

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Proper 23



October 11, 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 408 “Sing praise to God who reigns above”

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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. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Exodus 32:1-14

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said,

“O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Response Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23



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¹Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

²Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

³Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Refrain

(Continued on next page)

⁴Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

⁵That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

Refrain

⁶We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

¹⁹Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

²⁰And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

Refrain

²¹They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

²²Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

²³So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Refrain

The Second Lesson Philippians 4:1-9

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

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn H 7 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

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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 22:1-14

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

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

Deacon Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Cele. 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

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

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

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
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Closing Hymn H 556 “Rejoice, ye pure in heart!” (vs. 1-3)

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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.

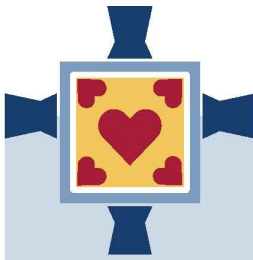
Birthdays: Johnnielynn Precord (11)

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

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan Council Members of The Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes, The Diocesan Staff of the EDGL, and Emmanuel, Hastings; Anglican: the Anglican Church of Burundi

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 7 PM	Holy Eucharist Bible Study 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



Plenty Good Room

Theological Statement

Questions for Reflection:

How have you used your creativity and experience to overcome scarcity?



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.



The Spiritual Plenty Good Room tells us a story about God's inclusive love. The home is there, the table is spread, the place is prepared. Choose your seat and sit down, the chorus sings to us. Like many metaphors for the Kingdom of Heaven, there is a dual meaning, and in this case, the message is clear: in the eternal reward, there is room for everybody; and in the heaven we create here on Earth we should strive for the same.

What abundance! Images of narrow paths and closed gates of pearl aside, Jesus proclaimed such a radical, all-inclusive love that we know in our hearts that we, all of us, each of us, is a part of God's plan for humanity. We have each been given gifts to share in order to bring about the fullness of God's Kingdom.

The secret about having gifts to share is that generosity begets generosity. God modeled generosity in the Creation and as we continue to participate in the co-Creation we bring our gifts to bear. The more we acknowledge the abundance into which we have been created, the more we are inspired to share our resources, relationships, and responses with our neighbors. Generosity asks us to see scarcity not as a problem that we have to endure, but rather as a system that we need to dismantle.

In God's Kingdom, there is no need that cannot be met. The barriers we have placed between met and unmet needs are ours, not God's. These obstacles can be overcome through a creative use of our gifts: If there is not enough money to address something, perhaps there is an in-kind donation we can make. Perhaps more volunteer hours, or employing our networks to expand the circle of help will be useful. And maybe the only thing we can give is a smile or a prayer. We have every good thing inside of us to offer a place for others, all we need to do is to recall that truth. TENS.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TECW MEETS OCTOBER 14

Join us for the TECW meeting on Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 10:30AM in the parish hall. We will be looking ahead to our fall/holiday events and projects. Please bring an item for the Blessing Box ministry.

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!

STEWARDSHIP

Welcome to our Plenty Good Room season of stewardship! Over these next six weeks, we'll reflect on God's abundance and our call to make space for all. There is room for everyone at God's table. You will see this through the inserts provided, which we encourage you take home to ponder and pray about. We will also give you comparison data to show you the impact of cost increase to Trinity over the last few years.

Financial Comparison of the week:

Item	2023	2024	2025	2026*
DTE Energy (Gas)	8532.06	7537.95	9701.69	8038.90*
Alpena Power	3609.44	3956.96	5047.31	4082.88*
Rectory Utilities	184.74**	1394.86	1260.93	3575.02*
Total Utilities	12326.24	12889.77	16009.93	15696.80*

**Majority of rectory utilities were covered by renter in 2023

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

Each year utility prices have been increasing with a sharp increase starting in 2025. 2026 is not complete yet but will end with higher expenses from 2025. You are familiar with these types of increases in your own utility expenses, but the church relies on all of us to contribute to these expenditures, which must be reflected in our giving.

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Monday - Thursday - 1pm to 5pm, Friday - 1pm to 3pm

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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