

Sunday

2 August 2026 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your
Church:
open our hearts to the riches of
your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who
thirsts, come to the waters; and
you that have no money, come,
buy and eat! Come, buy wine and
milk without money and without
price. Why do you spend your
money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which
does not satisfy? Listen carefully
to me, and eat what is good, and
delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to
me; listen, so that you may live. I
will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love
for David. See, I made him a
witness to the peoples, a leader
and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you
do not know, and nations that do
not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, for he has
glorified you.

Or **Genesis 32:22-31**

PSALM Psalm 145:8-9. 15-end

R *You open wide your hand,
O Lord,
[and satisfy the needs of every
creature].*

The Lord is gracious and full of
compassion,
slow to anger and of great
kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his
works. **R**

The Lord upholds all those who
fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed
down.

The eyes of all wait upon you,
O Lord,
and you give them their food in
due season.

You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every
living creature. **R**

The Lord is righteous in all his
ways
and loving in all his works.
The Lord is near to those who call
upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
He fulfils the desire of those who
fear him,
he hears their cry and helps
them. **R**

The Lord preserves all those who
love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.
My mouth shall speak the praise of
the Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy name for
ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

*A reading from the letter of Paul
to the Romans.*

I am speaking the truth in Christ.
I am not lying; my conscience
confirms it by the Holy Spirit.
I have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. For I could
wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake
of my own people, my kindred
according to the flesh. They are
Israelites, and to them belong the
adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship,
and the promises; to them belong
the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes
the Messiah, who is over all, God
blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.*

When Jesus heard that Herod had
beheaded John the Baptist, he
withdrew in a boat to a deserted
place by himself. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed
him on foot from the towns. When
he went ashore, he saw a great
crowd; and he had compassion for
them and cured their sick. When it
was evening, the disciples came to
him and said, "This is a deserted
place, and the hour is now late;
send the crowds away so that they
may go into the villages and buy
food for themselves." Jesus said
to them, "They need not go away;
you give them something to eat." They
replied, "We have nothing
here but five loaves and two fish." And
he said, "Bring them here to
me." Then he ordered the crowds
to sit down on the grass. Taking
the five loaves and the two fish, he
looked up to heaven, and blessed
and broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples, and the
disciples gave them to the crowds.
And all ate and were filled; and
they took up what was left over of
the broken pieces, twelve baskets
full. And those who ate were
about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord.