

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Proper 21



September 27, 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 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

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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 - might - y 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. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

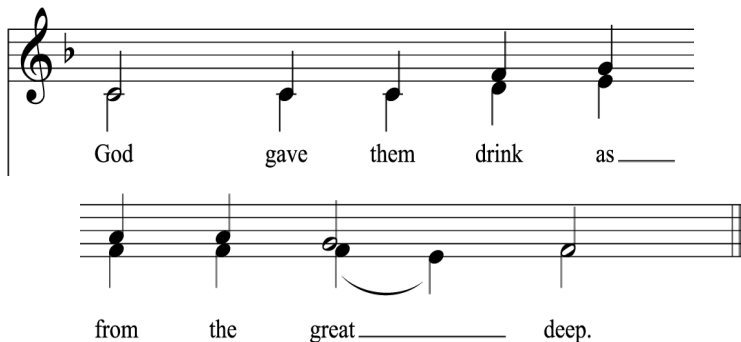
From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Response Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16



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¹Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

Refrain

³That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

⁴We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

Refrain

¹²He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

Refrain

¹⁴He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

¹⁵He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

¹⁶He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Refrain

The Second Lesson Philippians 2:1-13

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn H 685 “Rock of ages, cleft for me”

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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 21:23-32

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

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

Deacon When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you

tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Daniel Maxwell, deacon

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

Anthem

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. *People* And al - so 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.

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

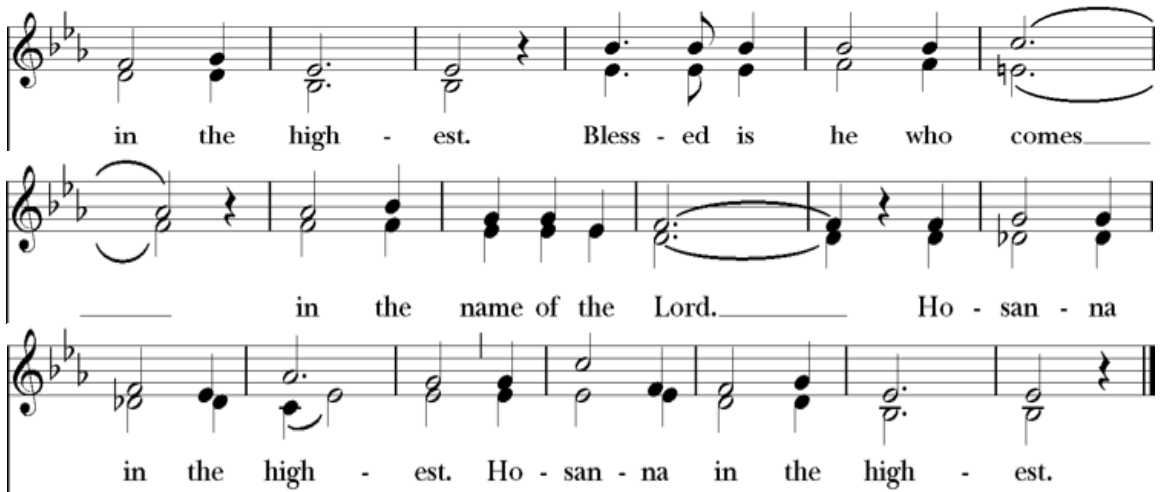
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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



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 304 "I come with joy"

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Hymn H 660 “O Master let me walk with thee”

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Hymn H 417 “This is the feast”

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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.

Closing Hymn H 690 “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

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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.

Birthdays: Adam Kelsch (27), Chad Kapala (28), Grace Samp (29), John L. Precord (2), David Melville (3)

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

Cycles of Prayer: St. Christopher's, Northport and Transfiguration, Indian River; Anglican: the Church of Bangladesh

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Today	9 & 11 AM 11 AM 12:15 PM 4 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Sunday School Choir Practice 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 7 PM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Holy Eucharist Bible Study Bible Study AA
Thursday	9 AM 5 PM	Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time) Potluck
Friday	5:30 PM	AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY POTLUCK OCTOBER 1

Our next monthly potluck will be held on Thursday, October 1 at 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and come hungry. All are welcome!

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.

GRACE LUTHERAN QUILTERS IN NEED OF FLAT SHEETS

The Grace Lutheran Church Quilters are in need of cotton blend flat sheets (used/good condition, any size). If you have flat sheets you would like to donate, they may be dropped off in the Trinity church office. Thanks!

CAROLE CADARETTE CONCERT - CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Please join us on Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m. for a concert of sacred, secular and sing-along music on the keyboard performed by Carole Cadarette at Christ Episcopal Church, 202 w. Westover St., East Tawas, MI. This is a free concert and open to all!

CHOIR IS BACK IN SESSION!

Have you ever thought about joining the choir?
Consider this your invitation! ♡

Whether you've been singing for years, haven't sung since high school, or simply love music and wonder what it might be like to sing with a group — there is a place for your voice in our choir.

No audition. No pressure. No need to be a professional musician.

Just bring your voice, your love of music, and a willingness to make a joyful noise! 🎵

Our choir is a warm and welcoming group that gathers not only to prepare music for worship, but also to enjoy the fellowship that comes from making music together. We sing everything from beloved hymns and traditional sacred music to beautiful anthems that help bring the words and stories of our faith to life.

There is something pretty wonderful about a group of individual voices coming together and becoming something none of us could create alone.

♡ **COME SING WITH US!**

Come to a rehearsal. Sit in. Give it a try. Meet some wonderful people and see what you think! No pressure. No obligation.

All voices are welcome, and new singers are always welcome.

  **WE EVEN HAVE OUR OWN CHOIR APP!**

One of the coolest resources available to our singers is ChoirMate, our very own choir mobile app!

ChoirMate can be accessed from your phone, tablet, or computer, so your choir music can go wherever you go.

For the music we're preparing, Kat uploads rehearsal tracks for each individual voice part — Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. That means you can listen to your part and practice along at home, in the car, or whenever it's convenient for you.

Questions? Want to know more? Ready to join us?

✉ Contact Kat: trinityalpenamusic@gmail.com

 There's a seat waiting for you in the choir. 

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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

Sue Jackowiak, Co-Warden

Don Stockdale, Co-Warden

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