



So the LAST
will be
FIRST
and the FIRST
LAST.

Matthew 20:1-16

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026 9am

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Thank you for joining our community in worship today.

If you are interested in baptism or wish to become a member of the parish, please speak to a member of the staff. We would be delighted to have you join our family. If you are not yet an Episcopalian, please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance during the worship service.

Visitors, please sign the guest book.

The entire text for the Eucharist may be found in the **Book of Common Prayer**.

The Word of God – pages 355–358

Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer A – page 361

The Breaking of the Bread and Post-Communion Prayer – pages 364–365

All hymns and service music are included in the bulletin for your convenience.

The hymns with numbers are found in **The Hymnal 1982**.

ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Tierce en taille

François Couperin, le Grand

Opening Hymn 522

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIA

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - ferings brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); desc. Michael e. Young (b. 1939)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

The Antiphon is sung by the choir the first time and the congregation joins the following times:



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

GRANT US, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then

the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

Psalm 145:1-8



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my | King, *
and bless your Name for ever and | ever.**
- 2 Every day will I | bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and | ever.**
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be | praised; *
there is no end to his | greatness.**
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to an- | other *
and shall declare your | power.**
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your | majesty *
and all your marvelous | works.**
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous | acts, *
and I will tell of your | greatness.**
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great | goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous | deeds.**
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of com- | passion, *
slow to anger and of great | kindness.**

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear

about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gospel Alleluia

MISSA PACEM

All sing the Antiphon twice; the Cantor sings the Verse; all repeat the Antiphon.



Cantor: The Word of the Lord lasts forever; it is brought to us by his son Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel *All standing*

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz

**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 IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your

love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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

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

The minister and people greet one another.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Christ Hath a Garden

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, A Paradise of fruitful ground, Chosen by love and fenced by grace From out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, There planted by his mighty hand; By Eden's gracious streams, that flow To feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear Their sweetest perfume through the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, Till the beloved Master come: That he may come, and linger yet Among the trees that he hath set; That he may evermore be seen To walk amid the springing green.

Presentation Hymn

GROSSER GOTT

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name You,
though in essence only one;**

**undivided God, we claim You,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

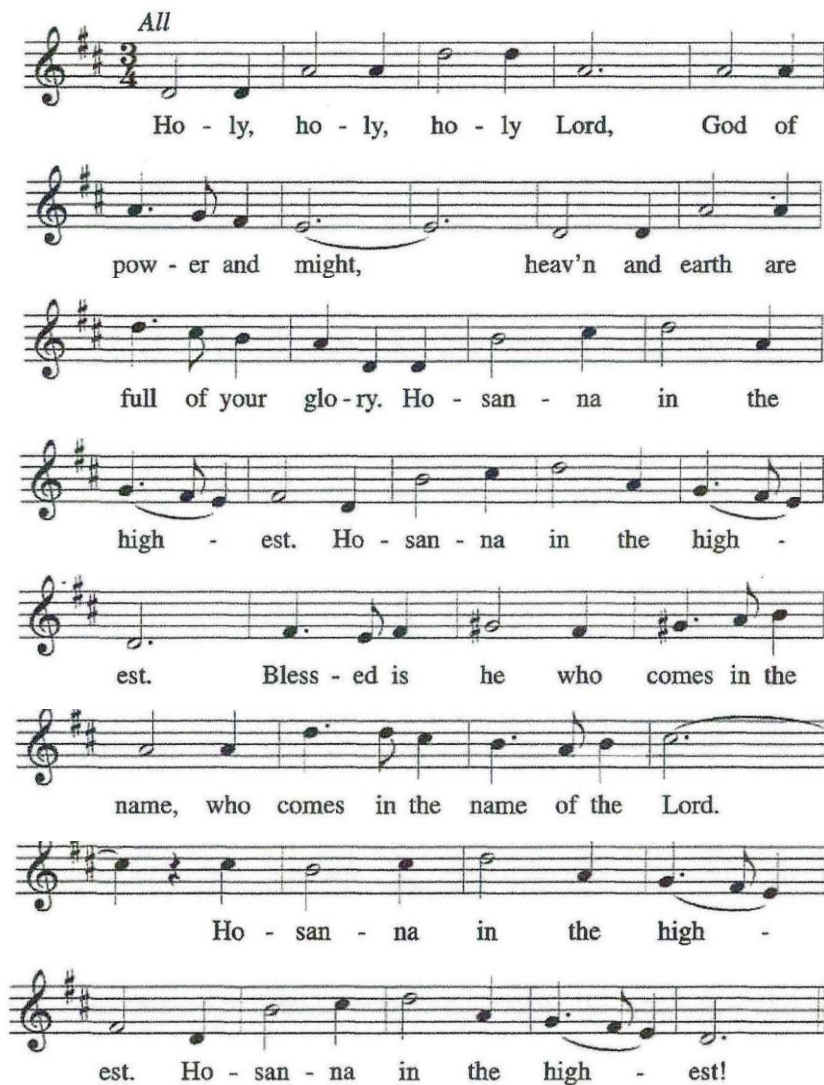
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting people of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

MISSA PACEM

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are
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, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The People remain standing and the Celebrant continues

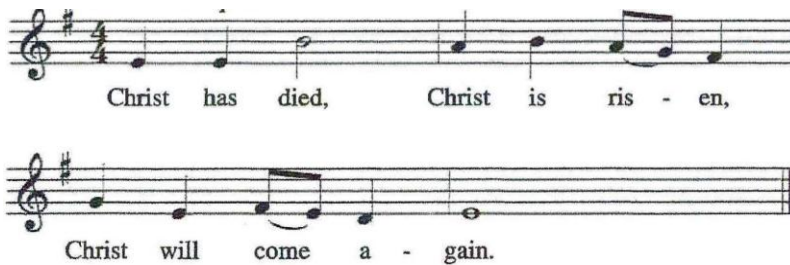
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and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

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



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.

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 sing:

HYMNAL S119

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.

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

MISSA PACEM

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
 world: have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
 world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people will be instructed how they will be receiving the Sacrament.

The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized Christians of any age, regardless of denomination, to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs; Their soul is Christ's abode. Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart; And for His cradle and His throne Chooseth the pure in heart.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us now rise and pray.

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 Blessing

Brothers and Sisters, remember that life is short, and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you now and always. **Amen.**

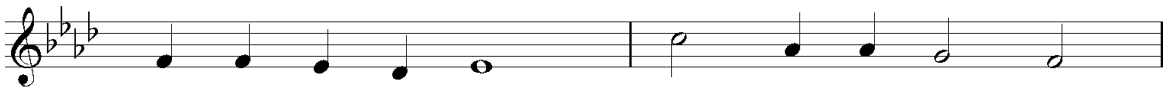
Closing Hymn 541

Come, Labor On

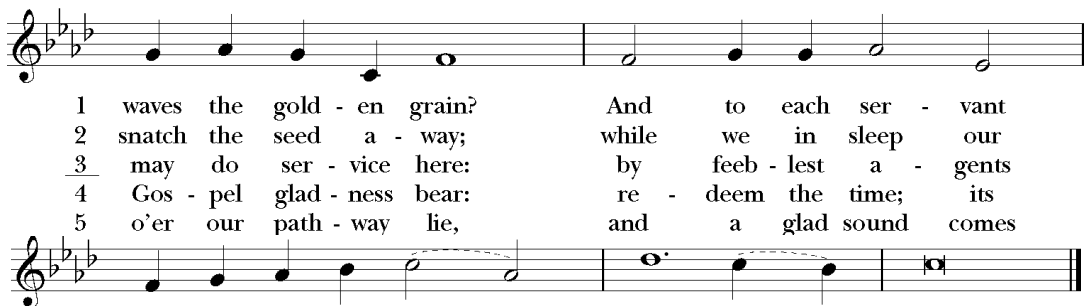
ORA LABORA



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my		is
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes

1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.
 Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Fugue sur les jeux d'anches

François Couperin, le Grand

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TODAY'S MUSIC: *Christ Hath a Garden* is a popular sacred choral anthem composed/arranged by Gerald Near in 1973, and set to the English Folk Song, O WALY WALY. The text is by Robert Bridges, adapted after Isaac Watts.



Cabaret—Broadway's Best Songs

Sunday, October 4, 2026 ~ 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Snacks and drinks ~ Benefits the Music Program
Missy, Linda, Paul, Sandy, Kyndel, Guy and others



✠ This week we pray for ✠

Our parish friends in need: Tony, Emilie, Amy, Natilie, Jamie, Ellie, Danna, Penney, Luna, Debbie, Sara, Jeff, Alex, Janet, Joy, Cindy, Joyce, Dustin, Bill, Kira, Ron, Bernice, Denise, Jean, Dorothy, Kaylyn, Judy, Marilyn, Rob, Talia, Roy, Rose, Ian, Michelle, Ed, Erick, Lily, Desmond, Alton, Chris V., Patti M., Linda, Sarah, Brian, Michael, Alison, Tim, Cheryl, George, Dick, Gale, Malcolm, Signe, Nate, Devon, Katie, Mary, Maggie, Jason, Bud, Cathie, Mike, Sue, Daniel, Jared, Marrienne, Cathy, Ken, Sasha, Cecilia, Anthony, Andrea, Robert, Inga, Gary, Otto, Jenson, Chaney, Julian, Bobbie, Mary Ellen, Jim, Jamie, Marilou,, Sheila, Tom M., Eileen, Chireen, David, Debbie, Bernie, Nigel, Barb G., Rita, Terry, Matthew, Al, Sharon, Lisa, Christie, Robin, Rainer, Don, Virg, Tawnya, Shanna, Kim, Kris, Connor, Anne, Bob, Phyllis, Ella, Talon, Taylor, Linda J, Ty, Roberta, Paul, Dick, June, Larry, John, Bruce, Charles, Charlene, Greg, Lynn, Phil, Gloria, Jörg, Lauren, Leo, Rodney & Bonnie.

✠ The Flowers are given to the Glory of God ✠

In Thanksgiving of the birthdays of Marion & Beth Borchert

✠ The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God ✠

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Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Ken Porter

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP ONLINE @ ZOOM

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OR JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AURORA, IL GROUP

MORNING PRAYER 9AM – EVENING PRAYER 7PM

TUESDAY-THURSDAY

Flower Charts 2026 Flower Charts are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please sign up if there are special dates which you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. (Suggested donation for flowers is \$40.)

Sanctuary Candle 2026 Sanctuary Candle Sign-Up is now available. Please sign up if there are special dates which you would like to have the candle lit in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. Donation for the candle is \$5.

Neighbor Box We are placing non-perishable food in the Box weekly. The Box will soon be secure so that items in plastic or paper can also be donated. Parishioners can help by routinely picking up an extra item when shopping, donating money by cash or accessing the Neighbor Box donation tab on our website; www.trinityaurora.com on the online giving page. Collections baskets are at the back of the church. Our gifts will make a difference for many families.

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Serving: Linda Barber
Lector – Lesson 1: Melissa Athos
Lector – Lesson 2: Wendy Stewart
Intercessor: Wendy Stewart
Ushers: Dick & Gale Blogg
Malcolm Blogg

✠ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY ✠

Serving: Mariann Evans
Lector – Lesson 1: Cecilia Seabrook
Lector – Lesson 2: Karen Dolan
Intercessor: Karen Dolan
Ushers: Dick & Gale Blogg
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