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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Unity Worship Service at Trinity

On Sunday, October 15th at 6pm, Trinity is hosting a Unity Worship Service. This will not only be an opportunity to “show off” Trinity, but also a great way to take part in ecumenical relations with our neighbors in and around Marshall.

This service is put on by the Marshall Ministerial Alliance, a group of clergy members from different churches across the community. Members from different Christian traditions take part in this service. This is one of two opportunities in which we can come together as the body of Christ in Marshall. The other service takes place around Thanksgiving time. Last year Bethesda Baptist Church hosted the service, and our own Fr. Andrew preached one of the homilies. It is our turn to host it this year, and we will be blessed to hear from Dr. Herman Felton, new President of Wiley College. That is right, we get to hear from the new President of Wiley. Not only do we get to worship with other churches, but we can continue to build bridges between our parish and our neighbor college. We will also be able to welcome Dr. Felton to the community and to our parish.

The church is one body. We may be doing different things in the body, but we are all one. This worship is a good reminder of our communalities in Christ. Which is all that matters.

Please plan on joining us for this night of worship, as we join with our fellow brothers and sisters. This will be a great opportunity to see how we all are one body in Christ. Despite our differences we can come together to worship God and to be in unity.
First Communion

On Sunday October 21st, we will be celebrating first communion for a few children. This will be some of their first times receiving the Sacrament of our Lord, or perhaps the first time after being instructed of the meaning of the act.

These children will spend a few weeks learning and exploring the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in preparation for receiving Christ’s body and blood present in the bread and wine. Before the 1979 prayer book’s revision communion was only given to those who have been confirmed. One of the changes in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer was that the Holy Eucharist was available to all baptized, meaning one would no longer have to be confirmed to receive Communion. However, according to Article 28 of the 39 articles one must rightly, worthily, and with faith receive the sacrament. Because of this, many families wish for their children to be taught about the sacrament before they receive.

Please hold the children and their parents in your prayers as they prepare their hearts and minds to receive the Lord’s Supper. And make plans to join with them at the Holy Altar on that Sunday. Remember, following that service is the Parish Meeting. What a joyful day that will be.

New Unity and Fellowship Committee Formed

Trinity Episcopal Church Hospitality Committee

Pursuant to our Vision Statement, a committee has been formed to foster our service to each other.

Bereavement Committee Captain: Dawn Kutner
Team One Captain: Isabel Lewis
Team Two Captain: Selma Steidley
Team Three Captain: Carol Meyer

Teams will be filled with various time and talents. We are looking for casserole cooks, cookie cooks, set up, clean up, decorating, hosts, planners. This opportunity to serve is open to both men and women.

Team Captains will be asking everyone to service. Remember if you are unable to serve, praying is a great service!

You may contact one of the captains or the church office if you are interested in serving on this hospitality committee.
Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

The Epistle of St. James is one of my favorite books in Scripture. Martin Luther would have liked to have it removed because he thought it lacked God’s grace. However, at the beginning of the epistle St. James writes (James 1:2-3) “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

St. James is certainly one of the more interesting books of the Bible. As I mentioned, there are those who would like to remove it for it, in their words, lacks grace. I believe this passage indicates that it is first and foremost a book of grace. It reflects that in the tasks of life we can, and are called, to hold to our faith above all else.

Are we to count it joy all the obstacles we face in life, both physical and spiritual? I would have to respond, yes. If we are going to count all the good things in life as joy, then too also all that weighs heavy on our heart and soul as well. We will be in positions where things are physically very difficult. We can look about the world and see this in so many places, places where those whom proclaim Christ as Savior and Lord struggle daily with oppression from others as well as trials such as illness and starvation. We also certainly have valleys in or faith where we struggle spiritually. These valleys are not so much as God testing us, but our weak human nature raising to the temptation of the world and submitting to sin rather than in resisting sin. It is a daily battle, that is ultimately worse than the physical battles we may face. For the consequences of these battles have eternal consequences.

Daily I am tempted, and daily I fall under the poor of the darkness of my human nature. Daily I repent and seek to be made stronger in faith so as to resist. This is a process of growth. It is also a recognition of the sovereignty of God. For if I do not recognize the pull of God to redeem me from the sin to which I constantly fall into, I am limiting God and saying his grace is not sufficient. It is popular today to say that aspects of our sin nature are natural, that it is the way we were made, and is perfectly acceptable to live it out. I would offer that while it is indeed they way we were born, wrapped in the darkness of original sin, it is not the way were made – we were made in the image of God. It is only through God we can fully live into that image.

St. James wrote of the physical trials the Christians of his day faced. Yet, his words speak also to their spiritual trials, which are addressed elsewhere in his letter. In the American culture we tend to only look at this from the physical perspective. It is a call for us to search out the spiritual as well. It is a call to recognize the depth of the spiritual trials we will face in this life and strive time and time again, after we fall time and time again, to lean solely on the grace and redemption that is found in Jesus Christ.

Through each of our trials, if we examine them closely, we may find the light of Christ breaking through the darkness. It is in searching for this light and the strength of this light we grow in steadfastness for we increasingly become assured of Christ’s presence in ever increasing ways in our life. We become increasingly aware that in each of the trials we face we can lean more and more upon him, until, through grace. It is he who bears the weight and we can bear his yoke.

Elsewhere in St. James Epistle he speaks of active faith lived out daily; proactively. Facing our trials faith rather than our ability reflects an active faith that Lord and Savior and will sustain us through any trial or 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.

Junior Daughters of the King—The Scepter and the Crown

If you see lovely young ladies walking around wearing crowns and carrying scepters on Wednesday night, you know that the Junior Daughters of the King are back. Our first meeting was on Wednesday evening, September 12 and we have met one more time on Wednesday, September 26. Our schedule correlates with the other activities for children on Wednesdays. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 24 at 6:15 p.m. first floor Fry Hall. All girls, age 6-16 are invited to attend. Contact Sherry Henderson at 903 263 8877 by text or phone for more information.

A special thanks to all of the Daughters of the King who have volunteered to lead our Junior Daughters this year and thanks for those who will provide special activities. Sherry Henderson, Carol Hicks, and Cathy Cope are working hard to give our girls instruction in service and prayer with

Women of Trinity

Please join us for our next monthly meeting on October 17th at 11am in All Saints Hall. Our speaker will be Father Himes. The meeting will be followed by a light lunch. All who attended the September meeting were blessed with a very moving message presented by Dr. Warren Johnson. We look forward to him joining us again next year.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Bible Study will meet on October 10th and 31st at Jucy’s Hamburger in Marshall. (Bible Study begins at 12:00) We will also hold our Monthly Meeting on October 31st prior to the Bible Study. All men of the parish are invited to attend.
Birthdays

1 Hope D’Asto  21 Charles Cobb
1 Vicki West  21 Kathy Gani
2 Dawn Kutner  22 Maggie Truelove
2 Frank Strauss  22 Trent Staggers
3 Irma Tanner  22 Molly Welch
3 Melissa Shaw  22 Patrick Ryan
3 Wendy Slayter  23 Cecil Portman, Jr.
5 Mieko Hathaway  25 Carolyn Sullivan
9 Gary Beavers  25 Lula Waskom
10 Robert DeSa  26 Mary Lou Barkett
11 Cindy Duncan  26 Jade Prater
11 Gayle Weinberg  27 Woody Moseley
12 Kim Ryan  28 Don Bramlett
13 Bonnie Strauss  28 John Bogue Sr.
13 Julie Trexler  28 Lynn Sanders
13 Ron Denney, Sr.  29 Blake Hammers
15 Diane Taylor  29 Gavin McAdam
15 Larry Waskom  30 Adam Beavers
15 Laynie Abraham  30 Gregory B. Gani
16 Ken Kerr  30 John Bockmon, Jr.
17 Jeff Henderson  31 Curtis Weeks
20 Jessica Pierce  31 Virginia Nader

Church Financials and Attendance for August 2018

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Ministry in Review: Thanksgiving Outreach

Beginning last month we began reviewing a ministry area. Each month in the Tri-Pod we will review a different ministry in the church, so that we all can get an idea on what that ministry is for, and how the church supports it. This month we will look at the Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry. The Thanksgiving Outreach is a vital ministry in our community. Not only does it provide meals to those who otherwise would not have anything to eat, it also provides meals to our first responders who, since duty calls, will not be celebrating the Holiday at home. This ministry is in its 24th year, and started out of Trinity. Over the years it has grown to include various churches and members of the community lending a helping hand. This truly is a community effort, and has gotten to the point where not only Trinity can do it on our own.

The churches who are actively helping are; First Baptist, St. Joseph’s, First Methodist, and Central Baptist. This does not take into account members from the community that help on Thanksgiving, or donate money. Of course, we cannot do this ministry without the help of this parish. The work you all put into making this happen is vital, and appreciated. This year we need you once again.

As I said, there is lots of need for this ministry to happen. We hope to send out 1100-1200 meals. With that, there are many ways in which you can lend a helping hand. Most of those will be needed on Thanksgiving, with some other needs the few days before. Below is a rundown of all that is needed.

1. First of all we would need someone with a pickup truck to pick up the warmer from the school. This helps us make sure we have enough space to warm up all the food.
2. On Wednesday we will need help with a couple of tasks. The first of which is the “Cranberry Brigade”. This is the team who puts cranberry sauce in the little containers that they go in so they can be ready on Thursday. Also on Wednesday we will need some able bodies to move furniture out of the guild room, and help set the tables up for serving.
3. On Thursday is where we will need the bulk of the work. First we begin the morning cutting up desserts. And placing them in to go trays. We could also use help with cutting up the turkey, we have an electric slicer to make that task easier; we could use help cooking the peas, and gravy as well. Then at 9 am we will begin serving. We will need servers, those who will serve the food into the to-go boxes. We will also need runners. These will walk through the serving line while holding to-go boxes so servers can fill them. We will also need drivers to take out the deliveries. We will need approximately 16 drivers. The drivers will be handed a list with addresses and given the food to be delivered to each address.
4. Also we will be needing a new coordinator and a new chairperson for next year. After year’s of dedicated service to this ministry, Lowell Runyan and Gary Beavers have retired from their roles of chair and coordinator respectively. This year Fr. John and Fr. Andrew have taken on those roles, but we will need someone for next year and into the future. The coordinator ensures that Thanksgiving day runs smoothly. They make announcements, ensure warming trays are full, direct flow of serving, coordinate setting up of All Saints, and keeps track of meals prepared, as well as meals needed. The Chairperson basically makes sure that everything is ready leading up to Thanksgiving. He/she will order the food from Cisco, Order Turkey’s, contact churches about food, and publicize the event by going on Talk of East Texas.

If you feel called to help please look out for sign-up sheets, or see Fr. John or Fr. Andrew. This is a vital ministry, one where we can be the hands of God in the community.
Hello friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. You may have noticed on the cover page that we will be hosting a unity service. This is a great reminder about how the church is not just our church or the church across the street. The church is not a whole bunch of different churches that does their own things. Rather the church is one. We may look different, we may worship different, but we are one. We are one in the body of Christ. These services give us an opportunity to recognize this.

During this service we will welcome not only members from other denominations in the town, but also their clergy. You will see clergy vesting in their tradition’s vestments, or perhaps they won’t be wearing any vestments at all. Whichever way we are dressed we will be processing in together. This will be a powerful sign of the body of Christ approaching the altar in union with one another. Whether we are Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, or what have you, we are one, and this service is a way to show that. Plus we get to show off our liturgy and our church, which is an added bonus. In the end this will help us be able to reach out to our neighbors, to our brothers and sisters around the community. As well as to help us get to know them a little better.

The great part about this opportunity is that this will be one of two opportunities to worship with members of other churches in our community. In November the ministerial alliance will put on another Thanksgiving Community Worship Service. Last year Bethesda Baptist Church hosted this service, and I was able to deliver a homily for it. It was an honor to be able to preach to a diverse group of Christians. I also got to preach in a Baptist pulpit, which was pretty cool. It was indeed a great time. This year St. Joseph’s Catholic Church will be hosting the service.

I urge you all to make plans on attending both of these services, but definitely the one here. We can really show the community not only who we are as Episcopalians, but also show them what it means to be ecumenical. We can show what it looks like to walk with our brothers and sisters. This will be a great opportunity to display the body of Christ coming together as one, in union with each other. Despite all our differences, despite history of division, despite all of that we can be one in Christ. In the Prayers of The People Form III we pray for the holy Catholic Church, that we may all be one. Well my brothers and sisters, perhaps this service will help us see that maybe that prayer can someday be answered. Perhaps this is one step in recognizing that we may all be one.
Understanding the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion

**XXIII. Of Ministering in the Congregation.** It is not lawful for any man to take upon him the office of public preaching, or ministering the Sacraments in the Congregation, before he be lawfully called, and sent to execute the same. And those we ought to judge lawfully called and sent, which be chosen and called to this work by men who have public authority given unto them in the Congregation, to call and send Ministers into the Lord’s vineyard.

The claim of any body of Christians to be a portion of the Catholic Church, stands or falls by Apostolic succession. Apart from this succession there is no reliable ministry of the Word and Sacrament. The possession of a ministry in direct line with the apostles, and the maintenance of the catholic faith, makes the difference between the Church and a sect.

Article XXIII has to do with the selection and sending of clergy to serve in congregations. As a church in Apostolic Succession there is a formulary to the calling of sending in clergy. An individual cannot simply decide that he would like to be a priest and thus set himself up as one. There is a process of discernment, training, and assigning that must take place.

First there is the discernment process. An individual believes he is being called by God to serve in ordained ministry. I say ordained ministry because all Christians are called to ministry. The difference between lay ministry and ordained ministry has to do with the celebration of all seven of the sacraments.

The article says that an individual must be lawfully called. That means that not only must the individual believe he is being called by God. It also means that members of the faith community and the clerical leadership of a diocese also believe that individual is being called to ordained ministry. The process involves several levels of discernment. First, the individual meets with the rector of the parish. If the rector also believes there may indeed a call to ministry the rector establishes a discernment committee comprised of lay leaders of the parish with the rector as ex officio chair. In the Diocese of Texas this roll has been taken over by a Convocation Discernment Committee. If the local discernment committee ascertains there is indeed a call to ordained ministry they then make a recommendation to the local vestry that the individual be recommended to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry.

When an individual is recommended by the local vestry to proceed the individual then meets with the Diocesan Bishop, or a bishop appointed by the Diocesan Bishop for an interview. If the Bishop believes the individual should go forward their name is then given to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry for further discernment. The individual will meet individual with three to four members of the Discernment Committee, and if approved by a majority of those individuals the individual then goes before the entire Discernment Committee for an interview. When the person receives the approval of the Discernment Committee they will have a final meeting with the Diocesan Bishop. If the Diocesan Bishop grants approval the individual then becomes a postulant for Holy Orders. The it is off to seminary for three years.

However attending and graduating from seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree is no guarantee of ordination. The individual must receive final recommendation from his sending parish and pass the General Ordination Exams and the oral exams before the Examining Chaplains. After which with the approval of the Diocesan Bishop the person can then be ordained to the Vocational or Transitional Deaconate.

As you can see there are many gates a person must negotiate to be ordained. This is intentional. Our polity recognizes that if the Holy Spirit is calling a person to ordained ministry the same Holy Spirit
will make God’s will known to others involved in the discernment process. At any point in the process an individual may be prevented from moving forward. If the local discernment committee does not recommend to the vestry or the vestry does not approve the recommendation the process stops. If the bishop does not believe the individual is called the bishop does not recommend that the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and they do not interview. If the final report of the Commission on Ministry is to not recommend the bishop will usually not go forward. However, the Diocesan Bishop can overrule the Commission on Ministry.

Over the last several decades local rectors, discernment committees, vestries, Diocesan Commission on Ministry as well as a number of Diocesan Bishops have not taken the importance of their role in the discernment process to heart. There has been a lack of doing the hard work of prayer and discernment to seriously listen to God’s call on a person’s life. The result has been tragic for parishes and individuals. An individual who is ordained simply because they got through the hoops rarely survives more than seven years in ordained ministry. For decades many dioceses were short priests and sought to fill slots rather than truly discern whether or not a person is called the ordained ministry. The failure to exercise courage and tell a person they do not hear the call to ordained ministry has damaged individuals, parishes and the church at large.

What should people involved in the discernment process look for and listen for as they contemplate whether someone is indeed called to ordained ministry? The first thing is the person’s Christian life. Does it reflect a servant life? Many new Christians are literally on fire for the Lord and believe they may be called to ordination. The fervency is to be respected, however, perhaps it would be better to see how they live out this new found faith for a season and permit them to do some additional discernment of their own life.

Ask the hard questions about the person’s faith walk. Who is Christ to them? Have they ever brought another person to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Does the person have a passion for causes or for the faith once delivered? Is their heart set one of, “It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me?” (Gal 2:20) If a person is not a person of deep and abiding faith in Christ that person will not be able to survive the rigors of ordained ministry. Do be about the ministry of the cure of souls a human being must absolutely abide in Christ and not their own will. Ordained ministry is a ministry of complete and total servanthood, first to Christ, and then to His body the Church. Our Lord Jesus said to His disciples, “But I am among you as one who serves.” (St. Luke 22:27) A person must be willing AND able to set self aside to be a shepherd of the flock Christ has entrusted them with.

References:
Children’s Choir
Children K-5th Grade

FALL CHOIR DAYS

September 19, 2018
October 10, 2018
November 7, 2018
December 5, 2018
December 12, 2018
December 19, 2018

All class dates are on Wednesdays @6:15PM

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
Trinity Episcopal Church
Memorial Summerford-Parker
Fall Concert
Sunday, October 28, 2018
At 6:00 PM
PRESENTS

The Shreveport Symphony
String Quartet

Led by Leonard Kacenjar

Join us as the String Quartet performs original Kermit Poling compositions celebrating the lives of the Saints of the Church.

Wine and Cheese Reception to follow in All Saints’ Hall

ADMISSION IS FREE
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

The Concert has been funded by the family of Wanda Summerford-Parker in honor of her memory.
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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Behold, I come among you as one who serves.
Luke 22:27