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Proclaiming God's Love and Joy for over 162 years in Marshall, Texas

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2014

April 13, Palm Sunday

8:00 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
(Congregation will gather in All Saint's Hall & process to the Church)
 10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
(Congregation will gather in All Saint's Hall & process to the Church)
 5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm Bible Study – Lenten Lewis (Last session)

April 14, Holy Monday

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

April 15, Holy Tuesday

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

April 16, Holy Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist 1928 BCP
 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 5:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Chapel
 6:15 pm Holy Eucharist w/Anointing

April 17, Maundy Thursday

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 6:00 pm Mass & Stripping of the Altar
 7:00 pm Vigil Before the Blessed Sacrament

April 18, Good Friday

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Communion
 6:00 pm Service of Tenebrae

April 19, Holy Saturday

1:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt at All Saint's Hall

April 20, Easter Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Focus On: Choir Members



Our Mission

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:

Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry.

Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new.

Supporting those who by word and example make Christ's redemptive work known.



Mike Jeffries

I was born in Chicago, IL and we moved to Pittsburgh, Pa. when I was three or so and lived there till 1954 when we moved to Dania, Fla. a little town between Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. We kept dogs, cats and horses. As a youngster, I rode wild stock in the Sat. night rodeo we put on with the Seminole kids on the local reservation. I swam on the H.S. swim team, and never set any records, but spent many days and hours in the ocean spear fishing and catching lobsters. After graduation, I attended Auburn University on an NROTC scholarship and was commissioned 2nd Lt. USMC on the 16th of Dec. 1965. Two days later Pat and I were married and after a short honeymoon we reported to our first duty station at Quantico Va. were I attended the Officers' basic school. After Quantico we did flight school in Pensacola, Fla. then on to our first fleet assignment at MAG 26, MCAS New River, NC where I checked out in the HUEY. After New River, it was on to Marble Mountain, Republic of Viet Nam where I flew HUEY gunships for 13 mos. in combat. After Viet Nam, we were stationed in Hawaii for three years the first of which I spent jumping out of aircraft instead of flying them. After Hawaii it was a year in Calif, a year on Okinawa, Japan then back to Calif. where I was discharged in 1976. After leaving the Corps and job hunting for four months, I was hired by Texas Instruments as a manufacturing engineer. A year later, I wrangled myself a transfer to the TI flight dept. I flew airborne R&D for twenty years then executive transport for six years. During that time, I made trips to Canada, Mexico, England, France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, India and China (I don't think I left any out). When I retired from TI in 2003 we sat around Plano for nine months then moved East to Marion County. Here, I build houses for Habitat for Humanity and recover evidence and bodies from the lakes and rivers for the sheriff's dept. Another interest of mine is that I play bagpipes with the "Red River Pipes & Drums". Pat and I have two children and five grandchildren, our daughter Jennifer, and grandchildren Kate, Maggie and Walt who you all know and our son Michael who is a Ltcol. In the USMCR and a pilot for Fed Ex. Michael has two girls, Emma,16 and Natalie,13. I participate in the choir because I enjoy the music and the people!



Jack Roe

I'm originally from Baton Rouge, LA where I was in choir in high school. After that I attended LSU for 2 years and was in the university chorus and acapella choir. I came to Marshall in 1973 and worked at MISD for 33 years in the maintenance department. Ten years ago I joined the choir here at Trinity, where "maestro" Jim Johnson is choir director. Everyday I also volunteer in the church office and help out wherever its needed. I have a son, Jack and his wife Tammy and two grandchildren , Isabel and Connor that live in North Carolina. My interest are astronomy and music. Some of my favorites are classical, celtic & Irish music especially bagpipes. Playing the harmonica is one of my hidden talents!

Verger Installation

On Sunday March 23rd, Chris Altnau was installed as a Verger for Trinity Episcopal Church. Chris is the 5th individual to answer this call to ministry from our parish and we welcome him to this ministry of service.



Rector's Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter is fast upon us. Coming in the midst of spring this year the realization that with the celebration of the Resurrection comes new life is especially brought forth with the new life all around us. In the coming of spring we see the glory of God's creation. In Easter we see the glory of God made manifest in the Gospel of St. John, the apostle writes, "So now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed." (John 17:5)

A great many modern biblical scholars have spent a great deal of time seeking to reflect only the humanity of Jesus. They have stressed that he was a great man, marvelous teacher, rich in wisdom. The list goes on and on. Yet, here in these words Jesus is stating he was with God from the beginning – before time.

Now such a proclamation would lead most to wonder how great is someone who makes this sort of megalomaniac statement? What sort of teacher says something as crazy as this? Is this the statement of a wise man? If Jesus is held up as a mortal man, then a statement such as this should disqualify him as being any of the things some people state. It is the sort of statement that can get an individual placed in a mental institution.

So how do we reconcile this statement with the idea of Jesus being a great man and such? I don't think it can be. He has to be either one who is and was with God before time, or he has to be insane. You can't have it both ways. This I think is what drives some Christians and non-believers crazy themselves. If it is acknowledged that Jesus is in God and God is in him and he was in God before the beginning then the deity of Christ must be acknowledged. If Jesus as God is acknowledged then his words and his teaching are true, for God is true.

Such thinking places a burden on those who would like it other wise. For if the statements and teaching of Jesus are indeed the word of God, then why don't we, liberal and conservative follow them? Why do we not submit ourselves to him as to God? I think the answer is quite simple – we as fallen humanity don't want to. In our sin we seek to make ourselves equal with God just as Adam and Eve did in the garden.

Throughout the Gospel of John we see the high Christology he taught, we see the Holy Spirit being introduced as coming from God to guide those who have come to Christ, in short we see the Trinity. The statement by Jesus in this reading points to the nature of the Trinity, or as Karl Rahner would say, the essence. The essence is that there is no difference between the actuality of Jesus and that of God, there is no difference between the substance and the Holy Spirit and Jesus in God and God in Jesus, they are one, yet they are three. The mystery of the Trinity is really beyond our human capacity to understand. Partly because we have come to place too much emphasis on what science tells us is true or not. But also, partly because if we were to simply acknowledge it based on faith we find ourselves having to ask ourselves the question again, "If this is God why do we not submit to his majesty?"

Do we acknowledge Jesus as being one with the Father since the beginning? If so will we this day submit to his sovereignty and surrender our lives to His faithful love and plead forgiveness before the cross knowing that he is faithful and through his death has put away all our sins and in his resurrection has brought to us new and unending life.

For Christians the celebration of Easter is not about our brokenness, though we are, it is about the fullness of God made manifest for us in Christ so that we too might share in the glory of Christ that he had with the Father from the very beginning. Have a blessed and joyous Easter for OUR LORD IS RISEN!



The Tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Pax et Bonum.
Fr. John

Women of Trinity



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.

Spring is a time for new beginnings, I'm told. I hope that if you've been thinking about attending the Women of Trinity meetings or if we've whetted your appetite (both figuratively and literally), maybe you'll join some of the most interesting and devoted female parishioners of Trinity Church for our upcoming meeting in April. The meeting time has been changed just for April because of Holy Week...so everyone, get your calendars out...the meeting will be on Wednesday, April 23 at the usual time, 11 a.m., following the Wednesday morning service. The program will be well worth making note of because our own Choir member, amateur historian/sleuth and Trinity Episcopal School staff member, Mary Thompson Price, will be the speaker...I haven't a clue what the topic will be...surprise us, Mary! Remember, even if you can't attend regularly and one of our programs hits your "hot button" (yes, even at our age!), just call the office or Sandy Toussaint at 903/938-3372 and let us know that you're coming.

Trinity Episcopal Church

presents

**Sixth Annual
Resurrection Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19th
at 1:00 p.m.**

Kids: Bring your Easter Baskets!

*Trinity Episcopal church
106 North Grove St.
Marshall, Texas*



Adults: Please bring a Lunch dish to share

Live Music & Events

*Everyone Invited
Bring your families and friends!
For more information or questions contact
The Church Office or Call
Jennifer at 903-241-6900*

Concert to be held at Trinity

Christian songwriter and singer, Micah Tyler is coming to Trinity on Saturday, May 17th at 6:00 PM for a concert with a reception to follow his performance. There is limited seating so reserve your tickets now by calling the office at 903-938-4246.



Birthdays

1 Bill Kemp	19 Silas Anderson
2 JoAnn Bridge	20 Trey Hammond
4 Cassie Falke	23 Cameron McElroy
4 Edgar Simmons	24 Carly Heard
4 Zane Jackson	24 Kirkley Lewis
5 Kurt Truelove	25 Eric Neal
6 Jerry Smith	26 Andrew Cason
7 Blair Hammers	26 Adrienne Newton
9 Courtney Cope	27 Chris Hammond
12 Flo Lewis	28 Merwin Camp
15 Maggie Littlejohn	28 Wes White
16 Diane Lewis	30 David Rayner
17 Kim Runyan	30 Steve Lewis
17 Olivia Parr	30 Aiden Kerr
18 Cindy Cain	30 Anika Kerr
18 Cody Moseley	

Anniversaries

6	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sullivan
7	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rhoades
24	Mr. & Mrs. Mac Abney
26	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith



Church Financials and Attendance for February 2014

Budget Income for 2014	\$ 482,773
Budget Expenses for 2014	\$ 484,854
Budget Difference for 2014	(\$ 2,082)
Income Received to Date	\$ 71,258
Expenses to Date	\$ 83,491
Income for the month	\$ 33,841
Expenses for the month	\$ 39,794
Difference for the month	(\$ 5,953)
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 12,233)
 Average Sunday Attendance to date	 166
 Average Sunday Attendance for February	 157
 Total Sunday Attendance to date	 1330
 Total Attendance all other Services	 2198

Lincoln Driven to Give for Trinity Episcopal School

We are thrilled to announce that Trinity Episcopal School will have a Lincoln "Driven To Give" event on Thursday, April 10 from 10:00am - 6:00 pm. This fundraiser is sponsored by Marshall Ford Lincoln and will provide our school the opportunity to earn \$8,000 in one day!

What will our families need to do in order to earn this? DRIVE!! To be able to drive, all that is required is that the driver be over the age of 18 with a valid drivers' license.

For the school to reach the maximum award of \$8,000, we will need to have 300 test drives. Included in the 300 drives, 200 of those will need to take an additional test drive in a new Lincoln MKX. Your total time in the vehicles should be less than 15 minutes and there will be no sales pressure.

This is a huge opportunity to earn Family Service Credit as well! For every test drive, you will earn \$30 (two drives) in Family Service Credit. There can only be one "drive" per household, so we want to encourage you to ask grandparents, aunts/uncles, friends, etc. to come out that day!

We will also need 5-10 workers that day. Workers will earn \$40 an hour of Family Service Credit. Workers will be needed to check drivers in and out using an iPad. There will be an iPad training course on Thursday, March 27 at 1:30 pm on the K-8 campus. If you are interested in working that day, please let me know by replying to this message.

We will provide child care for little ones while their parents drive. Car seats and boosters are not allowed in the vehicles. Older kids are welcome to ride along!

There will be snacks and drinks as well. We may need volunteers to help provide for these.

We are so excited and thankful to Marshall Ford Lincoln for this opportunity! Please help us by asking your friends and family to come out on April 10 and drive to give!

ALTAR GUILD SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Altar Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church is possibly the oldest and most indispensable ministry of the Church. This is true for all Episcopal Churches. The Altar Guild sets up the vessels and sacraments which are used for communion. The guild members change the hangings to the proper colors for the season. All the linens used for communion and on the altar are washed and ironed by the members.

Without the Altar Guild, there would not be the beautiful Christmas and Easter decorations which grace our church. Each month the members polish all the brass of the altar and make sure the candles are re-set. Altar Guild members also deliver the altar flowers to our sick and home bound.

This is a large undertaking and our guild is in need of new members. A lot of our present members have been doing this rewarding works for over forty years. Our guild is divided into four teams. Therefore, each member is on duty one week each month or twelve times a year.

If you are seeking a closer walk with God, nothing can take the place of the Altar Guild. Anyone interested in joining the Altar Guild may call Lal Terrell (903) 930-0225 or Mary Jane McElroy (903) 935-2375.

Daughters of the King

The DOK invites all women to attend our next Day of Reflection on May 3, 2014 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. The theme will be Bride of Christ and the speaker for the day is Andrea Evans. Andrea is a friend of our own Sharon Lundgren. Child care will be provided.

Jr. Daughters of the King

The next meeting for the girls is April 6 @ 2:45pm. Coming in May the girls will be doing a Spring service project cleaning up & planting in the garden of All Saint's Hall. Anyone can come join in the fun!

BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

The Lenten Lewis: C.S. Lewis' writing touches our faith from many perspectives. This study will examine several Lewis themes that are appropriate for Lent and is based on his book, *The Weight of Glory*. This Lenten Study will meet in April on the 6th and the 13th in classroom 1. It is being hosted by the Daughters of the King, all members of the parish are invited to attend. The study is designed with each class as a standalone class so if you miss one you will not be feeling left behind when you attend the next class.

Youth News!

30 Hour Famine

Our *30 Hour Famine* was a great experience that will bless several hungry children with food. As I am writing this, we are very close to our goal of \$750 and we are not finished raising money. \$35 can feed one child for one month. So we have made a huge impact. All of you have been so awesome at giving to the work of God's kingdom. Great things happen when believers use their spiritual gifts. Thank you so much for your good works among the hungry in our world. God was very active in our 30 Hour Famine event. Even as an adult and a minister, I can say God used it to mold and sanctify me. God spoke to me and blessed me through this event. Four students, Courtney Tolar, Chloe Cope, Chris Cope, and Leena Patel, made the sacrifice and gave up food. Part of the Famine experience at Trinity included traveling around Saturday evening to three different homes to visit with five of our church members: Paul and Amanda Palmer, David and Edwina Thomas, and Margot Lingold. These individuals shared parts of their spiritual journeys with us, and how God had been and continues to be active in their lives. One common theme throughout the night was how God's Spirit had spoken to each one of them and drawn them closer to the Lord. I am so thankful for Paul, Amanda, David, Edwina, and Margot. Their willingness to share gave us a huge blessing. There are a lot of cool people at Trinity Church. I'm thankful to be a part of it.

TETELESTAI!

As we draw closer to Holy Week, I can't help but think about significant moments in God's word from that week. When our Lord Jesus was dying, for example, he cried out, "It is finished" (Jn. 19:30)! In the Greek language, the word used in the New Testament is *tetelestai* from the word *teleo*, which means, "to bring to an end, finish, or complete." What did Jesus mean by this? He wasn't just saying, "My life is over now," as if this word refers to the completion of his life. No, it's more than that. Christ was speaking of all of his work on our behalf being finally accomplished. Christ's work on this earth was for our salvation. Christ's death means we can be forgiven of our sins. We should've been on the cross taking that punishment, but *he took our place*. As Isaiah 53:5 says, "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." But Jesus didn't remain in the grave because the grave couldn't hold him. He arose! As 1 Corinthians 15 teaches, the resurrection is at the heart of the truthfulness of our faith. It is a historical fact that Jesus of Nazareth, Christ and Savior of the world, rose from the dead. And the good news for us is that because of this, we will too! Paul says, "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). Colossians 1:18 calls Jesus the "firstborn from the dead," which means he was the first of many that will rise from the dead. When we put faith in Christ and repent of our sins, we are placed "in Christ," and so we are safe in him. Our payment has been made and our future is secure. We will rise again and we will say, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting" (1 Cor. 15:55)? We will be able to say this because Christ said, "Tetelestai!"

Because He Lives,

Scott



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership



*Behold, I come
among you as one
who serves.*

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

The Rev. Dr.
John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

Scott Rutherford
Youth Minister

Caroline Donica
*Children's Christian
Formation*

Angela Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
Choir Master and Organist

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant

Melvin Williams
Sexton

Reggie Hasty
Treasurer

Vestry

Lowell Runyan
Senior Warden

Junior Warden
Henry Henderson

Laura Rectenwald
Clerk of the Vestry

Bud Bray

Erik Howard

Terry Weeks

Paul Palmer

Randy Reeves

Clarence Brown

Cathy Cope

Jim Kutner

Bonnie Strauss

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

Youth Program - 5:30 PM

Dinner in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Meals on Wheels - 9:30 AM

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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