



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 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

Aria

Flor Peeters

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

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

Hymn of Praise 388

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

HANOVER

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen-dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)
 Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

The Collect of the Day

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

O GOD, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

Psalm 119:129-136

MARYTON

- Rejoicing, Lord, in your decrees, I follow them with all my will;
 Revealing light, your word goes forth And gives the simple wisdom still.**

2. **Ready to faint, I yearn, I gasp, That your commandment may be mine;
Return to those who love your Name In mercy as in former time.**
3. **Restore my footsteps in your word, Let evil have no claim on me;
Release me from my foes and I Will keep your statutes faithfully.**
4. **Reveal your countenance and teach Your servant your commandments, Lord.
Rivers of tears I shed because The people do not keep your word.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People

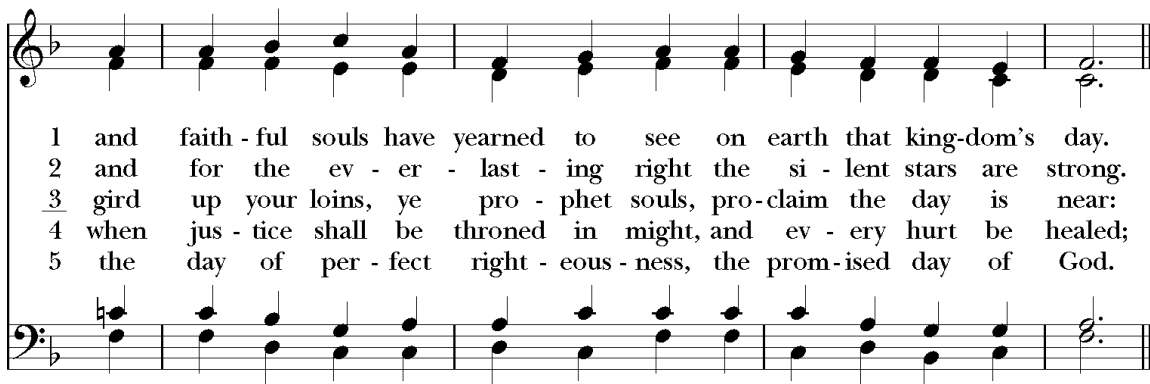
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Kingdon Come!"

ST. FLAVIAN

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)
Words: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Days's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

The Holy Gospel

All standing

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Celebrant
People

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Celebrant
People

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz

The Nicene Creed

All standing

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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, and Paula our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our prayer list; and those whose names are offered at this time, either aloud or in silence; *Pause for naming*

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

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*

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.*

Leader and People

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant
People

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

The minister and people greet one another with a bow.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills
Melissa Athos, soprano; Sandra Renner, alto

Paul Bouman

I lift up my eyes to the hills: from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let you foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not sleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself watches over you: the Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

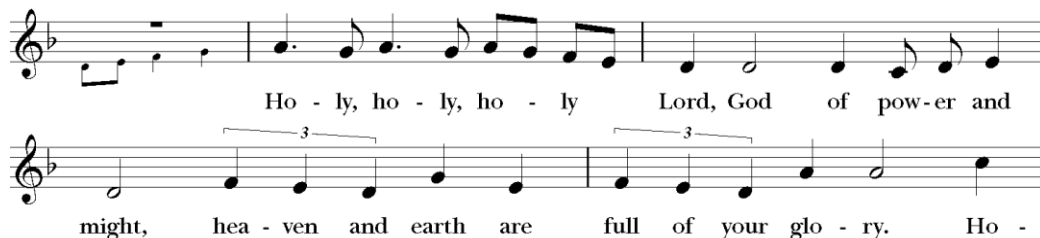
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

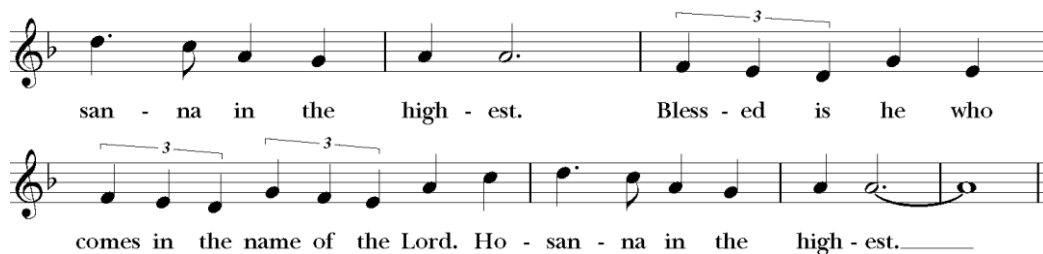
The Celebrant proceeds

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

Robert Powell





The People stand 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

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

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 pray,

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

Ave verum corpus, Op 65, No. 1
 Melissa Athos, *soprano*; Sandra Renner, *alto*

Gabriel Fauré

Ave verum Corpus, Natum ex Maria Virgine, Vere passum, immolatum In cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum Unda fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie! O Jesu Fili Mariae. Amen.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind: From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste In the trial of death. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us now rise and pray.

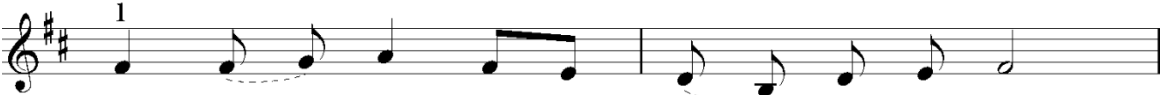
ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

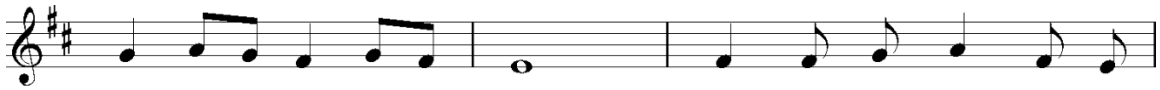
Brothers and Sisters, remember that life is short, and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And may the blessing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

Closing Hymn 711 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God! SEEK YE FIRST

1



Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,



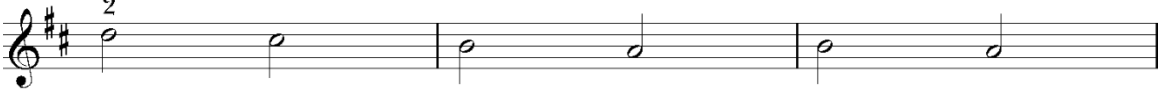
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be



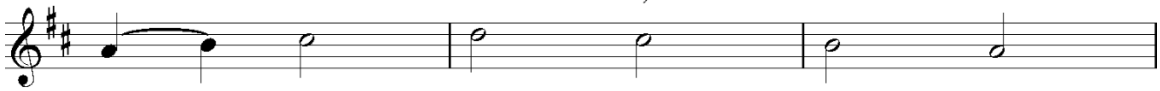
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

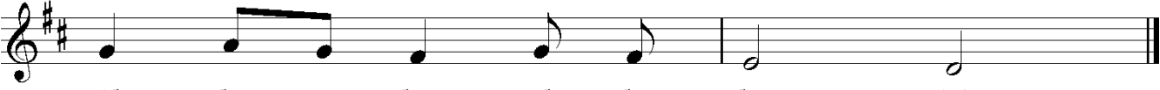
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1 Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2 Matthew 7:7.
Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.
Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

The Dismissal

Celebrant

People

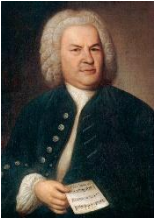
Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

You are encouraged to remain and listen to the Closing Voluntary.

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TODAY’S MUSIC: *O Worship the King* A free paraphrase of Psalm 104, this stirring text by Robert Grant tells of God’s greatness seen in nature. The poet uses lofty images in describing God as “the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor.” The hymn ends in a declaration of trust to the One who is our “Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.”



July 26 **Melissa Athos & Sandy Renner, duets**
August 2 **Cathie Patterson**
August 16 **Guitar Mass with Tim Helmer**
August 23 **Paul Kraus**
August 30 **TBA**



✠ This week we pray for ✠

Our parish friends in need: 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, Doris, Chris, 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, Bud, Cathie, Mike, Sue, Daniel, Jared, Marrianna, Cathy, Ken, Sasha, Cecilia, Anthony, Andrea, Robert, Inga, Gary, Otto, Jenson, Chaney, Julian, Bobbie, Mary Ellen, Jim, Jamie, Marilou, Tom M., Eileen, Chireen, David, Debbie, Bernie, Nigel, Barb G., Rita, Terry, Matthew, Amy K., 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, Larry, John, Bruce, Charles, Charlene, Greg, Lynn, Phil, Gloria, Jörg, Lauren, Leo, Rodney & Bonnie.

✠ The Flowers are given to the Glory of God ✠

In Loving Memory of Jean Borchert

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

In Loving Memory of Jean Borchert

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Mariella Candler, Cathie Patterson, Elidia Gutierrez, Elspeth Stanzil, Cecilia Seabrook

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

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP ONLINE @ ZOOM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3889192038>

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 have begun to stock with non-perishable food which will be placed 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 collectively will make a difference for many families.



Don't let them go Back to School
without the proper tools to learn!

Contribute to Trinity's Back to School Supplies Drive
to Support Beaupre Elementary School here in Aurora.

Backpacks	Pencils	Markers	Erasers	Calculators
Crayons	Glue Sticks	Three Ring Binders	Folders	
Pens	Ruled Paper	Composition Books	Safety Scissors	
Rulers	Notebook Filler Paper	Colored Pencils		

The Drive starts July 26th

and ends August 16th

All items must be new.

Cash donations are perfect



✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Serving:	Linda Barber
Lector – Lesson 1:	Karen Dolan
Lector – Lesson 2:	Cecilia Seabrook
Intercessor:	Cecilia Seabrook
Ushers:	Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg

✠ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY ✠

Serving:	Linda Barber
Lector – Lesson 1:	Lisa Luckritz
Lector – Lesson 2:	John Heath
Intercessor:	John Heath
Ushers:	Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg



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The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz, *Priest-in-Charge*

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Cecilia Seabrook, Douglas Tucker