

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost Proper 24



October 18, 2026
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!

The 9 a.m. service is fully spoken; the 11 a.m. service includes hymns and other music. Hymns marked with "H" can be found in the blue Hymnal.

All else needed for worship is contained in this bulletin.

If desired, the full text of the service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Page numbers are indicated.

*Congregational responses appear in **bold**.*

Announcements

Prelude

The people stand as they are able.

Entrance Hymn H 362 "Holy, holy, holy!"

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Opening Acclamation

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Cele. Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant says

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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 say this Hymn of Praise (9 a.m.)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our
prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

All sing this Hymn of Praise (11 a.m.)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

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Cele. The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Cele. Let us pray.

Cele. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

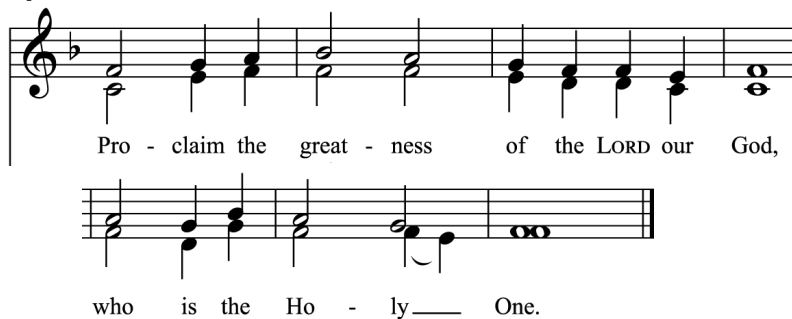
Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Response Psalm 99



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- ¹The LORD is King;
let the people tremble. *
He is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- ²The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- ³Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One. **Refrain**
- ⁴“O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One. **Refrain**
- ⁶Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave
them. **Refrain**

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⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Refrain

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn H 683 “O for a closer walk with God”

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Silence is kept for reflection. Then, all stand as they are able for the proclaiming of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

Deacon ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Cele. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Silence is kept for reflection.

The 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.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence for reflection

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Assisting Bishop; for the
future Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes;
and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence for reflection.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence for reflection.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion
forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left
undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your
Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Cele. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Cele. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another with a sign of peace. After the Peace, the People are seated for the offertory.

Offertory

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

Doxology H 380 v.3

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*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The People stand as they are able. The Celebrant faces them and says (9 a.m.) or sings (11 a.m.)

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Celebrant continues

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

Here the Celebrant says or sings a Proper Preface, followed by

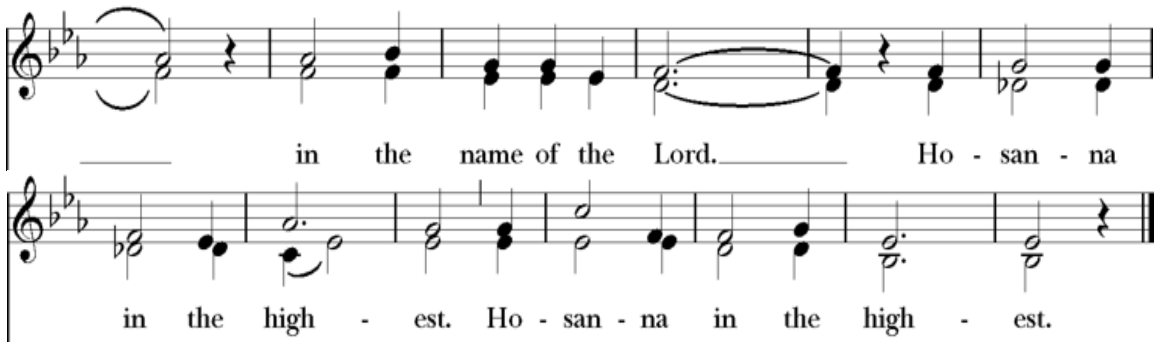
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Clergy and People (9 a.m.)

**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.**

Clergy and People (11 a.m.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



Then the Celebrant continues

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death...

The Celebrant continues, pronouncing the Words of Institution—the words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper, when he instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist—concluding with

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

After this, the People acclaim as indicated:

Cele. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People and Clergy

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father . . . 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.



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

People and Clergy

**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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

All present are invited forward. If you are not a baptized Christian or choose not to receive, please cross your arms in front of your chest and instead receive a blessing.

If you would like to learn more about receiving the sacrament of baptism, Fr. Matt would be overjoyed to speak with you after the service.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Optional prayer for those who cannot receive due to absence, such as those worshipping at home

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Hymns During Communion

Hymn “As we gather at your table”

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Hymn H 339 “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

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Hymn H 345 “Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise”

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The People stand as they are able.

All say this post-communion prayer

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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.

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn H 594 “God of grace and God of glory”

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The Deacon dismisses them with these or similar words.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

IN OUR PRAYERS

For Healing & Convalescing: Angeline Collins, Janice LeMonds, Hazel Farnum, Sid Urbanowicz, Ken Hubbard, Marley Hamp, Julian Liske, Tim Fitzpatrick, Joan Campbell, John Precord, Reed Hamp, Audrey Himes, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Matthew Van Zetten, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, George, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Chuck, Becky & Dante, Tyson, Georgia, Kim, Morgan, Tom Goodburne, and Baby J.

Recently Departed: Norma Hanna

Birthdays: Sonya Titus (18)

Military: Ian Hamp, Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: For the Diocesan Convention and St. James, Cheboygan; Anglican: the Anglican Church of Canada

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	9 & 11 AM 11 AM 4 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Sunday School Sunday Supper
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group Alpena Groove - Lower Level AA
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1 PM 5:15 PM 5:30 PM 7 PM	Holy Eucharist Bible Study Bible Study Choir Practice AA
Thursday	9 AM	Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time)
Friday	5:30 PM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AA
Saturday	3 - 9 PM	All Saints Hall Reserved - Rotary Club

The Flowers On The Altar

Given to the Glory of God
and
In Memory of Donald Geierman
by
The Geierman/Nichols Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP ELECTION: HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

The first bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes will be elected at our diocesan convention on October 25. Before then, Trinity Church's convention delegates need your input! We've prepared a survey for you to provide your thoughts and preferences. You can find it at <https://bit.ly/TrinityBishopSurvey>, or by scanning this QR code with your phone.

You are also invited to share your thoughts with our voting delegates, Ted Rockwell and Sue Jackowiak. We are planning a more official way to hear your feedback in person, too.



PRAYER/MEDITATION SPACE

In order to encourage the ministries of prayer, meditation, formation and spiritual direction, the Vestry has approved the dedication of space in the church undercroft. The two attached rooms (front, left) will be utilized for these activities. We will be preparing this space in November and kindly request that anyone that has personal items or things to be repurposed, that these be moved by the first of November when cleaning will occur. Thank you for your consideration!

ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE DINNER AT TRINITY - OCTOBER 24

The Rotary Club of Alpena will be hosting a pancake dinner in the church hall, on Saturday, October 24th beginning at 4:30 until 7 PM. Oct 24th is World Polio Day and all funds collected from the free will offering will go towards Rotary's World Polio Fund.

STEWARDSHIP

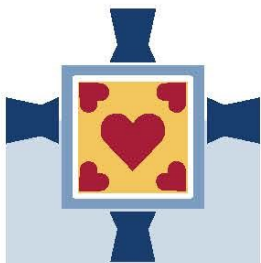
This week we celebrate God's abundance. In creation, in our community, and in our lives, God provides more than enough. Can you think about the abundance in your life? What does it look like and how will you share from your plenty?

Financial Comparison of the week:

Item	2023	2024	2025	2026*
Altar Guild Supplies	679.24	949.76	1087.60	607.77*

* 2026 expenses are through August, 4 more months of expenses will be added to the financial data as they are incurred.

Altar Guild supplies include items for the altar/Eucharist, i.e. communion wafers, wine, candles and candle oil. The example is your grocery bill. You see increases in everything you buy to feed you/your family. Eucharist is how we celebrate the Lords Table and feed God's people with the Body and Blood of Christ, and it is increasing in cost as well. If the Eucharist is an important part of your worship please consider this in your prayerful contemplation of your giving.



Questions for Reflection:

How might we shift a grumbling heart into a welcoming wave?



The Rev. Cn. Dina van Klaveren is Canon for Development at the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and is a past-president and member of the Board of Directors for TENS.



Plenty Good Room

Making Space is an Invitation

A year ago I began practicing yoga at a studio near my home. The instructor is a grounded, gifted practitioner who sets the tone for movement, relaxation, and growth. Her class has grown in popularity and sometimes we are packed a bit close in the space. If someone comes in a little late, we all adjust our mats and make space graciously- although in my heart I grumbled at the inconvenience of it. That is, until I was stuck in traffic and arrived the very minute class was starting and opened the studio door to find the room full. I closed the door and felt frustrated. Darn traffic! I stood outside alone in my disappointment when the door open and a fellow student waved me in, mouthing the words: “we made room for you.”

I felt tears selling up in my eyes as I hurried to the open space and rolled out my mat. Another person smiled and waved at me. It almost felt like too much to bear- this grace-filled way that my fellow students offered plenty good room for me to enter and find the balance I craved.

Making space for one another, without judgement, creates a powerful connection in community. I no longer grumble in my heart as a latecomer arrives because I’ve been there. And, I hope they feel the acceptance I felt as we slide our mats to make more room.

There is plenty good room for us to accept one another, just as we are right now. I pray that in all aspects of our life in community, and especially in our faith community, we learn to wave one another in and with a gentle smile mouth the words: “we made room for you.” [TENS.org](https://tens.org)

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Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! As part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, ours is a tradition both catholic and reformed—a *via media*, or "middle way," within the historic Christian faith.

Part of the Alpena community since 1864, our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a National Jubilee Center, we work to serve those in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome and wanted in this place. We are delighted that you are here, and hope that you will join us in prayer and fellowship.

Lay Leadership

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