



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 17, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome: *If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us and hope that you find space here to come close to God. We welcome all who seek the Holy, no matter your background. At Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, we pray, celebrate, and share our gifts with each other, our neighbors, and our community, as we serve God and represent the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas. We'd love to connect with you about how to make this church your home. To do so, please **fill out a of the visitor card** in front of you and drop it in the offertory plate.*

Infants and Toddlers: *Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. Children's engagement materials can be found near the bell tower doors. The bell tower has a speaker that allows you to hear the service if you need to step out with your child. Ask an usher or greeter for directions to either location.*

Portions of our service during the first half of Ordinary Time come from Enriching Our Worship, a resource provided by the Episcopal Church.

Hymns are found in the red hymnal.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE

BENEDICTUS, OP. 59, NO. 9

Max Reger

HYMN 506

PRAISE THE SPIRIT IN CREATION

Finnian

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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.**

A SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL S-236

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 82 *Deus stetit* sung by the choir

Plainsong (Tone IV.4)

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
He gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?"

Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

*Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;*

*Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"*

*Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.*

THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 653

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

Repton

During this hymn, children in second grade and younger who want to take part in the Children's Liturgy follow the Good Shepherd banner out of the Nave. They will return at the Peace.

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

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

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Said by 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Gracious and loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Please lead the Search Committee, Vestry, and people of Trinity Cathedral to discern your will as we seek a new Dean and Rector to shepherd our parish with love, compassion, vision, wisdom and dedication. Help us to feel your presence and guidance through this time of transition. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas so that we may follow where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way.

Empower all members of our Search Committee to use their gifts to the fullest, to share their thoughts openly and honestly, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy.

Finally, instill in all the people of Trinity Cathedral a glorious vision of your Kingdom, trusting that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may be united in love, with enlightened minds and open arms, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

The people stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Offertory Hymn, ushers collect an offering from the congregation.
Use the QR code to make a plate offering.*



Please stand for the Offertory Hymn. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the Celebrant.

HYMN 607

O GOD OF EVERY NATION

Llangloffan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER I

FROM *ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-127

The people stand or kneel.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S-154

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

GOD BE IN MY HEAD

John Rutter

*God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at mine end,
And at my departing.*

Text: Sarum Primer (1558)

HYMN 529

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

McKee

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

If people are being sent to take the Bread and Wine to those who are absent, the Deacon says

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN C MINOR, BWV 546

Johann Sebastian Bach

∞ ALTAR GIFTS ∞

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 FRANCIS AND ALBERT LEE HOUSLEY, AND MARY AND ALBERT LEE SHULTS
 BY BELINDA SHULTS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 DOROTHY BRITTAIN TANNER AND FRED TANNER, SR.
 BY SYDNEY, FRED, JR., AND JILL TANNER

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR
 THE BIRTH OF OUR DAUGHTER, VIRGINIA WAVERLY
 BY MELISSA AND LOGAN DAMON

Words on the Words: This summer, our liturgy at the 10:30 a.m. celebration of the Holy Eucharist comes from *Enriching Our Worship*, a liturgy approved by the Episcopal Church in 1997. This liturgy offers us fresh and faithful ways to pray, drawing upon the words of scripture and early Christian tradition, while using language that reflects the full dignity of all people. It helps us name and praise God with imagery that is expansive, inclusive, and spiritually resonant for our time. We will return to Eucharistic prayers A, B, C, and D from the Book of Common Prayer in the Fall. I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Interested in serving during worship?

We are beginning to make our next schedule for those serving in worship from September through December. If you would like to start serving as a Lector (reading one of the Bible passages), an Intercessor (leading the Prayers of the People), or a Eucharistic Minister (serving the wine during Holy Communion), contact Father Thomas (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

LITURGICAL LEADERS

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Canon Dr. Christoph Keller, III
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon
<i>Lectors</i>	Missy McCain, Richard Moore
<i>Intercessor</i>	Charliss Russ
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Greg Albert, Peter Hartstein
<i>Acolyte</i>	Marshall Pittman
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Trinity Pick-Up Choir
<i>Ushers</i>	Susan Borné, Herschel Cast, Josh Hill, Lisa McNeir
<i>Docent</i>	Tom Fennell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for lemonade and cookies after the service in the courtyard hosted this week by the All Saints Guild.

If you would like to know about the Cathedral building and its history, a docent-led tour is available following the service. The tour starts in the baptistery at the back of the church.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

This week at and around the Cathedral

Monday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:30 p.m., Dean Search Committee
Tuesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5 p.m., Trinity Ringing Society Practice 5:30 p.m., Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Thursday	8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer 5:15 p.m., Evening Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Join us for discovery, worship, information,
and fellowship

8 .m Holy Eucharist - Cathedral

9:15 am Formation for all

10:30 am Holy Eucharist - Cathedral

11:45 am Kick-Off Lunch - Morrison Hall

4 pm Evensong - Cathedral

Theorbo Concert with Andrew Flory

Sunday, August 24 at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral

Theorbo is the largest instrument in the lute family and was popular during the Baroque era. Arkansas native Andrew Flory will perform with the choir in church at 10:30 am on the morning of the 24th and will present a solo recital at 4 pm that day. Don't miss this unusual opportunity to hear this rare and beautiful instrument!

Walking the Mourner's Path

Monday, September 8 – Monday, October 27, 2025, 6 pm – 8 pm

Baker Parlor, Keller House

Walking the Mourner's Path is an 8-week grief group for anyone who has suffered a significant loss and would like to process it in a group setting. The purpose is to transform grief into joyful living by offering the outstretched hand of Christ during bereavement. Loss due to a death is always difficult. The support group invites those who have faced death and suffered the loss of a loved one to come into God's loving presence in community with others. Walking the Mourner's Path is not group therapy, but is spiritually directed. Through the eight-week program, complete with workbook, mourners learn ways in which they may honor their loved ones, seek spiritual direction, and discover God's promise of comfort in community.

The fee is \$80 for the program, and the group will be limited to 10 participants. Scholarships are available. This fall's group will be co-facilitated by the Rev. Thomas Alexander and Trinity parishioner John Williams. To register, please fill out the form found in the QR Code and send payment to Trinity Cathedral with "Mourner's Path" in the memo line. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).



ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: The Historical Books

Sundays, 9:15 am – 10:15 am (beginning September 7)

Morrison Hall

Join Father Thomas on Sunday mornings in Morrison Hall as they study various Biblical books and themes. In the fall, they will begin studying the so-called "Historical Books" of the Old Testament: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 2 Kings. This class is an accessible introduction for those who are new to the Church and to reading the Bible. To sign up for the class's emails, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Bible Study for Parents: The Sunday Lectionary

Sundays, 9:15 am – 10:15 am (beginning September 7)

Parish House Library

Join Joe Ramsey and Father Danny on Sunday mornings in the Parish House Library (second floor) as they study the Gospel reading assigned for worship services that day. This class is especially intended for parents who have kids of any age at home. The goal is to build community amongst parents at Trinity through the study of Scripture. No preparation is required. To sign up, contact Joe Ramsey (ramseyajoseph@gmail.com).

Spiritual Practices: The Everyday Collect with Lisa Thorpe

Sundays, 9:15 am – 10:15 am (September 7 – October 26)

Conference Room in Keller House

Join Lisa Thorpe for this 8-week series, where participants will use everyday encounters as inspiration to write prayers in the Collect form. Lisa Thorpe is a Trinity parishioner, an artist, and educator, and she is training to be a spiritual director. To sign up or to learn more, contact Lisa Thorpe (artist@lisathorpe.com).

Breakfast and Bible Study

Mondays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am (beginning September 8)

Community Bakery on Main Street

Join us at our local Community Bakery as we begin the week by sharing breakfast and discussing the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Our Monday preparations make Sundays even more meaningful. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

Book Club: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis.

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (beginning September 10)

Conference Room in Keller House

Join us as we read and discuss various books from across the Christian tradition, some older and some newer. Our first book for the Fall will be C. S. Lewis' beloved classic, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Copies and various editions are widely available at bookstores of your choice. To sign up, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

September 10: Chapters 1–4 September 17: Chapters 5–8 September 24: Chapters 9–11

October 1: Chapters 12–14 October 8: Chapters 15–17

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION

Children's Formation (PreK-5th Grade)

9:15-10:15 a.m.

“Children's Formation” is an opportunity for young parishioners to engage with God through play, storytelling, music, and creative expression. Using Godly Play and Catechesis storytelling methods, children will explore scripture, the teachings of Jesus, and core parts of the Episcopal liturgy.

Children's Liturgy

During the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

“Children's Liturgy” is an opportunity for young children (2nd grade & under) to engage more deeply in worship at a developmentally appropriate level. During “chapel time” they hear the Gospel story, sing, pray and reflect together. They return to church during The Peace, in time for communion. Parents are welcome to join their children during chapel time.

Koinonia Wednesdays

First & Third Wednesdays of the month

Community Dinner 5:30 p.m. (Morrison Hall)

The entree is provided by the church and families are encouraged to bring sides, salads, and desserts! Open to all, donations welcome.

Koinonia Worship (*Cathedral*) 6 p.m.

The Koinonia Eucharist is family-friendly worship service and provides a time for young people to experience the Eucharist up close. Children participate in every aspect of worship which takes about half an hour. We sing, pray, share a story, and have a joyful time moving about the church.

Episcopal Kids Community (EKC)

Sundays, 4-5 p.m. Program, 5-5:30 p.m. Dinner

Open to all current 4th - 5th graders. EKC provides our younger youth the space to play games, ask questions about their faith, and grow as a community in a fun and safe environment! 1 hour of program followed by shared dinner with EYC (6th-12th). Parents are invited to support this program by providing dinner.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Sundays, 5-5:30 p.m. Dinner, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Program

Open to all current 6th - 12th graders, EYC is a weekly opportunity to gather as a youth community, check-in, play games, explore our faith journeys, and have fun together as we grow as disciples. Programming follows after a shared community dinner with EKC. Parents are invited to support this program by providing dinner.

Convocational Youth Events

Throughout the year we offer opportunities to gather with other youth from around Central AR. Youth from all parishes are invited to grow, learn, and serve in a supportive and inclusive environment. Coming up in the fall: EYC Halloween, Friendsgiving, St. Francis House Christmas Box Deliveries, and Snowball!

Arkansas Youth Event (AYE)

Fall 2025: Sept 26-28 @ Camp Mitchell

A Diocesan-wide youth retreat weekend, hosted on Petit Jean Mountain, provides an opportunity for youth to reflect on their relationship with themselves, their peers, and God.

Acolytes

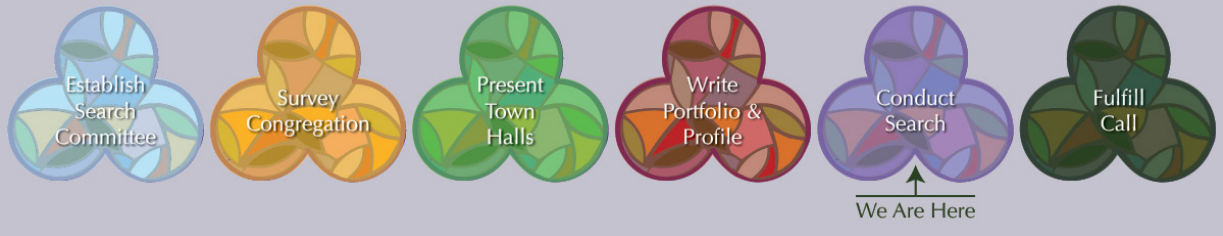
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Eucharist & Special Services

5th - 12th Grade

Integral to our Sunday morning worship, the acolytes faithfully serve at the Eucharist and other special services, such as funerals and ordinations. Their role includes serving at the altar, lighting candles, and carrying processional crosses and banners. New acolytes are trained and commissioned in the early fall. Interested in acolyting?

Contact Otis Howe, Acolyte Master & Verger, (otis.howe3@gmail.com).

Search Process Timeline



Dear Trinitarians:

The Search Committee “went live” on August 15th, 2025, by opening the application process for our next rector and dean. Current clerical demographics of the church reveal a clergy shortage which we anticipate will affect the size of our candidate pool. Gone are the days when a parish could simply publish a compelling parish profile and expect a flood of applicants.

We need your help!

What we are asking is for you to think about who you know in the church (or who you know who knows people) and discern if there is a clergy person you believe would be an excellent candidate for our rector and dean search process. If you have a priest (or more than one priest) in mind, please send us their name and contact information (email and phone number). We will then reach out to them, invite them into the discernment process, and send them our parish profile and application materials. Be sure to tell us why you think this person would be an excellent candidate (meaning, gifts or experience you believe they have that would suggest a fit at the cathedral).

Time is of the essence.

The application period will be open for six weeks (August 15-September 30). The sooner we can contact potential applicants the more time they will have to consider our profile and complete the application materials.

It takes a village to find the cathedral’s next great dean, and that village is YOU. Thank you for supporting the search process in this critical way.

In Christ’s name,

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