Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, November 15, 2026
8:30 a.m.
At Christ UCC

TRINITY
Episcopal Church


1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;
2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in this strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not be long:
lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.
from vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,
ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch - ing un - to prayer,
To val - iant hearts tri - um - phant, a crown of life shall be;
till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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The Service of the Word

✙*Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude*

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Slane'* Robert Hebble

HYMN IN PROCESSION *Stand up, standup, for Jesus* MORNING LIGHT
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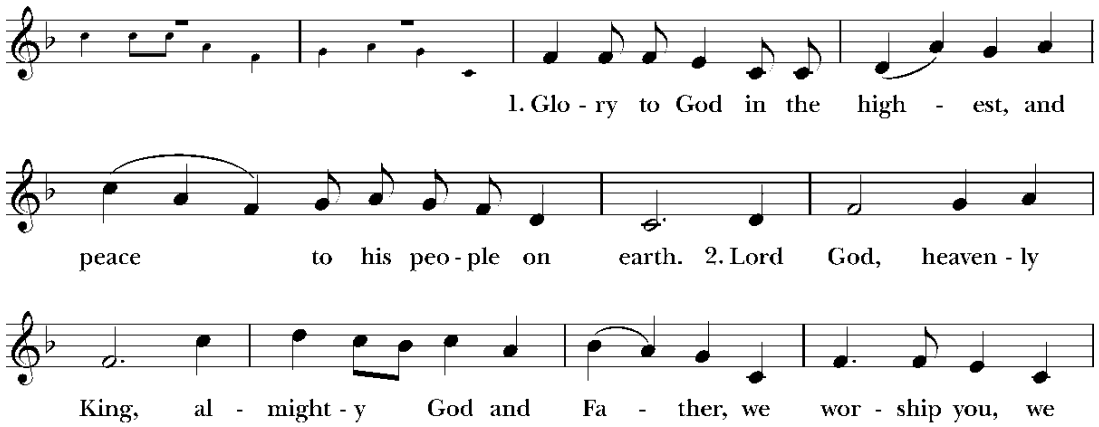
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.***

GLORIA **Hymnal S280**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING **Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

THE PSALM **Psalm 123**

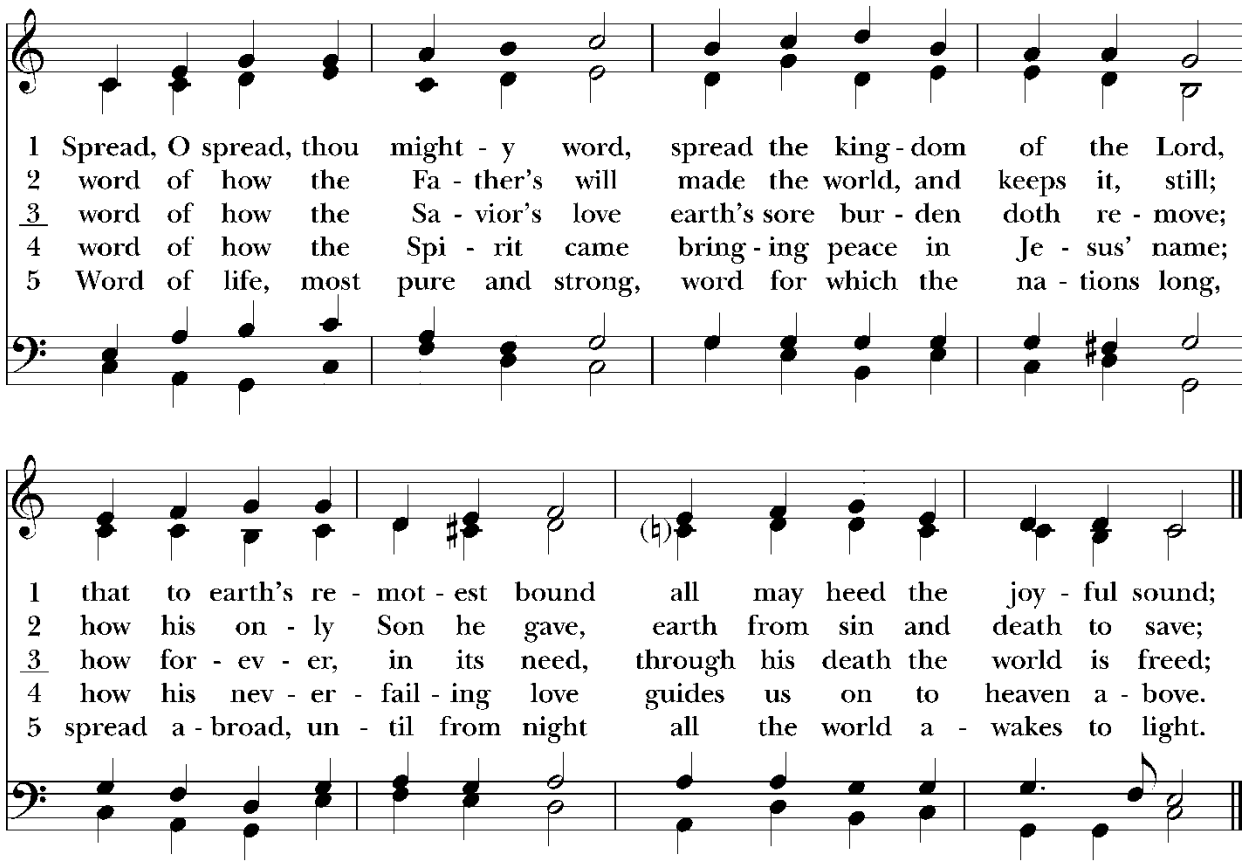


To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy. *ANTIPHON*
Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud. *ANTIPHON*

THE EPISTLE **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word* GOTT SEI DANK



THE GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

THE SERMON **The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B.**

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

Intercessor As we wait for the Master's return and do the work given us to do, let us pray on behalf of all the human family, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Sean our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that we may trust God's faithfulness and love as we live life each day. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For this parish family, that God will inspire us with new visions of how to use our gifts and meet the greatest needs of the world around us in the service of God and our neighbors. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all members of the armed forces, humanitarian aid workers, and all people who put themselves in danger to serve others, that God will strengthen and encourage them with faith, love and hope. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For those who live and work in places of danger, those recovering from natural disasters, and for victims of violence, that they may be strong in the face of adversity and keep safe in the refuge of God's hands. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For those in our nation who are deeply divided one from another, that they may see each other as God's beloved children regardless of different opinions or experiences, and that God will enable their hearts to listen deeply and speak honestly with love and compassion. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all those without family or friends, for the homeless and unemployed, and also for those who are ill, remembering Joan and those we now name, *(pause)* that God will bring light and strength to their spirits. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all the departed, remembering especially those we now name, *(pause)* that having rejoiced in God's gifts in this life, they may enter into the joy of the Master. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant God of abundance, hear our prayers and grant that the gifts you have graciously bestowed on us may be used to your glory, so that being faithful to your purpose we may become sharers in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. ***AMEN.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

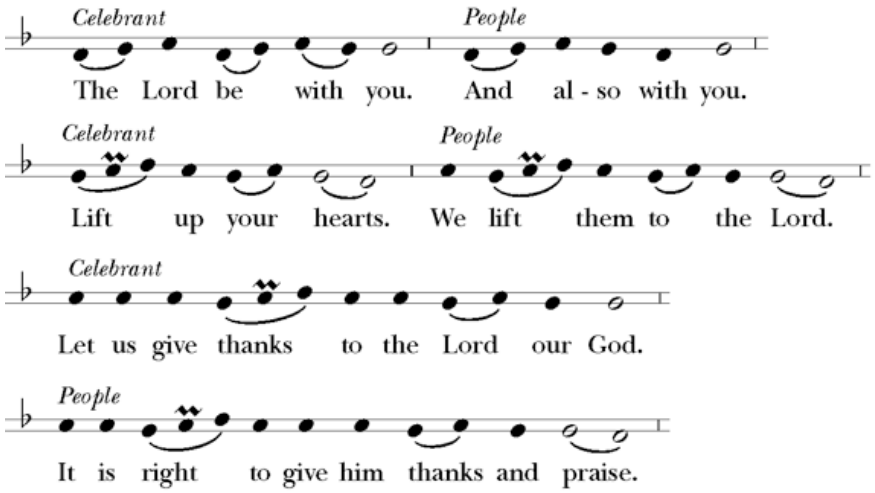
Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Service of the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake* Richard Farrant

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

The Great Thanksgiving

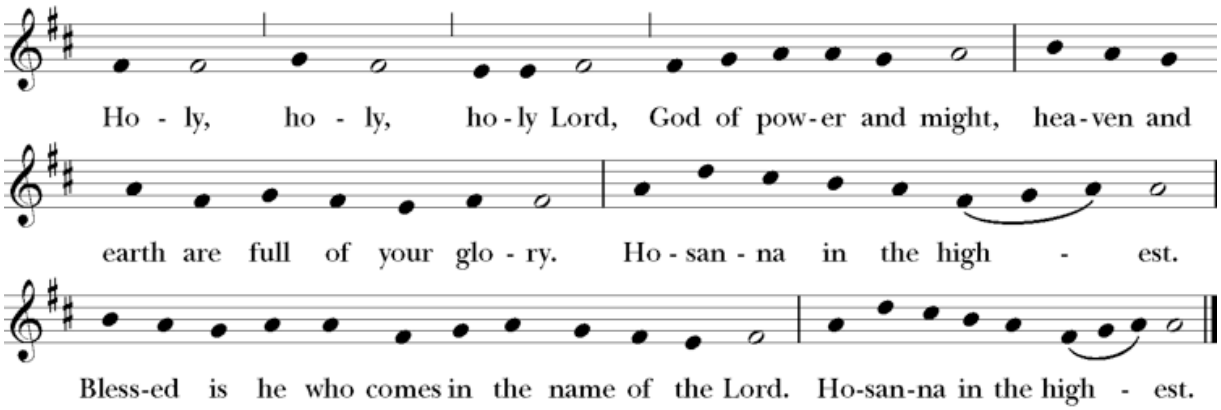


Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SANCTUS **Hymnal S124**



Celebrant Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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.

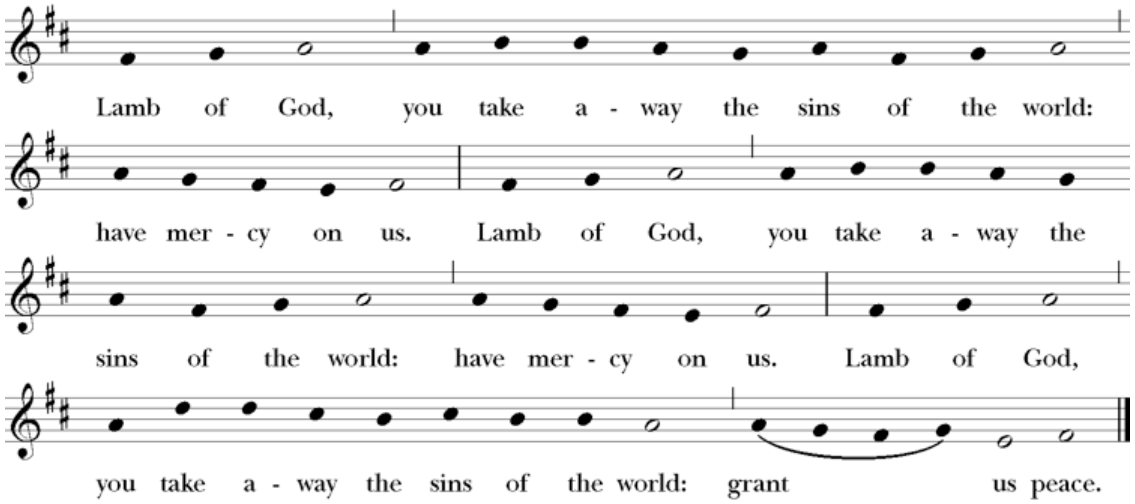
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *AMEN*.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION **Hymnal S161**



COMMUNION SOLO *How beautiful are the feet* George Frideric Handel
Bailey Fulginiti, soprano

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

HOLY COMMUNION
All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

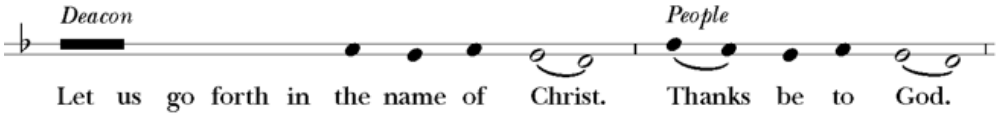
Gracious God,
may we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to Christ's light and love,
and be living signs of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!* LYONS



BLESSING

DISMISSAL



POSTLUDE *Festive March* Henry Smart



Service Participants

November 15, 2026

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8:30 a.m.

Steve Filko	Altar Guild
Sara Klingner	Eucharistic Minister
Ivan Martin	Reader
Joyce Meinke	Intercessor
Linda Cortis	Usher
Susan Martin	Usher
Ivan Martin	Acolyte

Choir

Garry Applegate	Hattye Magee
Jonathan Boksan	Joyce Meinke
Bailey Fulginiti	Christina Shoemaker
Stacy Gabel	Stephan Taylor

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
November 15, 2026



Our Partner-Parish:
St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of The Susquehanna:
The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Kevin, Nichols, Assisting Bishop
St. Alban's, Sinking Spring; St. Andrew's, State College;
and St. Alban's Learning Center, Sinking Spring

In the Anglican Communion:
Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Please pray for:
❖ Joan Dawson

Please pray for these friends in need:
Randy Alderman, Susan Asbury, Loretta Brobst, June Ding, Charlotte Edwards, Connie Evans, Clare Filko, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Cole Hamel, Penny Heidt, Flex Illick, Maria Ledesma, Marcie Lightwood, Sally MacIntosh, John Majczan, Rheta Matthews, Jody Miller, Bob Opdyke, Patti Pasda, Teresa, Terri Sheldon, Judy and Barry Smith, Donna and Gary Thorne, Carol Vickrey, Dawn and Bill Winterburn

For the Search Committee: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Be with those called to seek a new Rector for our Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor and priest who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

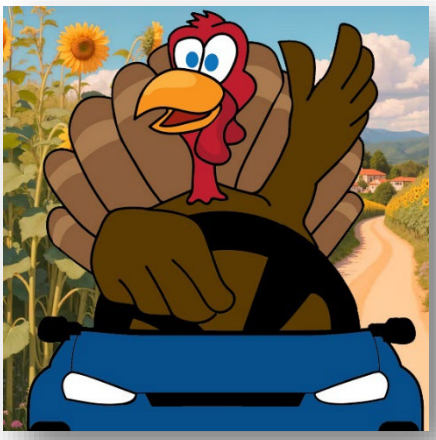
For the Parish: Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:
prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month.

Announcements

Trinity's Thanksgiving Turkey Drive is November 20



The Outreach Committee of Trinity Episcopal Church is sponsoring a Turkey Drive Friday, November 20th, from 10 AM until 1 PM. Committee members will be outside of Trinity at 44 East Market Street in Bethlehem, to accept your **frozen turkey weighing 10 to 12 lbs.**

Many grocery stores give away frozen turkeys in November, and some folks cannot use them, so we hope to gather many of those. They will be donated to a larger drive sponsored by New Bethany and other organizations for distribution to agencies throughout the Lehigh Valley: Schools, senior citizens centers, day care facilities, community centers, shelters and feeding programs.

Please ask your friends, families and neighbors to support this drive. Call the church office at 610-867-4741 with questions or requests for someone to pick up your donation.



NO Coffee Hour in November

Trinity's Coffee & Fellowship Hour will return next month. Details will be shared closer to the date. Hope to see you there!

Coffee & Fellowship Hour will be offered the *last Sunday of every month* immediately following the service. If you would like to HOST, providing the light refreshments, (beverages and paper products are provided) please contact Joanne Gulya 484-358-3402.

About Trinity Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

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Aram Basmadjian, Artist in Residence
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