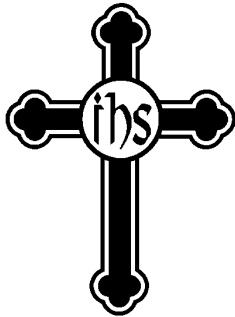


Becoming a Member

The only requirement for membership in the Episcopal Church is baptism with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized persons to receive Holy Communion regardless of denominational affiliation. Please come forward if you would like to participate.

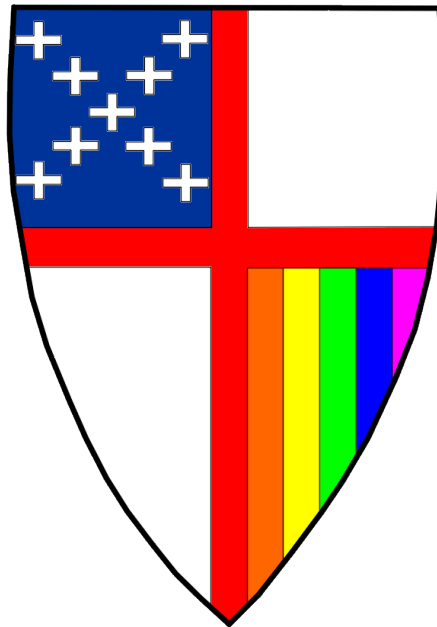


May We Serve You?

We invite you to worship with us. If we can serve you in any way, please stop by or call the church (630-897-7283) The office is typically open 9:00 am to 12 Noon, Monday through Friday, and an answering machine takes calls at all times.

Service Schedule

Sunday Mornings
9:00am Holy Eucharist



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Trinity Episcopal Church Welcomes You!



WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE AND INVITE YOU TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US . . .

We are a community of individuals building relationships with God, each other and the world in a complex and ever changing environment. We strive to be witnesses of the living God, the Body of Christ through

- ♦ *joyful worship*
- ♦ *spiritual inquiry for all ages*
- ♦ *sharing of our gifts with others*
- ♦ *embracing the diversity of God's creation.*

Empowered by the Holy Spirit as we journey, we welcome others to join us!

Who We Are . . .

The congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church is drawn from the historic town of Aurora. The make-up of the parish family includes all ages, many backgrounds, and a variety of interests.

As Episcopalians, we are part of the **80 million people** world-wide who make up the **Anglican Communion** which grew out of the Church of England. A body of committed Christians, we encourage intellectual honesty and strive to lead lives dedicated to **loving God and one's neighbor**.

What We Believe

Episcopalians believe that Holy Scriptures are the Word of God and contain all things necessary for salvation. We believe in three sources of authority for our faith: **Scripture, Tradition, and Reason**. These sources work together to promote a balanced understanding of our world and truth. Members of the Episcopal Church hold a wide variety of views on current social issues -- from conservative to progressive. We are held together by our common worship and the respect we give to each other's conscience, acknowledging all as members of the Body of Christ, regardless of viewpoint.

The Way We Worship

Regular worship is at the center of our common life. Our services offer many features which help to bring us closer to God:

Biblically Based -- The Liturgy of the Word in each service consists of four scripture readings, one reading from each the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament, and the Gospels. In addition, much of the rest of our service is taken directly from the Bible.

Eucharistically Centered -- We recall Jesus' command at his last supper with his disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me" as we regularly receive Holy Communion; our central act of corporate worship is the Eucharist.

Liturgical in Nature -- Words, actions, music, and visual symbols are combined to express our understanding of God's presence in our world and in our lives.

Ancient and Modern -- The basic form of our services and some of the exact words were in place by the 3rd century. The beliefs and practices of the **Anglican Church** evolved during the 16th century as a "Middle Way" between the theologies of the Protestant reformers and the Church in Rome. Our *Book of Common Prayer* was originally written in 1549. It has gone through many revisions, most recently in 1979.

What We Do

We worship together, study together, and play together, all to the glory of God.

Some of our regular **ACTIVITIES** include:

- ◆ *St. Margaret's Guild (Monthly)*
- ◆ *Mardi Gras Celebration*
- ◆ *Agape Dinner on Holy Thursday*
- ◆ *Parish Picnic*
- ◆ *St. Francis Pet Blessing*
- ◆ *Christmas Lessons and Carols*

Currently our **OUTREACH** Committee's focus is providing assistance for local agencies serving local needs. At Thanksgiving, the committee provides holiday food baskets for approximately a dozen families. At Christmas we provide 30 children Christmas Gifts. Other Outreach activities regularly include:

- ◆ *Back-to-School Supply Drive*
- ◆ *United Thank Offering*
- ◆ *AID (Association for Individual Development)*
- ◆ *Christmas Angel Tree*

Through a number of **ORGANIZATIONS** within our parish, we work together to build a faithful Christian community through the ministries of: *Altar Guild, Ushers, Chalice Bearers, Choir, Acolytes, Intercessors, Lectors, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

Vestry and Committees:

- ◆ *Membership*
- ◆ *Liturgy*
- ◆ *Outreach*
- ◆ *Finance & Stewardship*
- ◆ *Property*