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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

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Fall Concert!



On Sunday October 28th we were blessed to once again have the Shreveport Festival String Quartet to Trinity to bless us with the music arranged by Kermit Poling. Many got a chance to hear the conclusion of the musical series on the Saints. The music was beautiful, and fits perfectly for this time in our liturgical year where we are preparing to celebrate all the saints.

The quartet consisted of two Violinists, a Violist, and a Cellist. Together they



played seven wonderful pieces, including one honoring recent sainted the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Following the concert we enjoyed a reception with the musicians. We are already looking forward to having them back.

We are grateful to the family of Wanda Summerford-Parker who graciously helps us ensure that this concert series continues.

**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 redemp-
tive work known.

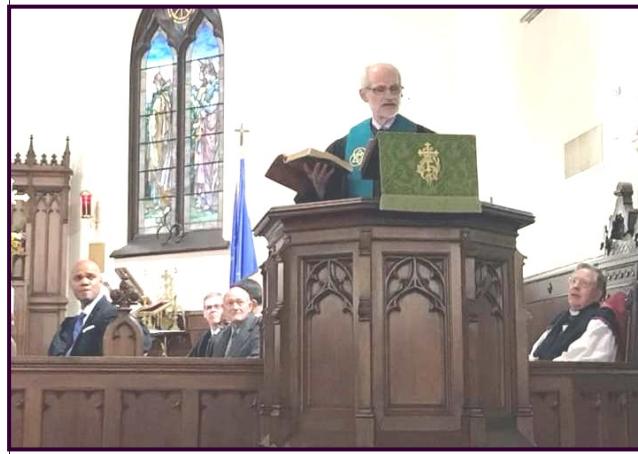
COMMUNITY UNITY PRAYER SERVICE

On October 14th Trinity Church hosted the Annual Community Unity Prayer Service. This service was sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Marshall. Each fall the Marshall Ministerial Alliance has a prayer service.; the focus of which is to pray for the welfare and safety of our community. The Rev. Craig Vanbibber, Pastor of The Evangelical Presbyterian Church and President of the Marshall Ministerial Alliance asked Trinity to host the Service and we were glad to do so.



Pastors from a number of churches in Marshall took an active role in the service. Fr. John was the Officiant, and Fr. Andrew assisted. The Welcome was given by The Rev. Vanbibber, the Psalm was read by The Rev. Ryan Berryhill, pastor of First Baptist Church. The Scripture reading was read by The Rev. Rusty Rustenhaven, pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church and The Rev. Monsignor Zach Kunnakkattuthara, Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

We were blessed to have two preachers at this year's service the first was Dr. Herman Felton, the new President of Wiley College. The focus of his homily was on prayer building faithful communities. The second preacher was the Rev. Dick Dobbins, the new pastor of Summit United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dobbins' focus was on growing faithful unified communities. The music was lead by the Trinity Choir. The service was attended by people from a great number of our local churches.



Above: Dr. Herman Felton, President of Wiley College preaching at Trinity

Left: The Rev. Dick Dobbins, Pastor, Summit United Methodist Church Preaching at Trinity



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Bible Study will meet on November 14th and 28th at Jucy's Hamburger in Marshall. (Bible Study begins at 12:00) We will also hold our Monthly Meeting on November 28 prior to the Bible Study. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Rector's Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the month of Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for. Our thankfulness should be reflected in our worship. The greatest thing we should be thankful for is the forgiveness of our sins. In Hebrews 9:22 we read, “Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

Does this sound harsh? If purification is to take place why must it be with blood? Why is that necessary for sins to be forgiven? Why can't God just forgive – after all He is God creator of all things. Surely, He can choose to simply forgive sins without requiring something so disagreeable as shedding blood? Lets look at the questions one at a time.

It is harsh. Our culture has relativized sin to the point there is no sin. We have become a pluralistic society without a base line of moral or ethical behavior. When someone makes a moral or ethical stand they are often chastised for being unbending, or something more heinous. We have forgotten the damage sin does not to ourselves, our souls, but to those around us. The use of blood, that which is life, is to impress upon us that sin takes life away.

Why is the shedding of blood necessary for sins to be forgiven? Everything we do has consequences. I challenge you to name one thing, just one thing to which there is no consequences. It is rather like the law of physics, for every action there is an opposite and equal reaction. When we sin we wound someone, it may be ourselves or another person, it certainly wounds God to see his creation in rebellion against His perfect will. God can simply forgive sin; after all, God is capable of anything. But, God is first a God who loves us enough to seek justice for us. Do we teach our children consequences? Of course we do. It is often a painful experience for the parent for they do not enjoy seeing the suffering of the child they love. But they do it for the child's own good. They do it out of love. The parent does it so the child will learn to love and respect themselves and others. Why then should we not understand God doing the same thing?

We have an aversion to blood. It brings to mind violence. This is a good thing for it reminds us that sin is violence. Its commission or omission is a violent act against God, others, and ourselves. Perhaps our sins are private – it doesn't hurt anyone else (I would challenge that in the first place). But suffice to say, there is no such thing as private sin. Sin always affects our relationship with God and with others. It also impacts on our acceptance of ourselves.

Sin is costly. Blood calls to mind the cost of forgiveness. That which costs a great deal; we value. It is easy to think of this in terms of positions. It is more difficult to comprehend when we shift it to the realm of relationships. But, relationships also have a cost, the more we put into them the more we value them. No effort, no value. The value for our redemption from sin was someone's life – Jesus, God's own son. Jesus was the sacrifice that we might be cleansed of our sin. It was messy, it was horrible, it was agonizing, and it was necessary.

How will we recognize this cost? How will we seek to be washed in the blood of Christ? Will we reject it because it doesn't fit into what is comfortable for us? God made the sacrifice. We may not be comfortable with it – it may make us ill at ease. The sacrifice made once for all is now available for us to accept or reject. If we reject it, we reject life itself. For it is in the sacrifice we find life eternal.

In this month of Thanksgiving I am thankful for so many people and blessing that God has poured out upon me and my family. But I am always most thankful for the forgiveness of my sins that has been given to me through Christ's atoning sacrifice and God's immeasurable grace. There is nothing in the world, nothing in all creation better than having that gift and cherishing it.

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 congrega-
tional growth for
our parish.

PARISH MEETING

On Sunday October 21st Trinity held this year's parish meeting. This was a change from year's past as we hosted it during lunch after the 10:30 service, and we got to see a new ministry in action. The Hospitality committee hosted this meeting, as well as wonderful pulled pork cooked by our own Bud Bray. All Saints Hall was beautifully decorated by members of the Hospitality Committee, and we appreciate their efforts.

At the meeting we voted for four new members of the vestry. Those four new members are Don Bramlett, Sam Clark, Blair Hammers, and Roy McCarrol. We also voted for this years delegates who will represent our church at the Diocesan Council in February 2019 in the Woodlands. Those four delegates are Tony Pierce, Carol Meyer, Julie Trexler, and Jim Steidley. These positions are important to the life of the church, as they help not only make decisions for the local parish, but also diocesan wide. If you see any of the new vestry members please give them thanks for their willingness to serve our parish. We also honored those vestry members who are stepping down including; our Junior Warden Mike DeSa, our Treasurer Julie Trexler, and Leana Westergaard. Likewise, if you see any of these members offer them a hearty thanks for serving and congratulations for serving their term. Finally the budget was

FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday October 21st was a busy day for Trinity. Not only did we have our parish meeting, we also celebrated the first communion for three young children. Gracie and Gaby Harris and Griffin Jones received their first communion during the



10:30 service. They spent three weeks preparing for this event. Let us rejoice in this moment with these young newest communicants.

Pictured is Gaby Harris, Fr. John, Fr. Andrew, and Griffin Jones. Not pictured is Gracie Harris.

WOMEN OF TRINITY

The weather is fast becoming heavy-duty "FALL", but that's not the only thing changing...because of an early Thanksgiving, Women of Trinity has moved our monthly meeting to the second Wednesday of November instead of the usual third Wednesday, so mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 14 with a big red circle! The special program for that day will be presented by JoCarrol Cox of HighlandPark Home Care. JoCarrol is a Marshall girl and the daughter of Marshallites Judy and Walter Floyd and she's prepared to answer all the questions you can muster up about "home health care." Following the program, JoCarrol will join us for a really great lunch prepared by WOT members, so please join us for this special and informative meeting. If you missed the October meeting, you missed an opportunity to absorb some of Father John's wisdom...he always manages to touch our hearts...thanks, Father John, we needed that! Please remember to join us for Women of Trinity's November Meeting...November 14 at 11 a.m. in All Saint' Hall and don't forget to bring a toy for the Empty Stocking Fund...it's a Trinity Episcopal Church legacy!

Birthdays

3 Susan Bogue	15 Patty Whaley
3 Carrie Weeks	16 Nora Brown
6 Sarah Slayter	18 Magda Altnau
6 Sharon Lundgren	20 Spencer White
10 Sarah Hasty	20 Troy Simmons
11 Bill Pool	22 Gary Jackson
12 Greg Gani	22 Laura Rectenwald

Anniversaries

- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Brannon
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Truelove
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Dick Tracy
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Minatrea

Church Financials and Attendance for September 2018

Budget Income for 2018	\$498,837		
Budget Expenses for 2018	\$557,879		
Budget Difference for 2018	(\$ 59,042)		
Income Received to Date	\$369,224.22		
Expenses to Date	\$408,638.15		
Income for the month	\$ 33,756.645		
Expenses for the month	\$ 42,399.92		
Difference for the month	(\$ 8643.47)		
Difference to Date.....	(\$)		
		2017	Present
Average Sunday	160	164	
Attendance to date			
Average Sunday			
Attendance for September	168	152	
Sunday Attendance to date	6229	6396	
Attendance all other Services	7307	5413	

THE BISHOP IS COMING

On November 18th, at the 10:30 service Bishop Fisher will be making his annual visit to our parish. Bishop Fisher will be celebrating, preaching, and confirming three members. He will also meet with our vestry to hear about the good work happening in our church and in Marshall. Please make plans to join us as we welcome our bishop to the church. Also join us for a reception following the service.

Ministry in Review: Children's Ministry



Each month we will review a different ministry of the church. Each one of our ministries are important parts of the life of Trinity Episcopal Church, as well as our ability to reach out to the world.

This month we will be focusing on our Children's Ministry. This is a vital ministry not only to the children, but to the life of the parish. Our Children's Ministry helps equip the lives of these young Disciples, giving them what they need to flourish in their Christian lives. Our Children's Ministry has been steadily growing for

years, and have recently outgrown the one classroom set up we have had. Last year we split the Sunday School class into two classes. One class for the older children grades 3rd-5th, and the other class for the younger children K-2nd grade. With that we have needed new leaders to rise up and help teach these young children. Currently we have a rotating group of volunteers who teaches from a curriculum that was implemented by our Director of Children's Ministry Magda Altnau. She also oversees the volunteers.

This is not all we do with the children however. This year we have began a new curriculum to teach the kids and help them in their growth in Christ. These children spend their young years learning and growing together, while they prepare to eventually join our youth program. On Wednesday nights there are a plethora of ways for the Children to grow in Christ. There is a regular Children's Wednesday program, Children's choir, and JrDOK. All of these ministries helps our children learn about the Lord, participate in praising the Lord, as well as grow their prayer lives.

Furthermore, did you know that our Children's Ministry stretches beyond just the walls of the church? Trinity also hosts Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. We have a flourishing scouting program here. That does much in and around our community.

The children of our church also participates in various fun activities with our young families. These events are pool parties, movie nights, parents night out, and the annual Young Family Campout.

Here are some things upcoming for the Children:

November 3rd—Jr. DOK pizza lunch and food drive

November 11th—Kids hosting coffee and cookie hour

December 8th—Parents day out! Kids will enjoy fun activities and fellowship at the church

December 24th—Children's Choir performance at the family Christmas Eve Service.

For more information about these activities or anything about our children's program reach out to our Children's Director Magda Altnau, or Father Andrew.

Father Andrew's Column


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. Fall is my favorite season. Really, what's not to love about this season? The trips to the pumpkin patches, and the corn mazes are great. I love to see the leaves changing a color, which in some parts of this state does not happen. The cooler temps are here, which means chili, soup or as I have come to enjoy Gumbo. This fall the cooler temps have come a bit earlier, and I love it. I just love fall. Now we are in November one of my favorite months of the year in my favorite season. I am giddy! One of my favorite parts of November is Thanksgiving. I love that Holiday. I love it for many reasons. One of which is because I get to eat wonderful food. I also get to watch football, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. Then I get to participate in a wonderful feeding ministry giving meals to people who would not get them otherwise. Some of whom get to enjoy the holiday with their loved ones where they otherwise wouldn't. However, some do not get that opportunity, as duty calls them. In turn they will eat their meals with their brothers and sisters in uniform. Thinking about all of this I am overcome with gratitude. I am thankful that God has given us seasons to enjoy, that we get to spend with people whom we love, and that he has placed those men and women who are watching over us and protecting us.



Gratitude, thanking God for all the blessings in our lives is an important Christian practice. God gives us many blessings in this life, and we must in turn give him thanks. Gratitude is especially important as we are entering into stewardship season, as we begin to look at all God has blessed us with and how we can use those blessings to the good of the church. As we examine these things, perhaps we realize that God has indeed blessed us with more than we realized. I know I do every time I go through a stewardship season. This leads to a sense of gratitude following that season. I am grateful that God has given me enough, that God has given me gifts that are useful to the church, that God has a place for me to use those gifts. At the beginning of many of St. Paul's letters he would give thanks to God for those whom he wrote the letters to. He gave thanks for his followers, he gave thanks for being able to express Christ, and he even gave thanks for his death. He was doing this not only to thank God, but also to provide an example of giving God thanks.

As we are moving through stewardship season, as we are approaching Thanksgiving let's be ever mindful of the gifts God has given us. In this season, let's give thanks to God for those. In our prayer book there are some wonderful thanksgivings we can say beginning on page 836. Let's say those, or we can even use our own words. As we are celebrating Thanksgiving, let us give Thanks to God for the gift of life, for his son, and for all the blessings in our lives. No matter how small the blessing seems to be.

Understanding the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion

XXIV. Of Speaking in the Congregation in such a Tongue as the people understandith.

It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the Primitive Church, to have public Prayer in the Church, or to minister the Sacraments, in a tongue not understandith of the people.

Imagine going into a church and not knowing what the priest was saying. Imagine just being there, with no idea what was going on. I have been to some church services that were spoken in Spanish, which I do not speak or understand. However, I did not feel too lost, because I knew of the Mass in my language, and could get an idea as to what the priest was talking about. The reason I was able to follow the service in another language, was because I knew the Mass in my own language. However, there was beauty in being able to listen to the Mass in Spanish, in the tongue that was understood by that congregation. While I did not speak the language, the congregation did, and thus they were able to participate. This ability to hear the Mass in the language we understand; be it English, Spanish, German, French, Cantonese, or whatever language may be spoken goes back to the reformation. However, this was not a crazy idea the reformers had. The early church spoke in a language understood by all. Then something happened, the church spread all over Europe, across many different languages. The language of the church though stayed the same. This was a problem for the reformers, and they sought to change that.

Let us go back to the hypothetical I proposed at the beginning of this article. Imagine you are in church, and they are speaking in a language you do not understand. Imagine this is the same language that you have heard all your life in church, but never was able to learn the language because you were not given the opportunity to learn it. How would you feel? Would you feel a part of the liturgy, or a mere observer? This was a reality in Europe, and something as I said the reformers wished to address. The Twenty-Fourth Article of the Thirty-Nine Articles addresses this issue. It addresses the need for the Mass to be spoken in a language understood by all. When the Mass is understood by all, then the liturgy is how it should be, public worship shared by the people. When the Mass is spoken only in the language of the priest, the liturgy is not shared by all.

In this article I will explore the Twenty-Fourth Article, and why it was needed. I will explore the historical contexts of Europe during the reformation. I will also show how the Twenty-Fourth Article helped shape liturgy in the western church today.

Before exploring the Twenty-Fourth Article itself, we will need to explore the historical contexts behind the article. We must be able to first say why this article was needed. To understand that need we must explore European history around the Early Middle Ages. Initially the Roman Empire stretched across the Middle East, through southern and Eastern Europe, and eventually stretched out towards Western Europe. This spread out space covered many different cultures, and customs. Eventually the Empire broke apart. What was left was the Eastern Empire which spoke Greek, and the Western Empire which primarily spoke Latin. Overtime Latin became the language of the Western Empire from Italy towards Gaul, Spain and England. Of course Latin being used in the west lead to the western church services conducted in Latin. Early on in European history people in the west spoke Latin, they learned it when they entered the church. That changed overtime however, with the development of regional languages, and the church moving towards the places where people were not exposed to Latin.

Overtime regional languages became the norm for the society, especially in England and Germanic regions. Eventually less and less people understood Latin. The only ones who spoke Latin were the rich, the nobility, and the clergy. Meaning the everyday people who lived in Europe never got the opportunity to learn Latin. The church though did not change. The mass was still spoken in Latin. The scripture was in

Latin; thus causing the people to only be exposed to scripture by the preaching of the priest. It also caused the laity to be disconnected to the Mass and the liturgy.

When the people are not able to understand the liturgy, or hear the actual words from scripture, they rely on the Priest more. What you get is a clergy centric Mass, where the priest would be saying the words of the Mass to himself, while the people will be praying the rosaries or simply praying to themselves. They would only be brought back in to the liturgy when something important is happening and the bells ring to get their attention. The only real participant of the liturgy was the priest, while the congregation who could not understand what was going on was just there to receive the Eucharist. This is not what the early church had in mind with the liturgy. The people needed to hear the stories from scripture. The people needed to experience the stories from scripture, and that could not happen through a third person, IE the priest.

During the reformation one of the major changes the reformers sought to make was the lifting up of the laity, and bringing them into the liturgy. The meaning of liturgy according to the Mariam-Webster dictionary is “a rite or body of rites prescribed for public worship.” The greek word for liturgy is *leitourgia* meaning “a public duty, a service to the state undertaken by a citizen” What we get is something the public does together, to be undertaken by a gathered body. When the gathered body is disconnected with the Liturgy it ceases to become the liturgy. When the Mass is only the priest taking part, it is no longer liturgy. This is why the reformers wanted to bring the Laity back into the liturgy. One way to do that was to make the Mass and the scriptures to be in the native languages of the people gathered.

This is where the Twenty-Fourth Article comes in. It pointed out that as per the custom of the primitive church, that being the early church, public prayer, and the administration of the sacraments should be done in a native tongue. Said in a tongue in which all is able to understand. When we are able to understand



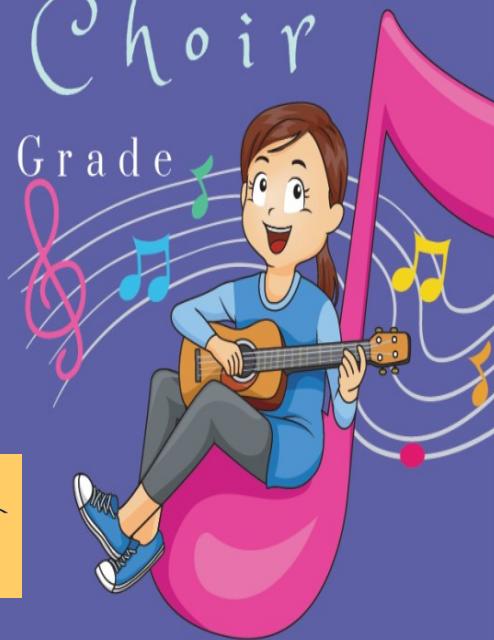
Liturgy we are able to better take a part in it. Without all the ministers gathered together taking part in the Mass, it would not be liturgy. That is the beauty of Liturgy, and the need for the twenty-fourth article. As we see without the Twenty-Fourth Article liturgy would not be happening in the true sense of the word.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Choir

Children K-5th Grade

FALL CHOIR DAYS



NOVEMBER 7, 2018

DECEMBER 5, 2018

DECEMBER 12, 2018

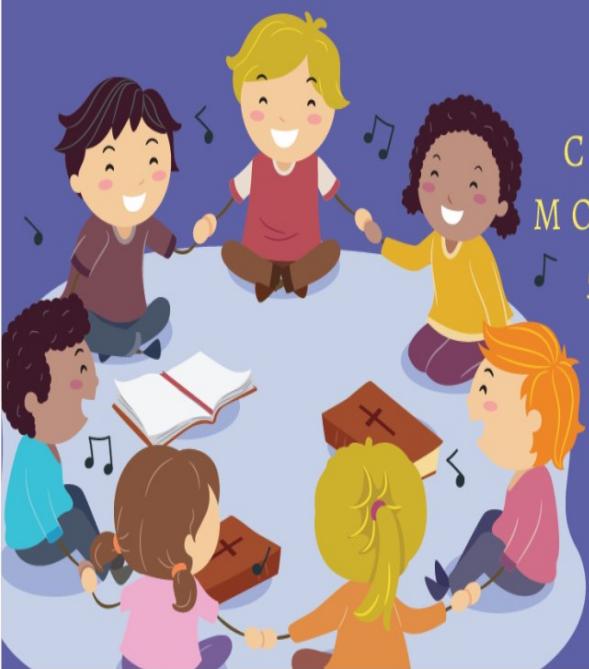
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ALL CLASS DATES

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WEDNESDAYS

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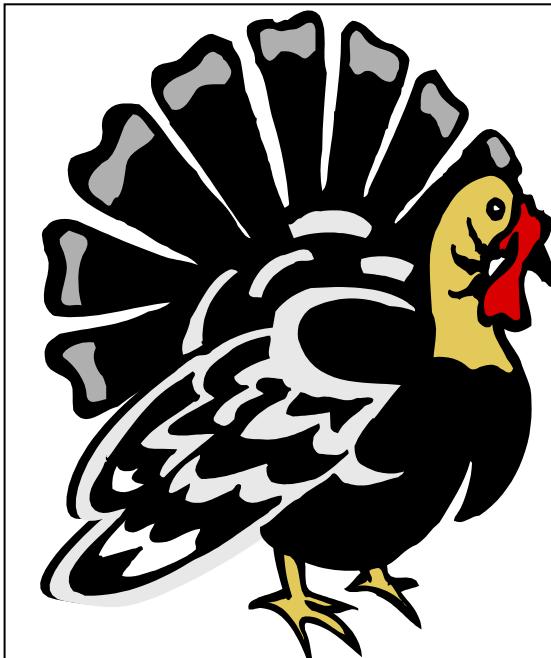
CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018
5:30 PM FAMILY SERVICE

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

PSALM 95:1



Help Needed For the Annual Thanksgiving Lunch



November 22

11:30am – 1:00pm
Trinity Episcopal Church
106 N Grove St
Marshall, TX 75670

We will need:

Dessert cutters

Servers

To-Go Box Fillers

Delivery Drivers

As well as some help before Thanksgiving

Please Keep an eye out for the sign-up Sheet in All Saints Hall to sign up to help



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
Michael DeSa

Angela Bray
Clerk of the Vestry

Julie Trexler
Treasurer

Leana Westergaard

Carol Meyer

Kathleen Abraham

Jackie Weeks

Chris Altnau

Steve Lewis

Margot Lingold

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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