



Trinity Episcopal “Old Swedes” Church

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

Celebrant: Rev Ellen Rutherford

The Holy Eucharist - Rite 2, Track 1

Opening Hymn: Hosanna to the living Lord! (Pg 486, Blue Hymnal)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work,

for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:1-5, 18-21

- ¹ I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- ⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- ¹⁹ The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- ²⁰ He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- ²¹ The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, 17 comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – The God of Abraham praise (pg 401, Blue Hymnal)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People: Glory to You Lord Christ.

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to You Lord Christ.

Sermon – The Rev. Ellen Rutherford

(A few minutes of meditative silence follows the sermon)

Holy Baptism

*Being baptized today is Roman John Royal, Son of Steven and Neha Royal.
The Godparents are Maliha Ali and Ahsha Al.*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

***Parents and Godparents:* I present Roman John Royal to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The *Celebrant* asks the parents and godparents: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

***Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

***Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God's help.**

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

The *Celebrant* addresses the congregation, saying: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Celebrant: Roman John Royal, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Roman John Royal, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Virtual Offering Plate

Text "Trinityoldswedes" at (202) 858-1233 (Standard texting rates apply) or support Trinity with online pledge donations using a credit card, PayPal or Venmo, or you can mail your pledge checks to: Trinity "Old Swedes" Episcopal Church
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Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Minister: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Please stand for the presentation of the offering

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.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Table - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....

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:

Sanctus – 129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us!

People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

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.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn – New songs of celebration render (Pg 413, Blue Hymnal)

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People Thanks be to God!

Today's Participants

Celebrant: Rev Ellen Rutherford

Lay Minister: Jim Bodenstedt & Laurie Miles

Reader: Bob Baur

Music: Paul Marchesano

A/V: Josh Woronicak

Altar Guild: Joanna Lippincott

Coffee Hour: Ellen Florence Busza

The altar flowers are given by Joanna and Dave Lippincott in memory of Phyllis MacDonald and Rudy Becker

Trinity Announcements

Upcoming Events Calendar

Nov 9: Trinity Foundation BBQ Fundraiser Dinner

Nov 21-22: Diocesan Convention

Nov 30: Advent begins

Dec 13: Cleaning & Greening of the Church

Dec 14: Stewardship Sunday – return pledges

Dec 14: 7:00 pm Sankta Lucia Children's Pageant and Christmas Concert (POC: Laurie Miles)

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service

BBQ Dinner at Rode's Barn Sunday Nov 9th

Trinity "Old Swedes" Historic Preservation Foundation's annual BBQ dinner will be held at Rode's Barn located on 533 Kings Highway in Swedesboro, 3:30-7:00 pm on Sunday November 9, 2025.

The dinner includes BBQ chicken, pulled pork, coleslaw, mac & cheese, cornbread, homemade desserts, tea, coffee and domestic beer for just \$35 per person.

Diners can eat-in or take-out.

Tickets for the BBQ dinner can be purchased in advance online trinityswedesboro.org or at the door until meals are sold out.

November is Stewardship Month at Trinity

During this special time, we'll be mailing a letter to all congregation members, along with a pledge card. We ask that you prayerfully complete your card and return it—either by mail or by placing it in the collection plate—by **Sunday, December 14th**.

When we hear the word *stewardship*, many of us think first of financial giving. But stewardship is so much more than that. It's about **gratitude**—recognizing that everything we have—our time, our energy, our abilities, and even the roofs over our heads—is a gift from God.

God calls us to use these gifts for good: to care for one another, to strengthen our community, and to share His love with the world.

Stewardship is something we do *together*. When each of us gives from the heart—through our time, our talents, and our treasures—we are not just maintaining a church; we are building a community of hope, faith, and love that reaches far beyond our walls.

This year, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can share your **time, talents, and resources** to help our Trinity Family continue to grow and serve in God's love.