Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 28



November 15, 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 632 "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"

Opening Acclamation *EOW 1 p. 50*

Cele. Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant says *BCP p. 355*

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.)



The Collect of the Day *BCP p. 236*

Cele. The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Cele. Let us pray.

Cele. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Judges 4:1-7

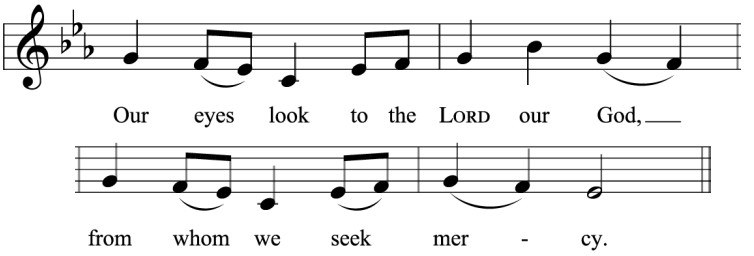
Lector A reading from the book of Joshua.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.' "

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Response Psalm 123



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[1]To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
[2]As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
[3]So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy. **Refrain**

[4]Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
[5]Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud. **Refrain**

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with

him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn H 705 "As those of old their first fruits brought"

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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 25:14-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon [Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did

not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Matthew Roney

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 *BCP p. 392*

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; Zachary, our Bishop-elect; 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

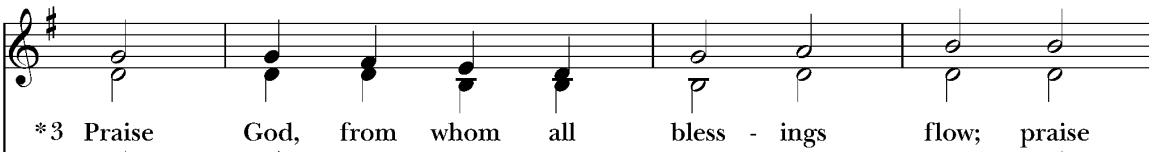
Cele. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

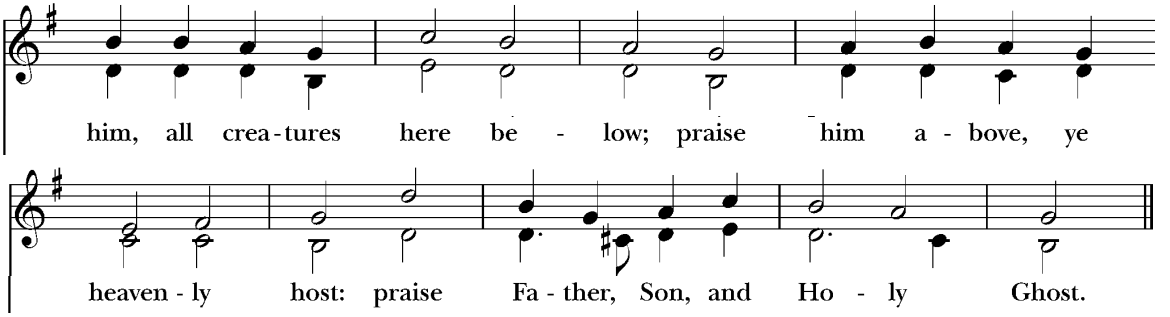
The People may greet one another with a sign of peace. After the Peace, the People are seated for the offertory.

Offertory

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

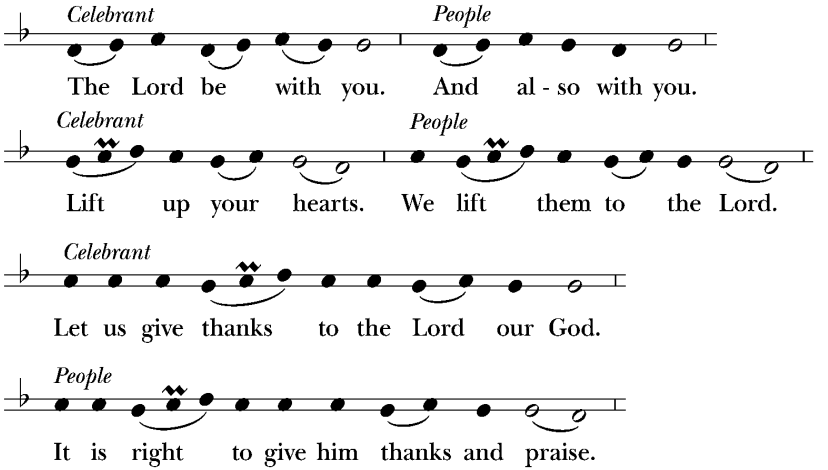
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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP p. 361*

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



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

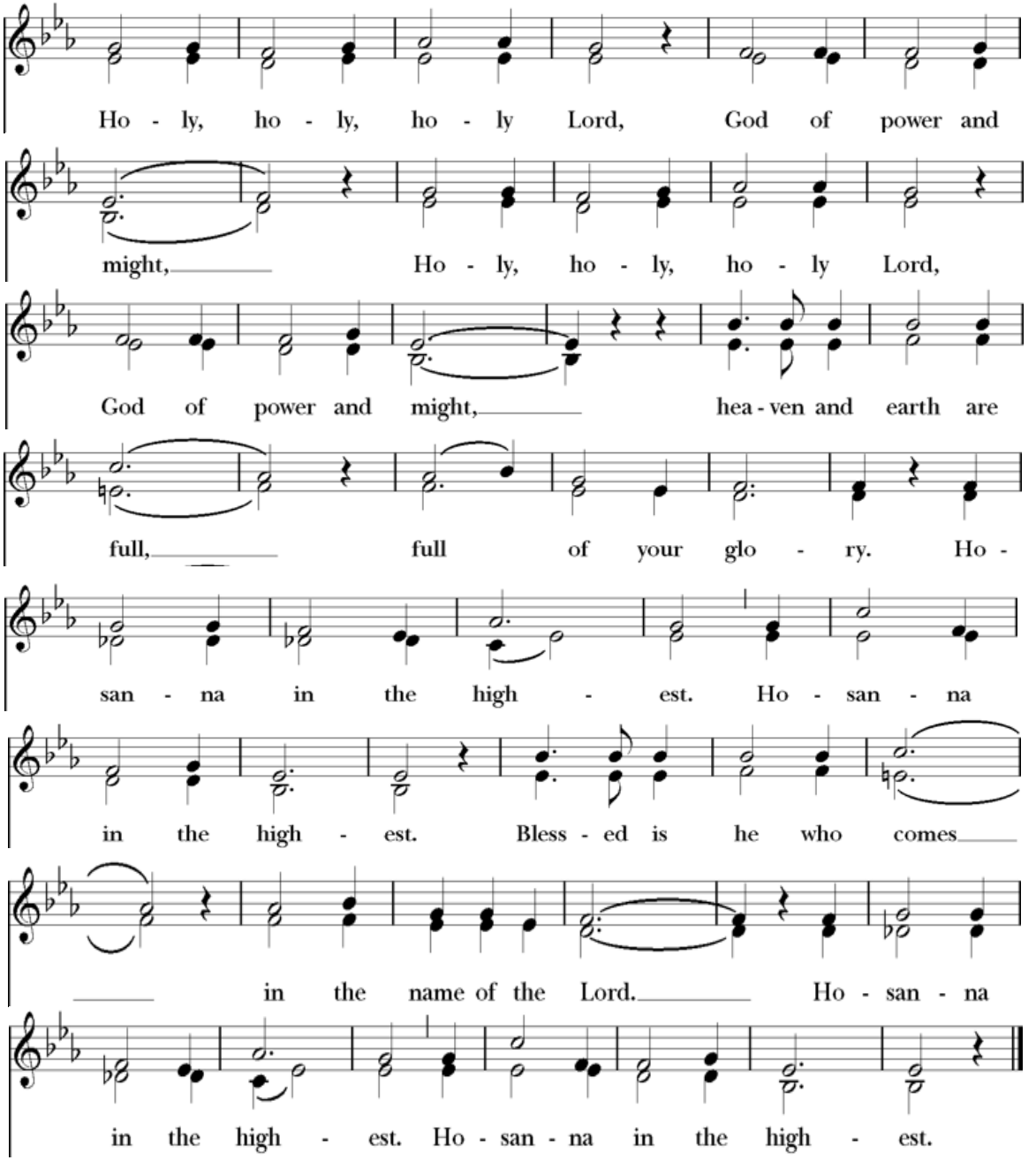
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.)



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:

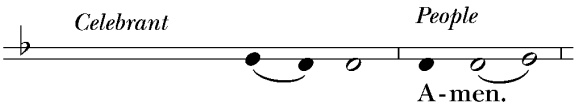
People and Clergy

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 H 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

Hymn H 288 "Praise to God, immortal praise"

Hymn H 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

The People stand as they are able.

All say this post-communion prayer *BCP p. 365*

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 707 "Take my life, and let it be"

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: Gerry Cawthra, 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.

Birthdays: Steve Westrope (15), Eric Cornish (16), Mary Eagan, Walt Jackowiak (21)

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

Cycles of Prayer: Trinity, Marshall and St. Gregory's Church, Norton Shores; Anglican: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY SEASON DOWNTOWN GIVING TREE ~ SUNDAY SUPPER PANTRY

Downtown this holiday season Alpena businesses will be collecting for different local nonprofits. Those participating will have giving trees at the front entrances of their establishments. **Traveling Ladders will be collecting for Sunday Supper's Food Pantry.** If you would like to contribute, you can drop off items at the store (102 N. 2nd) or pick up an "ornament" suggestion off the tree to bring back later. The collection runs

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

TECW BAKE SALE - DECEMBER 13

The TECW will host our annual Christmas bake sale on Sunday, December 13, after both services. We would greatly appreciate donations of cookies, caramel corn, candy, and more. We would like all items plated, bagged etc. However if you are unable to do that, we will take care of it for you! The church will be open on Friday, Dec 11 & Sat, Dec 12th from 1 - 3 to accept your donations. You can also bring items in before the 9am service on the 13th. If anyone has any questions, they can call Sue Krafft - 989-657-1025.

PEACE GATHERING - NOVEMBER 22

The Alpena Peace Community will hold a Peace Gathering at **Grace Lutheran Church, 119 W Dunbar St., on Sunday, November 22 from 4-5:00 p.m.** All are welcome for a time of music and meditations, followed by time for quiet reflections. Light refreshments to follow. Featuring music by Rev. Rob & Anita Richards. *Building community through peace; fostering connection and love.* Non-perishable food donations to The Little Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran would be appreciated.

POP-UP HYGIENE CLOSET - DECEMBER 18

Trinity Episcopal Church will host a pop-up hygiene closet on Friday, December 18 between 12-2 p.m. No sign up required, no restrictions. Hygiene and cleaning products will be available.

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 Rehearsal 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

Our parish is a place of belonging — a community where each person matters, and each gift is needed. Together we are the Body of Christ. What is Christ asking of you in ensuring there is Plenty Good Room in our parish and beyond?

Plenty Good Room

A Thanksgiving Reflection

Thanksgiving is a season for pausing, remembering, and giving thanks. We gather around tables with family, friends, and neighbors; we share stories and food; we recall blessings great and small. At its heart, Thanksgiving is a reminder that gratitude is the root of generosity. When we give thanks, we recognize that what we have is gift – and gifts are meant to be shared.

The spiritual Plenty Good Room sings this same truth: "plenty good room in my Father's kingdom, just choose your seat and sit down." God's abundance is not limited to harvests or seasons – it is woven into the very fabric of creation and our life together. At God's table there is not only food enough, but love enough, grace enough, space enough for all.

Scarcity tells us to measure what we lack. Gratitude opens our eyes to see what overflows. When we focus on what is missing, we turn inward; when we give thanks, our hearts turn outward in generosity. Thanksgiving becomes not just a holiday but a practice of stewardship – an ongoing rhythm of noticing God's gifts and sharing them with others.

In our churches, this season is an opportunity to reflect on the many blessings God has given us: the gift of community, the gift of worship, the gift of hope and mission. Every pledge, every offering, every act of service is a way of saying, "Thank you, Lord, for your goodness, and here is my gift in return." Gratitude begets generosity, and generosity creates plenty good room for all.

So whether we are at crowded tables or quiet ones this Thanksgiving, may we pause to notice God's abundance. May we give thanks for those who came before us and for those who will come after. And may we recommit ourselves to being a people who make room – for neighbors, for strangers, for future generations – at God's ever-expanding table.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" – Psalm 107:1 TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

For what are you grateful today?



J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God's all-inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.

TENS THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

Help Provide Thanksgiving Meals for NEMSCA Families in Need

Trinity Episcopal Church

Turkeys and canned goods are being provided by ECW, Sunday Supper and other organizations.
We still need items from our congregation to help complete these Thanksgiving meals.
We will be feeding ~244 people (46 families).



SUGGESTED DONATIONS

- ☑ Instant coffee
- ☑ Hot cocoa
- ☑ Cool Whip
- ☑ Cherry Pie Filling
- ☑ Turkey gravy
- ☑ Medium foil roasting pans
- ☑ Thanksgiving napkins

Drop off items in the Parish Hall

November 8th through the 22nd

Questions? Contact Ellen Eagan, Sue Krafft, Rebecca Stockdale, or Carol Rundell.

Please consider collecting these items for Trinity's pantry.

REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal
December 2 - peanut butter
December 3 - stuffing mix
December 4 - boxed potatoes
December 5 - macaroni and cheese
December 6 - canned fruit
December 7 - canned tomatoes
December 8 - canned tuna
December 9 - dessert mix
December 10 - jar of applesauce
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
December 12 - cranberry sauce
December 13 - canned beans
December 14 - box of crackers
December 15 - package of rice
December 16 - package of oatmeal
December 17 - package pasta
December 18 - spaghetti sauce
December 19 - chicken noodle soup
December 20 - tomato soup
December 21 - can corn
December 22 - can carrots
December 23 - can green beans
December 24 - cream of mushroom soup



Grace Episcopal Church of Long Rapids

Annual Wreath & Roping Sale

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Email: brenda01@hotmail.com



Small Wreath – $25.00 _____

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Grave Blankets and Crosses – $40.00 ____

Candy Cane – $35.00 _____

Kissing Balls – $35.00 _____

New location for pick up will be at the church:
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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

Vestry

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Sonya Titus, Clerk

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The Village Church
With a Voice