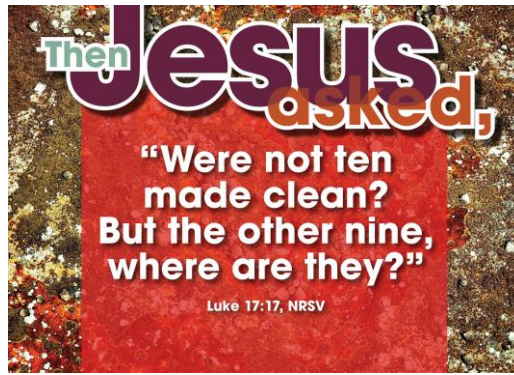
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THIS WEEK’S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (10/12)

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 23

Choir warm-up - CATH

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Celebrating our Clergy at coffee hour!

Re-dedication of the Food Pantry in memory of Janet Thompson

Choir rehearsal - CATH

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Tues. (10/14)

5:30 – 8:00pm

Creation Care Hands-on Cooking Class at Isles, Mill One

Thurs. (10/16)

4:15 – 5:30 pm

8:00 pm

TASK Meals - SH

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (10/18)

10:30am – 2:00pm

Trinity Strings OFF today (Stretto Gala)

Diocesan UBE/BCC meeting - GR

Sun. (10/19)

9:15 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 24

Choir warm-up – CATH

Rite I Eucharist in all Saints Chapel (in-person only)

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Financial wellness presentation during coffee hour

Choir rehearsal - CATH

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP