



# The Trumpet

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## The Greatest of These is Love

The thirteenth chapter of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is not typically used as an Easter text. As I prayed about what to write in this month's newsletter article, however, the verse that kept rolling around in my head was the thirteenth verse of this chapter. *"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."*

I want to suggest to you that in the final days of Jesus' life he lived out the meaning of this well worn verse. Jesus lived out the true meaning of faith, hope and love in the events of Holy Week. Liturgically we refer to the days between the evening of Maundy Thursday and Easter evening as the Holy Triduum. These days are significant days of remembrance for us as Christians. Unfortunately, many Episcopalians opt out of two of these three days of remembrance, skipping the services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It is unfortunate because they are important windows into Jesus' life of faith, hope and love.

On Maundy Thursday Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with those he loved, his disciples, only in the end to be betrayed by

one of those friends. Then he makes his way to the Garden of Gethsemane to endure a terrible time of struggle and sorrow. The Gospel of Luke tells us that *"being in anguish...his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."* What faith in God the Father it must have taken for Jesus to face the reality of his impending death, to pray, "not my will but what you will."



Of course, not only does that obedience take faith it also takes hope. Over and over again, during his ministry, Jesus has spoken of his hope that God the Father would raise him from the

dead. I'm the last person to argue with St. Paul but for my money I think hope may be the greatest gift. If not, it's a real close second. Hope is one of the greatest gifts we have to offer to the world. There are so many people that find themselves in desperate situations that need just the smallest flicker of hope to make it through the darkest moments of their lives.

The services of Holy Saturday or the Easter Vigil are services that are marked by the shadow of the grief that accompanies Good Friday yet also waits for the message of hope that accompanies Easter. It was the demonstration of this transition from grief to hope in the Easter Vigil service that brought Pamela and me into the Episcopal Church.

Standing in the center of the faith of Maundy Thursday and the hope of Easter is the love demonstrated for us on the cross of Good Friday. Last Sunday in our Epistle lesson St. Paul writes, *"God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."* Need I say more? *"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."*

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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# Mission of the Month



The Meals on Wheels program delivers hot, balanced meals to those who are primarily homebound, unable to cook for themselves and have no one available to help prepare meals.

The Longview Meals on Wheels program delivered its first meals in July 1982 to four recipients. Today, more than 100 meals are delivered daily by volunteers. Within any month, there are over 300 volunteers who donate their time and transportation to the delivery of these meals. The meals are prepared in the Meals on Wheels Kitchen in Tyler, Texas to meet all FDA food requirements. These meals are

transported to First Christian Church in Longview where they are separated into nine routes. The volunteers pick up the meals at 10:00 AM to be delivered to each home by 11:00 AM, in time for lunch.

Meals on Wheels welcomes any and all volunteers who can deliver not only a welcomed meal, but also a smiling face and loving heart.

**March 1st - April 30th**

**ACCEPT THE FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE**

Help Us Turn Offerings into Relief



**THE FEINSTEIN FOUNDATION**

During the months of March and April, Longview Community Ministries is participating in the yearly [Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge](#), which gives food agencies across the country the opportunity to access proportionate matching funds for all food donations received, as well as designated monetary contributions.

Since our food pantry dispenses an average of 600 bags a week and space is limited, our stock needs replenishing often. Therefore we are calling upon the generosity of the

Longview community once again to support us in meeting this challenge. Together we can make a difference in the fight against hunger.

You may bring all food donations and mail designated checks to Longview Community Ministries, 506 North 2<sup>th</sup> St., Longview, Texas 75601, by April 30<sup>th</sup>, when the challenge ends. The more you give, the more LCM will receive from the Foundation, and the more the hungry in our community will benefit.

For more information on the program, please call Lisa Simmons at LCM, (903)753-3561 x 207

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

April 13 - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Procession at 10:30 AM Service

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17 - 7:00 PM  
Service of Holy Eucharist and Stripping of Altar

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 18  
8:00 AM Eucharist - Tower Room

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy  
Followed by Stations of the Cross

## EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 AM RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST  
10:30 AM RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

EASTER EGG HUNT ON FRONT LAWN  
FOLLOWING 10:30 AM SERVICE



## MUSIC IN APRIL AT TRINITY CHURCH

### SERVICE OF COMPLINE

April 13th - 8:30 PM

Come for a very special time of prayer and meditation as the men's Compline Choir leads this ancient monastic Evening Prayer service. Refreshments following service in Guild Hall.

### EAST TEXAS CHILDREN'S CHORUS

April 24th - 7:00 PM

### MUSIC AT TRINITY MASTERWORKS CONCERT

April 29th - 7:30 PM

Please join us as the East Texas Community Chorus joins forces with the Kilgore College Chorale, orchestra and guest soloists in a presentation of the *Requiem* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

You will not want to miss this extraordinary event!

Admission is free of charge



## YOUTH EVENTS APRIL 2014

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6 • 9:00 AM**  
**YOUTH BREAKFAST AT MCDONALD'S**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27 • 5:30 PM**  
**GIRL'S SMALL GROUPS**

**TRINITY YOUTH FACEBOOK PAGE**

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## OKLAHOMA YOUTH MISSION TRIP - Tim Baker

I'm excited about our Youth Summer Mission Trip to Oklahoma City. The trip is scheduled for June 30-July 4. About fifteen of us (eleven students, several adults) will be trekking up to Oklahoma, staying on a local church, and living together in community with about 400 other students.

This summer we will be painting homes damaged by recent tornadoes. In addition to painting homes, we will be seeking ways to interact with the homeowners, and looking for other areas of their homes where we can serve the homeowners (yardwork, cleaning, minor repair, etc). As with last summer, we'll be working alongside

several other youth groups. I am convinced that our students are ready for this trip, and I'm so thankful for the adults who have committed to go on the trip with us. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to attend this with our Trinity youth and adults.

I'd like to invite you to participate with us in two ways:

- Please pray for the team. Pray for safe travels and for safety while working.
- Please help pay for the trip. Each student is required to pay \$300, with an additional \$75 for trip

expenses. Some students can afford to pay this amount, others will need scholarships. In addition to scholarships, there will be general trip expenses, a van to rent, etc. If you're able, give a gift to help fund this trip. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, please be sure to put "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo.

Chances are that if you encounter a student at Trinity over the next few months, they're one of the mission trippers. So, make sure that you tell them that you're praying for them. Encourage them about the work they're going to do this summer in Oklahoma City.

# MARCH VESTRY REPORT - Lucy Germany

A look into the future for both Trinity Church and Trinity School of Texas was the focus of Trinity's March vestry meeting, a presentation which included a number of challenging possibilities for both institutions.

At its second meeting of the new year Trinity's vestry members were treated to a far-ranging panorama of possibilities for the growth of both Trinity Church and Trinity School of Texas, two major Christian bodies linked by common needs and common ideals, important to one another and to the City of Longview.

The presentation offered by the Longview based research firm of Jeff Potter and Associates gave the vestry a glimpse into an inspiring future in which both institutions go forward, linked through the pursuit of common goals. It presented an in-depth view of common needs, growth possibilities, the strength of church/school partnership and a glimpse into a future of new challenges for both institutions.

Vestry members could not help but feel a sense of confidence in the viability of an exciting plan continuing and expanding the union of church and school—emphasizing what a step of this nature would involve and how it could be achieved.

What the vestry was shown was an outline of a master plan—a “better together” enterprise consisting of research material exploring possibilities mutually beneficial to both institutions. It spoke out boldly and explicitly to needs of Trinity, a church with a proud history with a great deal of community

involvement, but a church with a variety of unfulfilled needs. Some of these, portrayed in the Potter presentation focused on special requirements for the handicapped, the growing need for increased nursery facilities, signage to direct people to the church's various facilities, ongoing and possible eventual expansion of outreach programs, as well as continuing attention to security needs for both school students and Trinity parishioners.

These and other possibilities for growth and variety of services could on the one hand be described as “church dreaming” but on the other, as a practical program for meeting needs that would make more readily operational many of the church's various enterprises and combined with new structural possibilities for both church and school, would give the two related institutions “new life”. Suggested possibilities for bringing the two institutions more closely together included shared space for special activities such as fine arts production and presentation; an auditorium for use by both church and school, upgraded landscaping, including a garden accessible to both, shared enlarged parking areas, improvements in security and safety for both institutions. The presentation lauded the beauty of Trinity's landmark bell tower which continues to be a strong visual focus for both church and school. There are a wide range of possibilities challenging both institutions which would, beginning with a gathering of design proposals and evaluation of current

programs and facilities, shape an exciting future for both. The variety of input gathered from church and school sources would provide the necessary impetus leading to achievement of the goals desired by both. The presentation suggested the importance of a focused relationship based on study, research and careful analysis by both Trinity School and the members of Trinity Church. It was seen as a challenging beginning to “an exciting, bold, and logical possibility for both participants”.

The presentation urged the necessity for development of a master plan for both school and church, involving a use study of both land and facilities while emphasizing the sharing of facilities wherever feasible. The next step will be to take appropriate measures to move the project forward.

Other business undertaken by the vestry at the meeting included approval of three new endowment board members for three year terms: Todd Holman, Andee Norton and Jan Barth. Brandt Thorson was elected to serve a one year term on the board.

Vestry members were also given details of the Lenten series of Wednesday night programs focusing on the personal stories of Trinity members, including specific stories of their “Trinity experience”. Other items included a sharing of the details of Trinity School's “Spring Gala” including the raffle of a new automobile at \$100 per ticket, and a review of other Lenten events.

## Vacation Bible School

Get ready for a life-changing adventure taking place right here at Trinity Episcopal Church in June!

**Date:** June 16 - 19

**Place:** Trinity Episcopal Church

**Time:** 9AM- 12PM

**Ages:** 3 years through Fifth grade



Contact: Tisha Grotemat at [tgrotemat@gmail.com](mailto:tgrotemat@gmail.com).

You can also register your child on-line at [www.trinityparish.org](http://www.trinityparish.org) and follow the link that says VBS Jungle Safari 2014.

**Also I need volunteers. Please contact me if you're available!**

## Easter Prayer Vigil

8:00pm, Thursday, April 17 to noon  
on Friday, April 18

**In The Tower Room**

All are invited to invest time in contemplation and prayer this season during our prayer vigil.

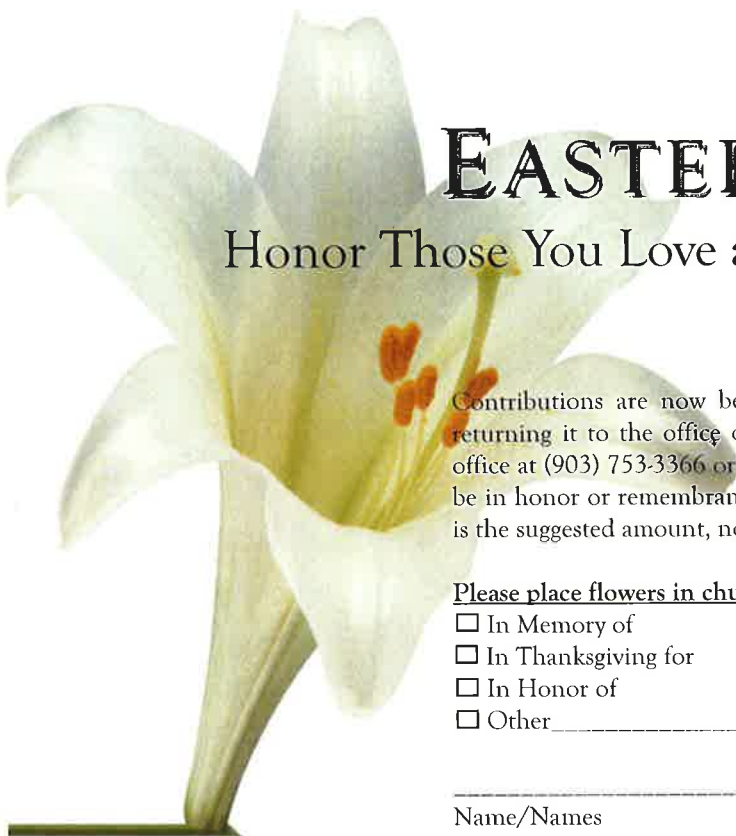


Sign up for an hour of prayer by contacting Tim Baker at [tbaker@trinityparish.org](mailto:tbaker@trinityparish.org)

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

The Pleasant Hill Quilters Group will present  
“The Secret Codes of the Underground Railroad”  
Monday, May 5, 2014, 11:00 AM • Parish Hall

Ladies of the group will bring quilts and will talk and sing about each one that was used in various ways as communication on the Underground Railroad. *You won't want to miss this!*



# EASTER FLOWERS

Honor Those You Love and Decorate our Nave for Easter

Contributions are now being accepted at the church office by completing this form and returning it to the office or placing it in the alms basin. To contribute by phone, call the office at (903) 753-3366 or email trinity@trinityparish.org. Your gift will glorify God and can be in honor or remembrance of loved ones, and in thanksgiving for blessings. Although \$25 is the suggested amount, no amount is too small or too large.

Please place flowers in church: (Please Check One)

- In Memory of
- In Thanksgiving for
- In Honor of
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Name/Names

\_\_\_\_\_  
Given by

I will contribute the following amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers Lay Eucharistic Visitors Ministries

We are seeking additional volunteers to join our Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministries.

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers are those individuals you see serving the Chalice on Sundays. They also read the lessons when necessary. We especially need additional volunteers at the 10:30 AM service.

The Lay Eucharistic Visitors take Communion to our parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing home or homebound. They work in pairs.

If you are interested in either of these ministries, please contact Bill Charles at 903-297-4430 or wmcharles@aol.com. We will provide training for each ministry.

## Need great gift ideas?

**Trinity Episcopal Gift Shoppe** has a great new inventory of spring merchandise that is sure to please! Come check out our new selection of great gift items galore!



### Shoppe Hours:

**Sunday**  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**Wednesday**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



## A Look at the Children's Ministry



As part of the Sunday School Curriculum during the season of Lent, the children are learning important stories of the faith. We have learned about the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and will be focusing on more of the events leading up to and through Easter. The kids are having a blast and really absorbing these lessons like a sponge! During the past few weeks, we have been averaging 15 children in Sunday School and Children's Church! These kids are amazing, and we anticipate many good times to come! We invite you to be a part of the great things that are happening here. Volunteers are always needed in both Sunday School and Children's Church, so if you are able to assist, please contact Tisha Grotemat at [tgrotemat@gmail.com](mailto:tgrotemat@gmail.com) or by phone in the church office at (903) 753-3366.



Available now in the Trinity Episcopal Church Gift Shoppe are a selection of helpful and informative books on parenting children and teens. We invite you to stop by and check them out!





## Happy Birthday

4/02	Tisha Grotemat	4/09	Geoff Hoover	4/18	Bonnie Singer
4/02	Joanna Fruia	4/11	Connor Barbe	4/19	Summer Styles
4/02	Kelly McBride	4/12	Neina Kennedy	4/20	Tom Phillips
4/04	Tinka Amos	4/12	Rolin McPhee	4/22	Dorothy Conrad
4/05	Edwin Buckner	4/12	Barbara McClellan	4/24	Kay Pigeon
4/05	Craig Jackson	4/12	Jack Madison Abernathy	4/24	Bobby Mann
4/05	La Juan Snider	4/14	Anna Marie Clark	4/24	Lane Arrendell
4/06	Elizabeth Cargill	4/15	Scott Stevens	4/24	Lakin Styles
4/08	Micki Maly	4/15	Noah Collins	4/26	Henry Yarbrough
4/08	Elise McClure	4/16	Steve Brice	4/28	Stan Hayes
4/08	Tom Taylor	4/16	Beverly Todd	4/29	Kate Wilkinson
4/09	Charles Fricks	4/17	Barbara Johnson	4/29	Reagan McLemore
4/09	Christa Howard	4/18	Frances Avent	4/30	Jennifer Calk

## Happy Anniversary

4/02	Stephen & Alyce Sparks
4/15	Dick & Betty Hurst
4/19	Robert & Marilyn Hampton
4/25	Ernest & Susan Thomas



# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of April – Lectionary Year A

Date	April 6 The Fifth Sunday in Lent	April 13 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday	April 20 Sunday of the Resurrection Easter	April 27 The Second Sunday of Easter	May 4 The Third Sunday of Easter
Verger	J. Barbe	S. Alford	M. Wilks	J. Barbe	S. Alford
Acolytes					
8:00 10:30	B. Charles Team 3	T. Gignilliat Team 1	J. Sloan Team 2	T. Gignilliat Team 3	G. McWhorter Team 1
Lay Readers					
8:00	B. Charles G. McWhorter	G. Hoover L. Snider	J. Welge J. Sloan	G. Hoover G. Rushing	G. McWhorter J. Welge
10:30	L. Sticher K. Sparks	E. Smith S. Thomas	C. Collins G. Rushing	N. Collins C. Collins	S. Thomas L. Germany
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Ps 130 Eph. 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Isaiah 50:4-9a Ps 31:9-16 Phil. 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14	Acts 10:34-43 Ps. 118:1-2,14--24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Acts 2:14a,36-41 Ps. 116:1-3,10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
L. E. M. 8:00	B. Charles G. McWhorter	G. Hoover L. Snider	J. Welge J. Sloan	G. Hoover G. Rushing	G. McWhorter J. Welge
10:30	L. Germany G. Hoover	G. Rushing J. Fowler	J. Hall J. Sawyer	G. McWhorter J. Sloan	S. Thomas L. Germany
Altar Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team
Usher	Campbell Team	Alexander Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team
Greeters	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team
L. E. V.		L. Leath M. Arnold		B. Charles J. Mraz	
Parish Security	D. Sapp	T. Kirkindoll	J. Crittenden	T. Terry	T. Devon
Vestry Counters					
8:00	B. Charles D. Rushing	B. Charles E. McClure	D. Balliett B. Charles	D. Balliett J. Hall	S. Jones A. Welge
10:30	C. Alford T. Holman	T. Holman C. Alford	K. Howard T. Skeans	C. Alford B. Charles	J. Hall K. Howard
Flower Delivery	M. Arnold J. Barth	C. Prior J. Walters	Everyone	D. Skeans C. Wilks	M Harkrider L. Leath
Coffee Hour	C. Walker	P. Chappell	Men of Trinity	L. Sapp	K. Frith



# APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	2 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Our Story 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	3 5:00 PM Tai Chi 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	4 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	5
6 Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 Youth Sunday School McDonalds	7 5:00 PM Tai Chi 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Evening DOK	8 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	9 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Our Story 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	10 5:00 PM Tai Chi 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	11 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	12
13 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 Liturgy of Palms and Procession 8:30 PM Compline 	14 5:00 PM Tai Chi 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	15 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	16 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	17 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service & Stripping of the Altar	18 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist Tower Room 12:00 PM Good Friday Service Followed by Stations of the Cross	19
20 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Men of Trinity Breakfast 9:00 AM Parish Hall 	21 Church Offices Closed	22	23 10:00 AM TST Service of Holy Eucharist 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	24 5:00 PM Tai Chi 7:00 PM East Texas Children's Chorus Concert	25	26
27 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Youth Girl's Small Group	28 5:00 PM Tai Chi	29 7:30 PM Masterworks Concert Featuring Mozart Requiem	30 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir			
<p><b><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></b></p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>						

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### **April Special Events**

6th	Youth Sunday School McDonald's, 9:00 AM
13th	Palm Sunday Services, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM (Procession at 10:30 AM)
13th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
17th	Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM
18th	Good Friday Services, 8:00 AM & 12:00 PM
20th	Easter Sunday Services, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
24th	East Texas Children's Chorus Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave
27th	Youth Girls Small Groups, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
29th	Trinity Masterworks Concert Featuring Mozart Requiem, 7:30 PM, Nave

### **May Special Events**

4th	Youth Sunday School Donuts, 9:00 AM
5th	Pleasant Hill Quilter's Group Presentation, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
11th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
15th	TST Baccalaureate Service, 6:00 PM, Nave
16th	TST Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 PM, Nave
18th	Youth Small Groups, 5:30 PM
25th	Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen, 11:45 AM