



# THE TRIPOD

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**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.*

## *Easter Sunday at Trinity*



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**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.



Trinity now has three trauma First Aid Kits for emergency use. The First Aid Kits are kept in the Nursery, the Sacristy and All Saints' Hall. We have also received the first of our Automatic Electric Defibrillators (A.E.D.) which is also kept in All Saints' Hall. We will be receiving a second A.E.D. shortly and that one will be kept in Fry Hall.

Also in April, we held training for Mental First Aid Training. This training was given by the Episcopal Health Foundation. The focus of the training was in identifying and helping others who are struggling with a variety of forms of mental illness. There are no mental health facilities in Harrison country, nor are there any practicing psychiatrists. This training helped to bring an awareness to the entire Northeast Texas area that is so sorely lacking in mental health care.

Finally, a date has been set for the crisis response training for our active responders. This training will take place on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Those interested in attending this training should contact Fr. John via email at [fr\\_john\\_himes@hotmail.com](mailto:fr_john_himes@hotmail.com)



**MORE EASTER AT TRINITY**

The tradition of flowering the cross continues at Trinity.



Trinity children partook of this celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Rector's Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We find ourselves in the midst of the Easter Season. Christ has risen and the joy we experienced on Easter Sunday is a joy we should be rejoicing in today, even though Easter Day is in the rear view mirror, the Easter event is in the here and now. In St. John's Gospel we read, "*And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: (John 16:8)* Here Jesus is referring to the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Christ has already proved the world wrong about so many things. If that was not the case the world would not have crucified him. We live in our own bubble of time and have the pride of the living. We declare ourselves to be smarter, more compassionate, more understanding, more enlightened than all the human beings that have come before us. In truth we are the same as they are in our nature. We are fallen. Yet we seek to believe that we are not fallen; but good, more righteous than they were.

Our culture today does not discuss sin because it doesn't want to believe in sin. Since we don't wish to believe in it, then, it doesn't exist to us. Or a person chooses to believe in sin as only sins they define rather than sin as stated by God. Over the last hundred years our culture has chosen to discarded much of what was once called sin. There are no longer sexual sins, no longer ethical sins, save for the sin of being on the wrong side of the dominant cultural establishment.

Many people like to think they are righteous because they say they are. Since society has defined sin to anything but what a person may personally desire and wishes is that he or she could declare themselves righteous of all because they believe they are without sin. We need not uphold anything to be righteous, not even the divinity of Christ. We need only to see ourselves as righteous.

We declare the judgment of God to be not judgment for we wish not to be judged. Thus we avoid the pit fall of seeing anything unpleasant in ourselves. We have made the world just the sort of place we are comfortable with. We have made the world in our own image and God, a god who fits nicely in the very comfortable box we have created.

There are a few problems with all that. First, Christ will return and judge. As we stand before him under judgment we will discover that outside of His sacrifice on the cross there is not righteousness and the sins we have sought to hide are sins for which we will be convicted of committing. We live our lives under judgment whether we acknowledge that or not. It is only in Christ we can come out from under that yoke into true life. A life where we need not fear sin, or judgment for in the blood of the cross we have been washed clean in righteousness, the righteousness of Christ alone by faith alone. Second, Christ send the Holy Spirit to remind us of the first, that Christ is our judge.

One who believes they are without sin cannot avail themselves of salvation through the cross for they will reject the very need for such a means of salvation. A Christian should rejoice in the knowledge that Christ will indeed judge all for we can stand before him convicted of our sin and redeemed by his blood. We should also rejoice in that He has sent to us the Holy Spirit to quicken our hearts to humanities need for a savior, a Savior that redeems.

**O Lord, I thank you for the cross and our redemption through your death and resurrection. Guide our hearts to be always penitent and open to you. Amen.**

*Pax et Bonum.*

*Fr. John*



**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.

**BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW**



The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Bible Study will meet on May 9th and 23rd at Jucy's Hamburger in Marshall. (Bible Study begins at 12:00) We will also hold our Monthly Meeting on May 23rd prior to the Bible Study. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

**WOMEN OF TRINITY**



This will be the last meeting until we resume later in the year. We will meet **Wednesday, May 16th at 11 am** to carpool from the church for luncheon at **Enoch's Stock Winery** in Harleton. Contact Julie Trexler or Flo Lewis for more detail information.

**SENIOR BREAKFAST**



Trinity will honor its graduating seniors at breakfast on May 20 @ 9am. Come join them and their family and friends for their celebration!



**GIRL SCOUTS**



May 11 @ 5pm - Hamburger supper in All Saint's Hall.



**TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**

PRE-K SPRING PROGRAM: *Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm*

K-8 SPRING PROGRAM: *Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 pm*

PRE-K GRADUATION: *Tuesday, May 22nd at 9 am*

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION: *Friday, May 25th at 8 am* K-8 AWARDS PROGRAM: *Friday, May 25th at 10 am*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMANCE**

On Trinity Sunday the children will sing at the 10:30am service.

## Birthdays

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Robbey Simmons     | 17 Carol Hicks      |
| 2 Randy Reeves       | 17 Amanda Palmer    |
| 2 Mia Abraham        | 17 Scott Rectenwald |
| 4 Harold Hoffmeister | 17 Dudley Taylor    |
| 6 Hannah Tondee      | 18 Carol Meyer      |
| 8 Ken Haynes         | 19 Dylan Minatrea   |
| 9 Dick Boyd          | 26 Jerry Tanner     |
| 9 Misty Brocato      | 27 Jack Sanders     |
| 14 Ben Whaley        | 27 Catherine Cope   |
| 14 Margot Lingold    | 27 James Williams   |
| 16 Fort Staggers     |                     |

## Anniversaries

- |    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 4  | Mr. & Mrs. David Cope      |
| 7  | Mr. & Mrs Woody Moseley    |
| 10 | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Strauss   |
| 14 | Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fugler   |
| 17 | Mr. & Mrs. Paul Palmer     |
| 23 | Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Duncan    |
| 26 | Mr. & Mrs. Louis Slayter   |
| 31 | Mr. & Mrs. Paul Whaley III |

### Church Financials and Attendance for March 2018

Budget Income for 2018 .....	\$498,837	
Budget Expenses for 2018 .....	\$557,879	
Budget Difference for 2018 .....	(\$ 59,042)	
Income Received to Date .....	\$135,820	
Expenses to Date .....	\$142,874	
Income for the month .....	\$ 36,273	
Expenses for the month .....	\$ 44,394	
Difference for the month .....	(\$ 8,121)	
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 7,054)	
	2017	Present
Average Sunday Attendance to date	177	162
Average Sunday Attendance for March	161	157
Sunday Attendance to date	2089	1943
Attendance all other Services	3046	2267



**Young Families Swim Party**

**June 5**

**Marshall Lakeside Country Club**

**Parent's Night Out!**

**June 2**

**4pm - 8pm**

**Sign up at nursery**



## The Russians Were Coming!

There was a movie in the 1970's titled "The Russians Are Coming." It was a comedy about a Soviet Submarine running ashore in the northeast United States and the panic that ensued as a result.

Well the Russians came to Trinity! Not as an armed force, but as an ensemble known as ChoRuss, which means "Russian Choir." Unlike Alan Arkin and the crew of the lost submarine, they did not engender any fear, rather they shared with us the Sacred music of the Russian Orthodox Church and Russian folk music.

To say it was a delightful evening would be an understatement, it was a fantastic evening! The ensemble opened the first half of the program with sacred music from the Church. The music included hymns from the daily prayers of Russian monks, anthems used during the

celebration of the Eucharist, and Psalms sung in the monasteries of the Russian Orthodox Church. The second portion of the program was a bit whimsical. They began with a song and procession that is a traditional part of Russian weddings. Then followed songs about Russian village life as well as a song about a young Russian girls awaiting her boyfriend to return from the Second World War.

Following the concert there was a brief reception in All Saints Hall for the ensemble. There was a bit of a language barrier at first. Then it was discovered that there were a number of Russian emigre's in the audience and they cheerfully help everybody with translations.

If you missed this opportunity to celebrate joyful music I have some good news. ChoRuss will return in the spring of 2019 so mark your calendars now! They will be with us on one for the weekends during the 2019 Easter season.

A great deal of thanks for making this happen goes to our music director Jim Johnson who arranged and coordinated this concert.



## Curate Corner



### Our Core Values:

Commitment  
to Jesus Christ

Authority of  
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leader-  
ship

Hello friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is funny how God reminds us to do something. Sometimes it happens subtly, yet other times he finds a way to smack us upside the head. Whichever way, God finds ways to get our attention and help us refocus. This happened to me recently. I am not a fan of red lights, mainly because they always turn red when I need to get somewhere. Plus I do not like waiting at them. One particular day I seemed to hit the bad luck run on red lights, when I hit every light on Grand Ave red. Now about the fourth red my patience was beginning to wear thin, I was getting flat out annoyed. I sat there stewing at the red light for what seemed like an eternity. When I looked over and saw the most beautiful couple of birds playing in a tree. Now I know this sounds kind of silly, but that re-framed my mindset. Instead of stewing I was thanking God for allowing me the moment to appreciate His creation, and for allowing me the opportunity to slow down. You see, if I was not forced to sit at that light, if I was not forced to slow down a little, I would have missed seeing the birds.



We need to slow down and enjoy life a little. It is easy to get caught in the busyness of life, the busyness of the world, where we miss God. We can get caught up in the hustle that we miss the Holy moments of creation. We just need to slow ourselves, to allow ourselves to stop, rest, and look around.

In a couple of weeks we will be celebrating Jesus' ascension to Heaven. I am struck by the lessons read on that day. On that day we hear Christ telling his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come to them. I am struck, because he did not tell them to immediately go out and spread the word. He told them to wait, to slow down a bit. In that moment they were allowed to just be. To just sit with all that had happened.

This still rings true for us, we must allow ourselves time to slow down. To allow ourselves time to just be. Time goes by fast, and if we allow it, we can miss all that time gives us. Parents, we know about this. It seems impossible to think how much older our kids are getting, and how fast they are growing. The other day our youngest was trying to climb the baby gate up our stairs. I remember saying, "I can't wait until she is big enough where I don't have to repeatedly stop her from climbing the stairs." Then I thought, why am I not enjoying this moment. Why am I not enjoying the opportunity to hold her, to pick her up...repeatedly. Because she will be big before I know it. So now, instead of complaining about having to pick her up to stop her, I will give thanks to God for allowing that opportunity.

As we close out our Easter Season, and begin the season following Pentecost, let us focus on slowing down. Let us focus on being present in God's creation, to look for Him in the world. Let us focus on enjoying all that God places before us. If we keep a hurried pace we may miss Him.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew

## Understanding the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion

*XVIII. Of obtaining eternal Salvation only by the Name of Christ. They also are to be had accursed that presume to say, That every man shall be saved by the Law or Sect which he professeth, so that he be diligent to frame his life according to that Law, and the light of Nature. For Holy Scripture doth set out unto us only the Name of Jesus Christ, whereby men must be saved.*

Acts 4: 10-12 “Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

These are the words that St. Peter, while full of the Holy Spirit, spoke to the council. Peter was making a point that there is one way for salvation. That mankind, in all its wickedness cannot gain salvation on its own. It is the name of Jesus in which one is saved. It is by Christ alone in which we obtain salvation.

The eighteenth article of the Thirty-Nine Articles deals with this theological point. The Eighteenth Article is titled “Of obtaining eternal salvation only by the Name of Christ.” This article is the culmination of the prior articles regarding sin and salvation. It is helpful to look at this article in concert with the other articles, and see how it concludes all the other articles. For it is showing that all of the other points regarding sin and salvation lead back to one name. The name above all names, Jesus Christ. In this explanation of the Eighteenth Article of Religion I will look at the belief that it is through Jesus’ name alone which we are saved. It is not what we do, or how we act; rather it is Christ alone where eternal salvation comes from. I will also look at how this article relates to some of the prior articles, and see how it sums those up. Further, I will look at how Scripture provides the basis for this article. In this, we will get a better feel about how the Eighteenth Article molds and forms our Anglican Theology, and beliefs.

It is important to look at the Thirty-Nine Articles as a document that works together, each article flows into the others. We cannot look at an individual article isolated from the other articles. David Phillips wrote in his article entitled “Of Obtaining Eternal Salvation” from *Crossway*, that article eighteen “does not stand alone, there is a clear flow and logic to the articles and the aim is to show how they build up to the assertion that Christ is the only way of salvation.” This article is the culmination of all the prior articles up to Article Two. Those articles discuss the various ways of salvation, and they all lead to Christ alone, to his name. We began with Article Two laying out the doctrine of the Incarnation, that Christ is the very Word of God. We are taken through the walks of Christ, His going to Hell, as well as the Resurrection. We then are taken through the notion of sin, and free will. The articles then take us over the various views of our justifications; looking at works and how that plays into our salvation. Finally, we hear about the idea of Predestination and Election. All of this brings us to this closing article on this little section of the Thirty-Nine Articles dealing with Salvation. It all points back to Jesus, that his Holy Name is the only way to obtain eternal salvation.

The Eighteenth Article begins by laying out that we alone cannot bring about salvation. It is saying that whoever thinks that simply following the law is the way to salvation is wrong, in a manner of speaking. Actually the article makes it clear that this mindset is “accursed.” In a way, it tells us just because we go to church every Sunday does not necessarily mean we will gain salvation. Now this is not an invitation to skip out on church, we are still called to worship God with our fellow body members. It is saying that there is more to gaining salvation by our actions. It is by Christ, our belief in Christ, our reliance on Christ, our calling his name to save us. We can all attend church until we are blue in the face, but if we do not truly have faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, if we do not put him in front of our

lives; then the going to church is for nothing.

This statement is a revolutionary one. Hearing it, it kind of goes against what we think. It seems to be saying that there is no point to the worship or proclaiming the Word of God. If this does not get us salvation, why not just sit around and rely on Christ? The answer is, when we do that we are not truly expressing a faith in Christ. We are not living out our faith in Christ. When we say we put our faith in Christ that comes with worshiping him, and proclaiming his name; to bring others to his Holy Name. The real question we should ask ourselves is why are we worshiping? Why are we sharing the good News about Christ? Is it so we look good? Is it simply so we can feel good? Is it so we can win brownie points? Is it because we are hoping this gets us in the fast lane to Heaven? Or is it so we can Glorify Christ's name? If it is anything besides glorifying Christ's name we are doing it wrong. This is the point the Eighteenth Article is making, it is not the worshipping itself that grants salvation, it is our faith in Christ which is behind that worship.

The article also lays out that according to scripture it is by the Holy Name of Jesus Christ in which we are all saved. This article is alluding to Acts 4, which I quoted at the beginning of this article. Peter in that passage is noting to the Jewish leaders that there is no other savior but Jesus. Because Jesus is the only one who can save us, since he is the only one who died for our sins. However, it is not just here that Scripture points out that Jesus is the only one who can save us. In Isaiah God says "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no other God." (Isaiah 45:5) Here God is saying he is the one true God, he is the Lord that the people must turn to, not the idols of the world. This is similar to what Jesus tells the people in John, "I *am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) Jesus once more is pointing out that he is the only way to the Father. He is the way, the truth, the light. Jesus is pointing out that he is the way to Salvation.

Here we have some scriptural basis to the truth that it is by the name of Jesus alone that men are saved. It is not by what we do, it is not by our works alone. It is by Christ alone. This is why we must make our worship about Christ, not us. We must make our works about Him and not us. We must make the proclamation of Christ about glorifying the Lord, instead of boosting our numbers. Salvation comes only through Christ and Christ alone. So let us worship Christ with all our hearts, the Christ who saves us. Let us profess our faith in Christ who grants us salvation. Let us give thanks that it is Christ who saves, because then we just have to focus on Him.

David Phillips, "Of Obtaining Eternal Salvation" *Crossway*, Summer 2008 No. 109

Rohintan Mody, "Of Obtaining eternal Salvation only by the Name of Jesus." *Church Society*, [http://churchsoc.org/blog/entry/article\\_18\\_of\\_obtaining\\_eternal\\_salvation\\_only\\_by\\_the\\_name\\_of\\_christ](http://churchsoc.org/blog/entry/article_18_of_obtaining_eternal_salvation_only_by_the_name_of_christ) 20 Mar 2017



**TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
PRESENTS AN  
ORGAN AND TRUMPET  
CONCERT**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
with reception to follow.**

**The Organist will be the renowned  
Mr. Bruce Power,  
who has performed in the United States  
and Europe**

**Mr. Francisco Javier Ballestas Sayas will  
accompany on the trumpet.**

**He is the Principal Trumpet of the  
Northwestern Symphony Orchestra,  
and also plays in the Northwestern  
Wind Symphony and Jazz Orchestra.**

# Trinity Needs You!

Trinity is looking for a volunteer to help with our Media Ministry.

## **OVERVIEW:**

The Media Minister will have oversight of all social and print media of Trinity, as well as coordinate outside advertising.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Coordinate messaging of all media of the parish: Social Media, Tripod, Bulletin, E-mail, and commercial advertising.
- Implement and maintain a church wide social media strategy within the umbrella of the overall communications strategy that supports the church's ministry goals.
- Manage the church's social media platform that engages the larger community of Harrison County and Marshall.
- Understands the overall messaging of the church and how it can be implemented more effectively.
- Create and manage the church's social media ads.
- Create social media content that is distributed through the various social media channels.
- Respond to questions and concerns posted to the church social media accounts.
- Stay up to date with current trends in social media.
- Work with church ministries to develop specific social media strategies that fit within the church's overall branding and social media strategy.
- Identify, develop, and deploy social media volunteers to enhance the church's social media effectiveness.
- Work with the rector, and vestry to develop staff wide social media policies.
- Collect and communicate all media metrics that faithfully describe the effectiveness of the church's media outreach.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

- ◆ Commitment to the mission of the Parish
- ◆ A Growing Christian faith and character
- ◆ Self-starter
- ◆ Experience managing print and social media
- ◆ An understanding of current trends in social media and how maximizes its use in a faith based context.



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

**Luke 22:27**

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. John M. Himes, OSF  
*Rector*

Fr. Andrew Ellison  
*Curate*

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*

*Junior Warden*  
Micheal DeSa

Angela Bray  
*Clerk of the Vestry*

Julie Trexler  
*Treasurer*

Leana Westergaard

Carol Meyer

Kathleen Abraham

Jackie Weeks

Chris Altnau

Steve Lewis

Margot Lingold

Robert Perkins

### **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 in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:30 PM

#### **Thursday**

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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