First Sunday of Advent



November 29, 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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hope for God's Presence *(The following litany is said in procession)*

Leader In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.
People **Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

Leader In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.
People **Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

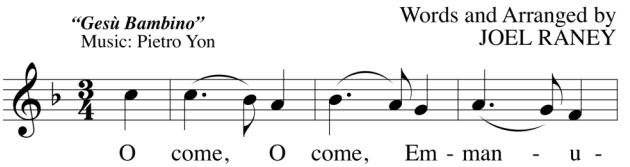
Leader In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.
People **Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

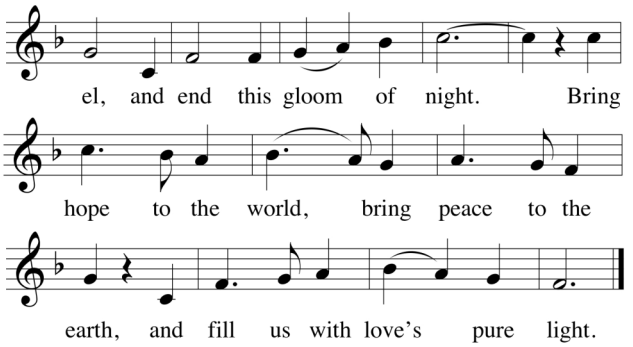
Leader In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.
People **Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

Candle Lighting

This morning we light the first candle, the candle of hope. This candle reminds us that God's promises give us reason to be filled with hope - hope for unity in a world of division, hope for healing in a world of pain, and hope for peace in a world filled with anger and strife. We remember that Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Love's Pure Light Congregational Part





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Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we begin our Advent journey we thank you for the gift of your Son, and for sending hope into a world filled with dread. Help us remember that we are your people, and because of your promises we have every reason to be hopeful. Take away our doubt and fear, and remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of hope. **Amen.**

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

Opening H 547 "Awake, O sleeper rise from death"

The People standing, the Presider says:

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Here is said
Priest Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Priest Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day *BCP p. 211*

Cele. The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Cele. Let us pray.

Cele. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector A reading from the book of Isaiah.

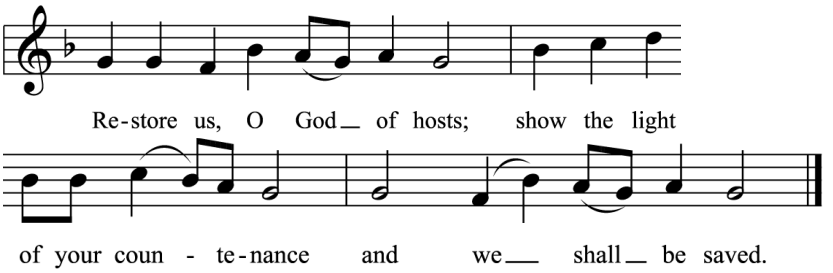
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Response Psalm 100



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[1]Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
[2]In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. **Refrain**

[4]O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
[5]You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
[6]You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **Refrain**

[16]Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
[17]And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. **Refrain**

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn H 73 "The King shall come"

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

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

Deacon [Jesus said,] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Lector Almighty and everliving God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for your whole, universal church and the world in which we live.

Dear God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to behold your revelation in nature, discerning your gracious hand in all your works: guide us to attend to the intricate beauty of this world, and nurture it so that rejoicing with all creation we may show forth your glory.

Dear God, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We ask you to inspire all people with the spirits of truth, unity and respect: that all who share this earth may live in peace and harmony. Inspire with your wisdom all those who are entrusted with authority in this and every land that they may honestly and impartially do justice, exhibit mercy, and act wisely for the peace and wellbeing of all.

Dear God, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Grant, dear God, that all who call upon your name may agree in the truth and righteousness of your holy word, living in unity and Christian love. Give grace to Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Anne, our Assisting Bishop, Zachary, our Bishop-Elect, Matt our priest, Dan our Deacon, and all bishops, priests, deacons and other ministers that they may in their lives and doctrine reveal your true and living word, rightly and properly administering your holy sacraments.

Dear God, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

And give your divine grace to all your people, especially those gathered here today, so that with humility and reverence we may hear and receive your true word, faithfully serving you in grace and integrity each day of our lives.

Dear God, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We appeal to you, in your goodness, dear God, to comfort, assist and restore all who in this transitory life are troubled, in sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, that they may know the power of your healing love and be delivered from their distress. And help us to be willing agents of your compassion.

Dear God, in your mercy,
Remembering especially Betty, Gerry, Angeline, Janice, Hazel, Sid, Ken, Marley, Julian, Tim, Joan, John, Reed, Audrey, Patti, Debbie, Lee, Ginny, Matthew, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Carol, George, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Chuck, Becky & Dante, Tyson, Georgia, Kim, Morgan, Tom, and Baby J.
Hear our Prayer.

We bless your holy name for all your servants who have departed this life in the grace of faith: that your eternal peace and light perpetual may shine upon them; give comfort and grace to those who mourn. And may we also, by faith, share in your divine presence.

Dear God, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for own needs and for those known to us.

Silence

Dear God, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We give you thanks for the grace and blessings we have received.

Dear God, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Deacon God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth and in the world to come to see your glory. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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.

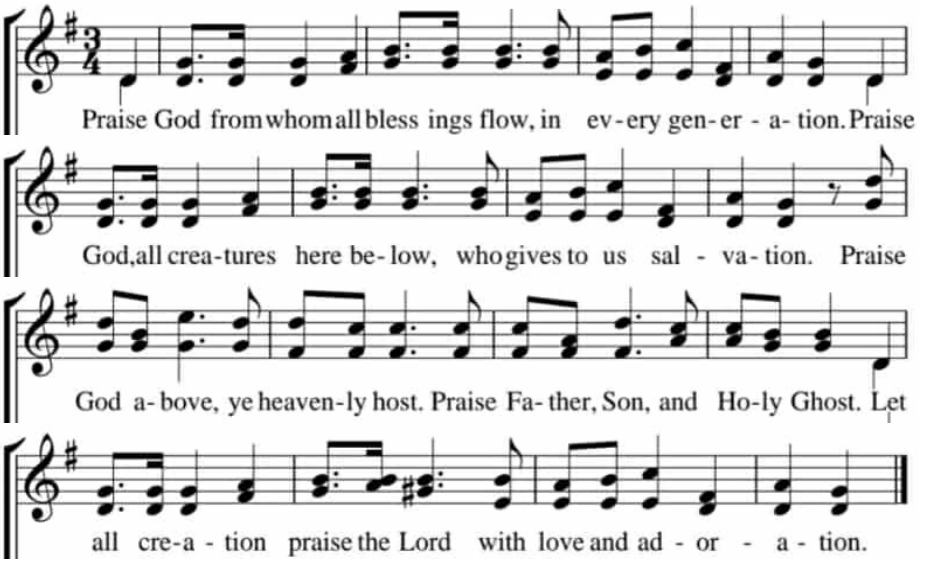
People **And also with you.**

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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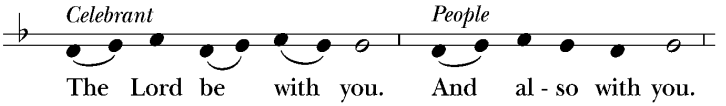


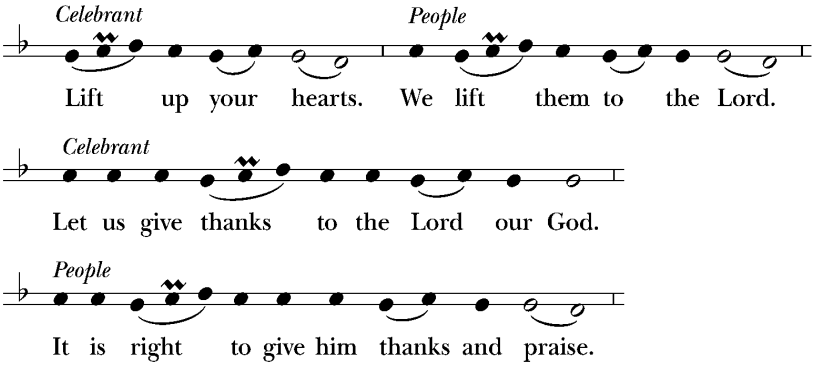
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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B *BCP p. 367*

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

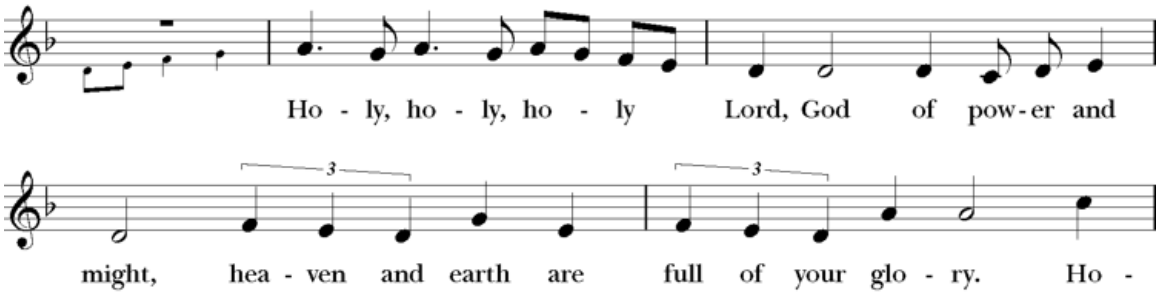
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

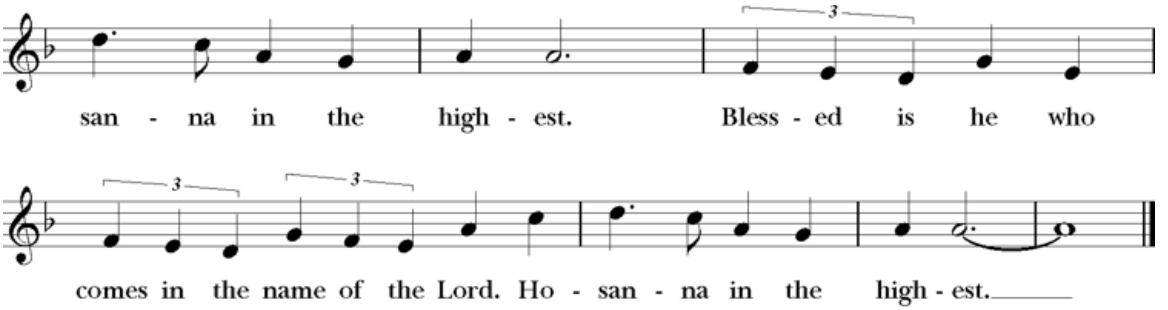
Clergy and People (9 a.m.)

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.)

S 129 Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*





The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation ...

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, according to his command, O Father,

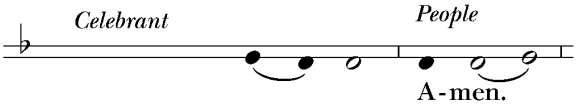
People and Clergy

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all . . . Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 640 "Watchman, tell us of the night"
Hymn H 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"
Hymn H 426 "Songs of praise the angels sang"

The People stand as they are able.

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

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 L 13 "My Lord, what a morning"

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: Betty Bartley, 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.

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

Cycles of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Big Rapids and Trinity, Alpena; Anglican: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Flowers On The Altar

Given to the Glory of God
and
In Thanksgiving for Our Trinity Family
by
Bruce & Midge Connon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY POTLUCK – DECEMBER 3

Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship on Thursday, December 3, at 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and come hungry! Whether you're a regular or joining us for the first time, everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

BESSER MALE CHORUS CONCERT AT TRINITY - DECEMBER 5

The Besser Male Chorus will present a concert at 12 p.m. on Sunday, December 5, at Trinity. A reception will follow. Please join us! If you can't make the concert at Trinity, be sure to catch one of their other concerts: Tuesday, December 1, 7 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Community Center, 1561 Hubert Rd., Hubbard Lake or Wednesday, December 9, 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 167 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena.

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.

LOWER LEVEL CLEANOUT – ITEMS AVAILABLE

A variety of items have been cleaned out of rooms in the lower level and are now displayed on tables downstairs. **We will be accepting freewill donations for these items beginning Sunday, November 29, through Thursday, December 3**, following the potluck. All donations received will benefit the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Nov. 14 - Dec. 12. All donations are 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
Monday	6 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 5:30 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group Alpena Groove - Lower Level Tuesday Night Activities AA
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1 PM 5:15 PM 5:30 PM 7 PM	Holy Eucharist Bible Study Bible Study Choir Practice AA
Thursday	9 AM 5 PM	Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time) Potluck
Friday	 5:30 PM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AA
Saturday	10 AM 12 PM	TECW Meeting Besser Chorus Concert

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



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Annual Wreath & Roping Sale

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Candy Cane – $35.00 _____

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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
Sonya Titus, Clerk

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The Village Church
With a Voice