Trinity Episcopal Church’s Holy Vision:

In glorifying God, we the members of Trinity Church, will foster a unified parish, demonstrate our spirituality with an open heart, and reflect in our actions the good news of the Holy Spirit to all members of our church and community.

Boy Scout Sunday

On Sunday February 3rd we celebrated Scout Sunday with our Boy Scout Troop 550. It was a big day for the scouts. Many of the Boy Scouts were with us Sunday morning at both breakfast and worship during the 10:30 service. They cooked us breakfast in the morning, which is always a treat to have them prepare breakfast for us. They arrived early to crack eggs, and cook the sausage and biscuits.

It was a great meal.

They then joined us for the 10:30 service where we got to recognize them. They began the service by posting the colors. They processed the US flag and the Anglican flag to the front of the church. The Texas flag and the Episcopal flag was posted at the entrance of the church in the narthex. They also joined in the procession forming a long procession.

The current scouts, as well as all former scouts were recognized during the service, with a blessing given to them. When we ask all the former scouts to stand it is always a great reminder of how many men this organization has helped form.

We are proud of the work troop 550 does in our community, and in our church. We are proud to host them and be their charter organization. We are also proud of one of the boys who will soon attain his Eagle rank. For his project he provided a complete inventory for all of our worship items that we use on a weekly basis, as well as what they are worth. This was a great undertaking, and presented very well. With this we now have a list for insurance purposes.

We wish to thank all the members of both our boy scouts and cub scouts who give their time for the betterment of the community, and God’s kingdom.
On Saturday February 9th, the Episcopal Health Foundation came to Trinity to give us the Bridges out of Poverty workshop. We were given some new information and ways of looking at the realities of poverty. One lens that we were offered were mental models for those living in poverty vs. those in the middle class as well as the upper class. With this we looked at how in the poverty class the mentality is to survive. To work enough to put food on the table, as well as sustain suitable dwellings. At the center of this model is the need for relationships, which makes cutting off certain relationships very hard. We also explored hidden rules of each of the three classes. For instance in regards of money, in the poverty class money is meant to be spent. It is harder for those living in poverty to think about the future. It is the now, thus why they must spend what they have now.

There were many ah-ha moments throughout the workshop. Moments that opened eyes to a reality we are not familiar with.

If you did not get to attend, fear not There is already talks of having another opportunity for the Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop. For those that did attend and are asking “Ok, now what?” We are looking at bring Episcopal Health Foundation back out to offer a follow up seminar detailing what the next steps can be.

Poverty is a serious problem in our area, and it takes us all to eliminate it. Thank you all who came out!
A Word With Fr. Andrew

Hello Friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.. Lent is upon us. Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the year. It is a season of growing, of developing, and of preparing.

First of all we are growing in our relationship with God. The common practice in Lent is to give up something or take something on. This should not be done just for personal benefit. There are many who view this as a way to get in shape, or to stop eating so much chocolate. While there is no problem with wanting to get in shape, or giving up chocolate; this is not the purpose of these Lenten disciplines. These disciplines are done to grow closer to God. So we can improve our relationship with Him. When we take on a discipline, such as spending time in prayer, the focus is to better our relationships with God. However, this does not mean we cannot take on exercise as a spiritual discipline. It is just why we take it on. If it is so I can feel healthy, and good; then perhaps we should reexamine that disciple or the reason for taking it on. However, if we are going about taking on exercise as being a better steward of our bodies which were created by the Lord then we are doing a spiritual discipline. After all, God calls us to care for all of his creation, our own bodies being part of that. The same with giving something up. We are not giving something up to necessarily kick a bad habit. When we give up the chocolate we are freeing time up to give it back to God. So we are giving up chocolate, how will we give back the time and resources to God that was freed up from giving up chocolate? The point of our spiritual disciplines are to grow closer to God. So the disciplines we pick must be able to give us that opportunity.

Another part of Lent is to develop ourselves as Christians. We can do this by our disciplines, but also by prayer, study of scripture, or regular worship. Historically Lent was a time when those who were new to the faith would be prepared for baptism. Thus those who were already part of the faith were able to further their faith journeys. Our journeys are ever developing. We continue to learn, we continue to grow in our faith. This Lent we will be able to better develop our relationship with God, and develop further our own faith journeys.

Finally Lent is a time of preparations. Once again, Lent was historically a time where Catechumens would prepare for baptism. They were prepare for their entry into the church, and into the faith. They were doing this because baptism is our joining the Death and resurrection of Jesus. So these early Christians would be preparing to join the current members of the faith as they prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ, which as we know ends the season of Lent. We are preparing ourselves for the ultimate act of love. Christ giving himself up to the cross to be killed. As we know that was not the end. We also are preparing for the ultimate victory of the cross, the victory over sin and death. That way when we pronounce that Christ is risen, we can say it as we walked through these 40 days growing closer to Him. We can say it fully prepared to say it.

This Lent let us focus on God. Let us focus on growing closer to Him, and growing in our faith. Let us focus on developing our faith journeys. Let us focus on preparing ourselves for the ultimate act of Love. Lent is not just a time to focus on our sins, it is a time to focus on He who conquered sin for us. It is a time to remember that we cannot conquer sin, only Christ.

Have a blessed Lent. I pray that this Lent is a time for growing, developing, and preparation for you all.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew
**Our Vision:**
- Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church includes:
  - Growing a dynamic youth program.
  - Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ.
  - Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

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**LEGACY CLOSET “MINI” CLOSET IN MARSHALL**

Legacy Closet is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization focused on helping children and foster families. Through volunteer work and donations, a "closet" with clothes, shoes, baby gear, toys, school supplies and other kids items is available to support families caring for children due to CPS involvement or Safe Families.

This “Mini-Closet” would be staffed by myself on an as needed basis with the hopes that additional volunteers would be available should the need arise. We would continue to use our home as the Marshall drop off location for any donations. This “Mini-Closet” would be available for those in the Marshall and surrounding areas for immediate needs for new placements. It would also provide extra space for some of the larger items (strollers, car seats, etc)

Additional information on Legacy Closet can be found at [https://legacycloset.org](https://legacycloset.org) or on Facebook at Legacy Closet. The Facebook page has a “Behind the Scenes” video from the Back to School outreach in August 2018 if anyone would like to see what the inside of Legacy Closet looks like.

I’d be happy to answer any questions I can and, if I don’t have the answer, I can get it for you!

Jenny Kerr

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**WOMEN OF TRINITY**

Life doesn't give us guarantees very often, but if you will only make your plans to attend the March 20th meeting of Women of Trinity, it's pretty much of a shoo-in that you'll thoroughly enjoy the speaker, the lunch, and without a doubt, the camaraderie! If you're a woman of any age and you attend Trinity Episcopal Church, you are invited and encouraged to attend the Women of Trinity meetings on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. We meet at 11 a.m. in All Saints Hall to enjoy, learn, enlightened by or inspired by a very special speaker. Following the speaker, we then share lunch and fellowship. Please circle March 20th and join your friends or friends-to-be at the Women of Trinity meeting...we'll miss you if you're not there!

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**YOUTH NEWS**

Hello Trinity Members! In years past the Youth have participated in Operation Christmas Child every November and it has always been a special blessing for us to know that we are helping in spreading the Good News of our Christ to children all over the world. In an effort to be more efficient, this year we will be asking for a special item each month for donation as opposed to asking all at once.

**This month we are asking for : Bar Soap**

You are welcome to drop them off upstairs in the lounge area or near the youth door. Thank you for all you do in participating in our projects!
Birthdays

1 Matthew Hatch 19 Jim Shelton
2 Angela Bray 19 Joel Truelove
3 Teresea Whaley 20 Christian Welch
4 Gary Hathaway 20 James Welch
5 Susan Pool 24 Claudia Abney
6 Noah Martinez 24 Sutton Minatrea
7 Clarence Brown 26 Cate Truelove
6 Kristy Duncan 27 Clarissa Martin
7 Kennedy Minatrea 28 Marjorie Bray
8 Leanna Westergaard 28 Chase Tondee
12 Lowell Runyan 29 Dianne Perkins
15 Phalby Porter 30 Juli Jameson
15 Hannah Slayter 30 Landon Ellison
16 Glenda Knutson 31 Sara Cope
17 Paul Palmer 31 Richard Toussaint
18 Louis Slayter

Church Financials and Attendance for December 2018

Budget Income for 2018 .............. $522,417.34
Budget Expenses for 2018 .............. $532,281.39
Budget Difference for 2018 ........... ($ 9,864.05)
Income Received to Date ............. $497,165.27
Expenses to Date ..................... $541,533.20
Income for the month ................. $ 49,256.93
Expenses for the month ............... $ 46,535.84
Difference for the month .......... $ 2,721.09

Anniversaries

8 Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Brown
12 Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Taylor
13 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hathaway
16 Mr. & Mrs. Pat Furrh
25 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Abraham
28 Mr. & Mrs. John Bogue, Sr.
30 Mr. & Mrs. Bud Denney, Jr.

Girl Scout Sunday

March 10th will be Girl Scout Sunday. We have a very busy, and productive Girl Scout Troop at Trinity, and we will honor them during our 10:30 service. All Girl Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms and join the procession.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

There will be no Brotherhood of St. Andrew meetings in March.
Ministerial Alliance Unity Service

On Monday February 18th the Marshall Ministerial Alliance put on another Unity Worship Service. This service was hosted by Wiley College, and held at their chapel. Different faith communities were represented with a plethora of faith leaders taking part in the service. We were blessed to hear members of the Wiley College choir grace us with their voices. We had different leaders share in prayers. We enjoyed two homilies on the need for unity amongst Christians, including from our former rector Fr. John Himes. The Spirit was certainly present at Wiley College that Monday night.

The need for Christian Unity is great. And I for one am excited about the push from the Marshall Ministerial Alliance towards unity. The ministerial alliance has been hosting worship services and prayer services throughout our community. The alliance is also becoming more diverse to represent our diverse community. It is a great thing to see. It is a great thing to see people from different denominations putting aside the denomination identity and claiming a Christian identity. An identity of one.

Keep on the look out for more of these offerings. They are well worth attending. Thank you to all who were able to make it out.

170th Diocese of Texas Council

The 170th Episcopal Diocese of Texas council came and went. We spent three days in the Woodlands with delegates and clergy from all over the diocese. The biggest order of business was to elect a new Bishop Suffragan for the West region of the diocese. Canon to the Ordinary The Rev. Kai Ryan was elected in the first ballot. Kai has been the Diocese of Texas Canon since 2014. Before

Other items of business was approving the break-even budget for 2019, as well as vote on updating some of our canons as well as parts of our constitution to reflect our actual practices. Over all the council was pain free, with nothing to divisive. The only thing that brought some debate was the resolution to lower the lay delegates from 4 to 3 for each parish. However, this was only up for a first reading, so nothing has been changed in that regard yet.

If you would like to talk about the Council, or find out more about it, Please feel free to speak to Fr. Andrew, Tony Pierce, Carol Meyer, Julie Trexler, or Jim Steidley.
Greetings from your Senior Warden!

God’s Peace to each of you! What an exciting year 2019 will evolve into for Trinity Marshall. Last month we gave thanks for the Leadership, Blessings and Dedication that Fr. John Himes gave Trinity Marshall and our surrounding communities. We pray that Fr. John and Megan will be Blessed with retirement and that it be fruitful.

For us at Trinity Marshall, February 1, 2019 began a new chapter for Fr. Andrew as he became the Locum Tenens. Fr. Andrew has previously spoken about this new role and the responsibilities associated with in January’s Tripod. As we continue to progress, I understand there may be a higher anxiety level with the calling of a new rector and what that entails for our Parish. Rest assure, your Vestry is strong and will be leading Trinity Marshall accordingly. On February 2, 2019, the Vestry met to begin the “pre-search” work that shall be done in preparation of beginning the Rector search committee. The Diocese of Texas is governing our Vestry work as we begin to travel down this well-defined course.

Upcoming pre-search activity begins with Angela Bray and Chris Altnau leading two very important committees, the Holy Cow Parish survey and Parish Profile committees. The Parish survey will be conducted in accordance with the Holy Cow Consulting organization and will assist in identifying congregational needs and basically profiling Who Trinity Marshall really is. Once the data is generated, collected and summarized, the Diocese will assist in the presentation of the findings to the congregation. This data will then be utilized in creating a Parish Profile for which will identify the needs of our congregation and shine spotlight on our Parish with efforts to explicitly ensure that our new rector is best suited for our Parish. Both Angela and Chris will be identifying congregation involvement and will be reaching out for support in the very near future.

Let us be reminded and in prayer that as we may not know for whom God calls to be our new rector, yet God is currently preparing and leading that rector to us. Let us continue to be in prayer and listen to the Holy Spirit as Trinity Marshall is guided in this ever so important rector search process.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace!

Tony
Understanding the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion

XXVII Of the Lord's Supper. The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another; but rather it is a Sacrament of our Redemption by Christ's death; insomuch that to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith, receive the same, the Bread which we break is a partaking the Body of Christ; and likewise the Cup of Blessing is a partaking of the Blood of Christ.

Transubstantiation (or the change of the substance of Bread and Wine) in the Supper of the Lord, cannot be proved Holy Writ; but is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a Sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The Body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten, in the Supper, only after an heavenly and spiritual manner. And the mean whereby the Body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper, is Faith.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not by Christ's ordinance reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshipped.

The Holy Eucharist is a central part of our faith tradition. When we go to church on Sunday we expect to receive Eucharist, unless a priest is unavailable. The Eucharist is what the whole service points to and prepares us for. The service is divided into two parts. The first part is the Synaxis, or the service of the Word. The second part of the Eucharistic service is the Anaphora, or the Service at the Altar, or Holy communion. The word Anaphora is Greek for “Lifting up”, or “offering up”. This is the point of the service of Holy Communion. To lift up our offerings, to lift up our Thanks to God, and to see the resurrected Lord lifted up in the consecrated bread.

The twenty-eighth article of the Thirty-Nine Articles is about the Holy Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper. This article was written to respond directly to the Roman Catholic views of the Eucharist, that being Transubstantiation. However, the article only mentions that view as repugnant to God. It leaves open many other views as valid. In our tradition we have many views of the Eucharist. We see what the Last Supper is in different ways. In this article I will explain these different views of the Eucharist. I will then explore what the article is saying. As well as explain some new understandings of the Eucharist that has been found in the Liturgical Renewal. Because this service gives us a peak into Heaven.

The Episcopal Church is called a big tent. It is called that because of the various viewpoints, churchmanship, or practices within our denomination. One of the parts of our theology which offers various views is the Eucharist. Many have different ideas on what the Eucharist is. Depending on how high church one is or how low church one is, the view of the Eucharist can be a wide range. I will begin explaining 4 main viewpoints that are prevalent of the Eucharist. The first is the highest view of the Eucharist, and it is called Transubstantiation. Article twenty-eight speaks against this view, as it is the view of the Roman Catholic church. This idea says that at the Eucharistic service the bread and the wine completely change, both substance and essence. That being, when the words of institution (or the epiclesis) is said the bread and the wine ceases to be bread and wine. In turn it physically and spiritually becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The second view is still a higher view, but not as high
as transubstantiation. It is real presence. This is more common in high church Anglicanism. This viewpoint states that physically or the substance of the bread and the wine is bread and wine, however the essence of the bread and the wine is the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Where spiritually we are in the presence of Christ, in the form of the bread and wine. The third is consubstantiation, which states that both physically and spiritually the bread and wine is bread and wine, but it is also the body and blood. Finally there is memorialism, which states that it is physically and spiritually bread and wine, and we just take communion in memory of Christ’s last supper. This is common in low church Anglicanism. The twenty-eighth article is battling Transubstantiation.

The article is not saying real presence is invalid, or that we can only hold the doctrine of memorialism, it is just saying that transubstantiation is not valid. What the article does make clear is that one must partake in the Communion in a worthy manner. That being with faith, and worthiness. The entry to the church is baptism, and the way in which we receive the Lord’s Supper worthily with faith is through baptism. We cannot partake in the body of Christ if we are not in fact a part of the Body of Christ. This is why baptism is required to receive Communion.

Switching gears, believe it or not there was a time in our church’s history where we did not celebrate the Eucharist every week. In fact it usually was only celebrated once a month, once a quarter, or once a year. This was especially true for church’s without priests. However, we rediscovered the importance of the Eucharist with the liturgical renewal, leading to it being the principal service. The reason for this is a new understanding of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is a service of Thanksgiving. The name Eucharist means “Thanksgiving.” If you listen to the Eucharistic prayer we are giving thanks to God for the gift of his son in the opening parts of the prayer. The Eucharist is not just about giving thanks though. We begin the Eucharist by joining the angels and archangels in the throne room singing the Sanctus. We are offered a window into heaven, and the altar is that window. Further we are reliving Christ’s death and resurrection. When we break the bread we are signifying Christ’s death and resurrection. However, that is not the end. When we distribute we are acknowledging that his death was available to all, and gave us new life in him.

As we see, there is much going on in the Eucharist. There is a reason it is now a central part of our faith tradition and worship. There is a reason why the service points to it. It is our ability to join in with Heaven, to see God’s perfect plan laid out. To experience Christ in the form of the bread and the wine. And it is through our faith in Christ and baptisms which allows us this experience.
Lent Services!

Shrove Tuesday:
5:30 PM Pancake Supper benefiting Boy Scout Troop 550 with burning of last year’s palms for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday:
10:00 AM Rite 1 Service in the Church
6:15 PM Rite 2 Service in the Church

Sundays during Lent:
5:00 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
A service of adoration with incense.
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHurch | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Choir
Children K-5th Grade

WINTER/SPRING CHOIR DAYS

March 27, 2019
April 10, 2019

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Final Practice:
April 14 (9:30am)

Palm Sunday Performance
Sunday, April 14, 2019
10:30 AM Service

All Class Dates Are On
Wednesdays @6:15PM

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Psalm 95:1
Parish Staff
Fr. Andrew Ellison
Locum Tenens

Rae Dickson
Youth Director

Magdalena Altnau
Children’s Christian Formation Director

Angela Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
Music Director and Organist

Melissa Hammers
Choir Director

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant

Melvin Williams
Sexton

Vestry
Tony Pierce
Senior Warden

Jackie Weeks
Junior Warden

Angela Bray
Clerk of the Vestry

Margot Lingold
Treasurer

Carol Meyer

Chris Altnau

Steve Lewis

Margot Lingold

Don Bramlett

Sam Clark

Blair Hammers

Roy McCarroll

Weekly Schedule

Sunday
Holy Communion - 8:00 AM
Parish Breakfast - 9:00 AM
Christian Formation for all ages - 9:30 AM
Holy Communion - 10:30 AM
After 10:30 Service
Coffee & Cookies In All Saints Hall

Wednesday
Holy Communion - 10:00 AM
Choir Practice 5:00 PM
Dinner - 5:15 PM
Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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