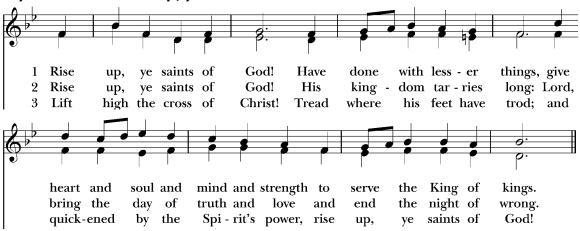
# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28



November 19, 2023 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

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### Hymn 551 "Rise up, ye saints of God"



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The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

# **Collect for Purity**

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.)



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# The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

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Priest 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 Lessons

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. <sup>13</sup>She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. <sup>14</sup>One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. <sup>15</sup>To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one

who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, <sup>16</sup>because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge \* from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \* from age to age you are God.

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say, \* "Go back, O child of earth."

<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \* and like a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup>You sweep us away like a dream; \* we fade away suddenly like the grass.

<sup>6</sup>In the morning it is green and flourishes; \* in the evening it is dried up and withered.

<sup>7</sup>For we consume away in your displeasure; \* we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

\*Our iniquities you have set before you, \* and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

[9When you are angry, all our days are gone; \* we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; \* yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

"Who regards the power of your wrath? \* who rightly fears your indignation?]

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days, \* that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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Lord

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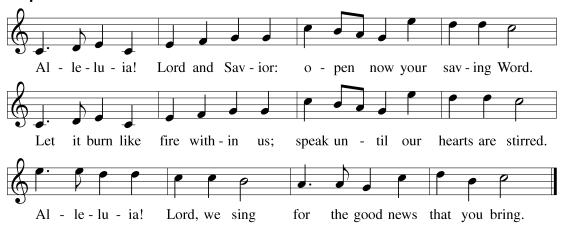
#### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



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Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if 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."

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

#### **The Sermon** The Rev. Mark Rutenbar

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

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Caring God,

We thank you for your gifts in creation:

for our world

the heavens tell of your glory

for our land, its beauty, and its resources for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may use your gifts responsibly.

for those who work on the land and the sea, in city and in industry, that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation.

for artists, scientists and visionaries, that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life **for all who enrich our experience.** We pray:

for all who are deprived of fullness of life

for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick, especially Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Bruce, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Joyce, Carol, Phil, Jim and Bishop Curry.

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your church.

for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation. Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;

may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace, let us, your people, know that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.

Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **Amen** 

Silence

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says

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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

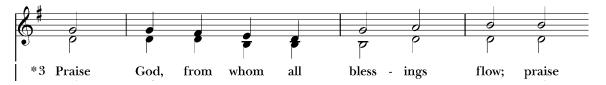
People And also with you.

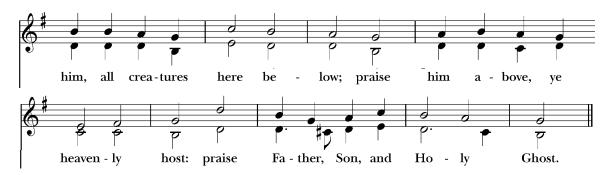
The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

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# The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

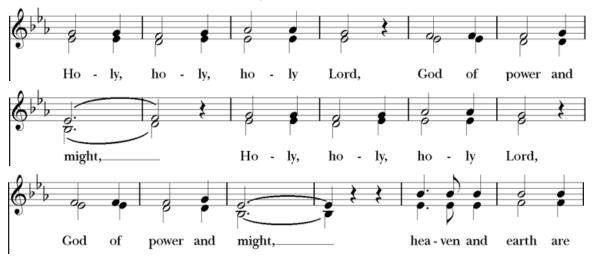
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

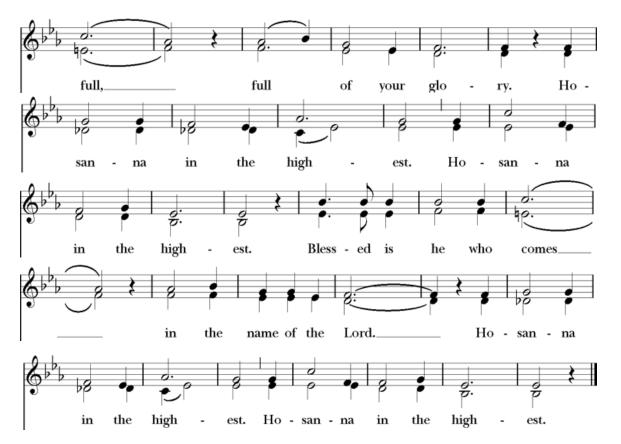
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give Priest 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:





Then the Priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

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. **Amen.** 

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

Priest and People

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

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### Invitation to Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

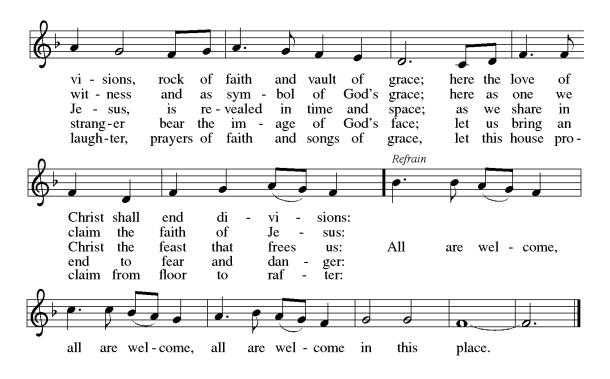
#### Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

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.

# **Hymns During Communion**

Hymn "All are welcome"

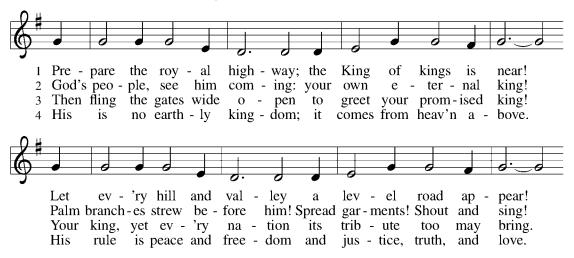




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### "Prepare the royal highway"





Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry: God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you! All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing: So let your praise be sound-ing for kind-ness so a - bound - ing:



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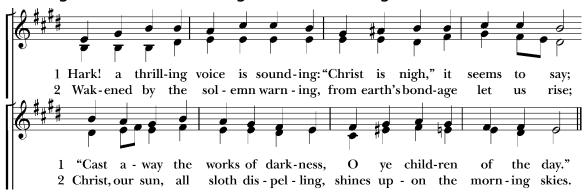
#### After Communion, all say

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 Priest bestows the blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his 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 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"



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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

# **In Our Prayers**

LARCC: Homebound Parishioners at First Congregational UCC

For Healing & Convalescing: Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Bruce Connon, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Joyce, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jim Gilmet and The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Birthdays: Mary Eagan (21), Bruce Connon (25)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham,

John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: St. John's, Dryden and Emmanuel, Hastings;

Anglican: the Diocese of Hyderabad (Pakistan)

# **Readings for November 26**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ~ Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 ~ Matthew 25:31-46

#### The Flowers On The Altar

Given to the Glory of God and In Memory of Ralph Klann by Shirley Klann

#### **Announcements**

#### **BUILDING OUR FUTURE, HONORING OUR PAST**

The Stewardship Campaign is on! By now you will have received your Pledge Packet in the mail and had a chance to review it. If you have any questions, please ask Rebecca Stockdale (Stewardship Chairman) or Ellen Eagan (Senior Warden). We want to make sure all your questions are answered. Remember, pledge cards need to be in by November 26!

If you did not receive a packet, please contact Peggy in the Church Office. Extra packets are also available in the Parish Hall.

Please prayerfully consider pledging to support the exciting future that is in store at Trinity!

### PEACE VIGIL—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 FROM 7-7:30 PM

The Alpena Peace Community is inviting you to attend a **Peace Vigil on Sunday November 19, 2023 from 7:00pm to 7:30pm, at Grace Lutheran Church located at 119 W. Dunbar in Alpena**. Meditations and prayers for peace are needed in all parts of our world, our country, our communities, and for our families and friends during these times of unrest. We hope that you will join us for a brief period of time on November 19th to focus silently and meditatively on peaceful solutions to the many problems the human race is currently experiencing. ALL ARE WELCOME in this space!

#### HELP US DECORATE ALL SAINTS HALL

The BIG VINTAGE CHRISTMAS TREE will once more grace our parish hall for the beautiful season ahead. Please join us on **Monday, November 27 beginning at 1 PM** to assemble and decorate the tree and decorate the hall. Everyone is welcome and needed. Call Kathryn or Lew with questions: 356-1076.

This Week's Calendar		
Today	9 & 11 AM 4 PM	Holy Eucharist Sunday Supper
Tuesday	1:30 PM 7 PM	•
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1:05 PM 5:15 PM 7 PM	The Good Book (Bible) Study
Friday	5:30 PM	AA



# Future Worship Schedule

#### Sunday, November 26

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

# Sunday, December 3

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

# Sunday, December 10

9 am - Morning Prayer/Rev. Dr. Dan Maxwell 11 am - Morning Prayer/Rev. Dr. Dan Maxwell

#### Sunday, December 17

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

# Sunday, December 24

(Only 1 morning service today) 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs 5 pm - Festal Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

# Monday, December 25

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud

### Sunday, December 31

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

#### Wednesdays, November 22, 29 and December 6, 13, 20, 27

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

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Welcome to Trinity, part of the Anglican Communion, and thus, both catholic and reformed — the *via media* or "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

# The Vestry

Ellen Eagan, Senior Warden Ben Westrope, Junior Warden Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

Tina Wilson, Clerk

Duane Himes Iim Masters

Cathy Meske Lisa Rhea

Bill Powell Sonya Titus





# Why I Pledge:

I pledge to Trinity Episcopal Church to maintain our building. Trinity Church was built 159 years ago so that we, through the years, would have a place to worship God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

We come together here, not only to worship, but also do his work for our community and support our members.

My pledge is also to help us find a strong leader, a new priest, to help us continue our work and guide us in our work and worship.

Gerry Cawthra