



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Longview, Texas

SEPTEMBER 2023  
TRINITYPARISH.ORG

Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

## Youth and Family Ministry: An investment in the future



Rachel White - Youth and Family Minister

What an exciting season we are entering here at Trinity! While the weather may start to get cooler, things are heating up in the Children's and Youth Ministry!

Our Children's Church is back up and running, fun events for our children and youth are scheduled, and our youth confirmation classes will be starting shortly! My goal as your Children's and Youth Minister is to provide a safe, fun, and loving environment that provides opportunities for young believers to be active participants in the Christ's Body alongside members of all ages. We aim to have a life-giving, self-sustaining ministry, but it will take time to build. I ask for your prayers in this endeavor: for wisdom, patience, compassion, and determination.

If your children haven't yet had the chance to participate in Children's Church, we invite them to join us on Sundays during the

10:30 service for a children's sermon, Bible lesson, and a fun activity! Our lessons will follow the church lectionary calendar, and all baptized children regardless of age are welcome to partake in the Eucharist every Sunday.

Also, We would love to have your children write their prayer requests on the whiteboard near the back of the Nave. In the intergenerational community of God's Kingdom, it is important for children to know that we value their thoughts, concerns, and prayers, and that we take them seriously as members of the body. Children often have deep-theological questions and insights! Our Children's Church will encourage their wonder and be a safe place for all their questions.

Our confirmation classes for Youth will be starting Sundays on October 1st. We will be studying the heart and language of the Baptismal Covenant over six weeks. For those of us who were baptized as infants, or very young children, confirmation is a chance to really take ownership of one's faith. During our classes, we will be exploring themes of community, repentance, service, and prayer. As someone new to the Episcopal Church myself, this course will be a great refresher on our core beliefs and values, and I am excited to be learning alongside our youth.

I invite the whole of Trinity Episcopal Church to pray for our class of confirmands and their families, and to support them in upholding their Baptismal Covenant.

If you or your youth are interested in confirmation, but have not yet told the clergy or me, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can ensure that all confirmation students have the proper materials. The class is open to all youth in 6th Grade and above; if you or your child is younger but wishes to be confirmed, please speak with me and Father Bill.

As I continue to learn more about Trinity, my dream for youth ministry is to collaborate with our local community and other churches. Young people are eager for connection. Fostering relationships both with their peers and other generations is key to their investment in the Church. It is often tempting for us to think that the young are "the future" of the church, but the reality is that they already *are the church*. *God prizes their faith. Heaven rejoices with equal delight in every person who comes to Jesus and chooses to follow him*

I know that with God's help, Trinity's Children and Youth ministry will continue to grow, both in number and in strength. I look forward to growing alongside you and helping our children and youth cultivate a strong faith.

## TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector  
The Reverend Vivian Shelby, Associate Rector  
Cindy Verhalen, TST Head of School  
Rachel White, Youth and Family Minister  
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator  
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries  
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister  
Leno Mancilla, Sexton  
Blake Scott, Endowment Board President

## VESTRY

Sallie Tullberg, Senior Warden  
Ava Welge, Junior Warden  
Bill Keese, Treasurer

### Class of 2023

Jan Barth, Shirley Griffin, Sallie Tullberg, Julia English

### Class of 2024

Alyce Sparks, Kathy Tate, Ben Bright, Ava Welge

### Class of 2025

Karen Frith, Christine Prior, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



Founded in 2017, the East Texas Alzheimer's Alliance (ETAA) is a vibrant consortium of **local** community organizations and individuals. The mission of ETAA is to **immediately** improve the lives of caregivers and patients in **East Texas** affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. **They place a special emphasis on caring for the caregiver.** They accomplish this by offering care giver support groups, granting respite care funds, hosting workshops on normal versus abnormal aging, facilitating conferences on how to navigate local medical and financial resources, educating the public on the need to eliminate mental health stigmas, and so much more.

Your support of ETAA enables the advancement of their mission of assisting neighbors and friends, right here in East Texas, by asking new questions, providing better solutions, creating fresh approaches, and ultimately, seeking the best **immediate and local** care and support for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

## Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Fr. Bill Carroll or Mother Vivian Shelby with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep them informed of any pastoral issues that they may need to know about.

You can reach them at any time:

Fr. Bill Cell - (903) 399-1190

Mother Vivian Cell - (832) 846-7072

[frbill@trinityparish.org](mailto:frbill@trinityparish.org) / [mothervivian@trinityparish.org](mailto:mothervivian@trinityparish.org)

They will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10:00 PM for general issues and at any time for an emergency. Please use your discretion for items that can wait until normal business hours. But, please err on the side of calling or texting for any issues you feel need their urgent attention.

## LADIES OF TRINITY

We request the honor of your presence at a Luncheon hosted by The Order of the Daughters of the King.

Saturday, September 23rd at 11:00 AM - Parish Hall

**SHARE YOUR MINISTRY WITH TRINITY**

Please RSVP by September 18 to the Trinity Office  
(903) 753-3366 or [trinity@trinityparish.org](mailto:trinity@trinityparish.org)



## Children's Church

Children's Church meets during the 10:30 AM service and is led by our Youth and Family Minister, Rachel White. Children beyond nursery age are always welcome in the service and invited to sit with their parents in church. For more information about Children's Church, please contact Rachel White - [rwhite@trinityparish.org](mailto:rwhite@trinityparish.org)

**We have a fully staffed nursery available for infants - 3 years from 9:00 AM to Noon on Sundays. The nursery is located in the former Flanagan Room in the hallway behind the nave.**



## FAITH

GATHERING WOMEN, KNOWING GOD, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Ladies, do you want to gather with other women, know God intimately, and build relationships? Then **FAITH** is the weekly Bible study for you.

**When:** Thursday, September 7 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** The home of Vicky Bright

**What are we studying:** Melissa Spoelstra's 6-week study on Romans: *Good News That Changes Everything*.

**Facilitators:** Elise Hill and Vicky Bright.

**Please RSVP to Elise Hill at (903) 736-5176**

## SEPTEMBER PARISH EVENTS

### Church Offices Closed

Monday, September 4th for Labor Day

### Service of Compline

Sunday, September 10th • 8:30 PM • Nave

### Faith Womens' Bible Study Begins

Thursday, September 7th • 6:30 PM  
Home of Vicky Bright

### Daughters of the King

Monday, September 11th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

### Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, September 19th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

### Daughters of the King Ladies' Luncheon

Saturday, September 23rd • 11:00 AM • Parish Hall

### Adult Inquirers' Class

Sunday Mornings Through October 29th  
9:15 AM • Parish Hall

### Choral Evensong - Honoring the Feast of Michaelmas

Friday, September 29th • 6:30 PM • Nave

### WEEKLY

### Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

### Spirituality Group

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

### Crochet Group

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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### MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Judy Thomas - 9/1	Amy Spears - 9/18
Sam David Hart - 9/3	Tim Baker - 9/18
Rachel Jones - 9/4	Richard Joos - 9/20
Elaine Figert - 9/5	Kate Sparks - 9/20
Jana Tiefenwerth - 9/5	Bill Bane - 9/21
Tali Wilkinson - 9/6	Richard Kuna - 9/21
Charles Miller - 9/6	Gail Martin - 9/22
Jeffrey McAtee - 9/6	Jim Sawyer 9/22
Nancy McWhorter - 9/9	Trudy Godsey - 9/22
Jack Welge - 9/12	Paula Howard - 9/22
Skylar Carney - 9/13	Dickens Wilkinson - 9/22
Barbara Crittenden - 9/13	Diane Conoly - 9/23
John Michaels - 9/15	Eleanor Byrd 9/25
Shirley Griffin - 9/15	Steve Baker 9/27
Gene McWhorter - 9/15	Mike Richardson 9/28
Margaret Miller - 9/15	Joel Johnson 9/28
Cherisa York - 9/16	Trudy Taylor 9/28
David Houston - 9/16	John Hall - 9/29
Tommy Lloyd - 9/16	Blake Scott - 9/30

John and Dee Ann Sloan - 9/01  
Gary and Delfina Whitwell - 9/11  
Bob and Jeanne Mann - 9/18  
David and Tricha Wilcox - 9/18  
Jim and Vivian Shelby - 9/28  
Rusty and Juanita Tucker - 9/30

## A Word from Mother Vivian Shelby

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."* ~ Matthew 19:14

As many of you know, I did not grow up in the church and never attended Sunday School. It has been such a blessing to be with the children and youth at Trinity School of Texas. I love seeing God through their eyes and wondering what my life might have been like if I was exposed to these teachings at a young age. They ask the most incredible questions and even come up with answers themselves at times.

If you have never attended a Trinity School Chapel service, it is truly a wonderful thing. During the Trinity Song at the end of the service they all clasp hands – even across the aisle. They swing their hands as they sing and, on the final verse, raise them to God in their solidarity. What an experience to see them in unity, lifting each other up, standing together as a community committed to learning, loving and God!

As this school year begins, please pray for all the children and families; the teachers and workers; the new administration – that they may always “let the little children come” and see God in them. I am truly blessed to be here and to be asked to serve so many. God is good. All the time.

## Trinity Service Calendar September 2023 – Lectionary Year A

	<b>September 3</b> 14th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 10</b> 15th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 17</b> 16th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 24</b> 17th Sunday after Pentecost
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Genesis 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10-4:11
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalms 26:1-8	Psalms 119:33-40	Psalms 103:1-13	Psalms 145:1-8
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16
<b>Altar Team</b>	Collins	Snell	Sticher	Matteson
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Linda Leath	Nancy Sawyer	Marie Piler	Cherry Sikes
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Nancy and Jim Sawyer	Christine Prior	Nancy and Jim Sawyer	Linda Leath
<b>8:00 AM Service</b>				
<b>Verger</b>	Rusty Tucker	Steve Brice	Sallie Tullberg	Rusty Tucker
<b>Ushers</b>	Maly Team	Bright Team	Lynn A./Brenda A.	Charles Team
<b>LEM</b>	Gayland Rushing	Mike Abernathey	Jack Welge	Bill Charles
<b>10:30 AM Service</b>				
<b>Verger</b>	Bill Keese	Dinah Rushing	Bryan Wilks	Bill Keese
<b>Ushers</b>	Howard Team	Tate Team	Wilcox Team	Gray/Pryor
<b>Lay Reader 1</b>	Richard Joos	Richard Kuna	Jeff McAtee	J. Wilkinson
<b>Lay Reader 2</b>	Trevor English		Richard Joos	M. Wilkinson
<b>LEM</b>	Sammy York	John Sloan	Jim Sawyer	Jeff Hart
<b>Acolytes</b>	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3

### CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Which meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM  
Will start back on  
Tuesday, September 5th  
in the Guild Hall

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Will start back on  
Wednesday, September 6th  
in the Parish Hall.  
Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM followed by  
Bible Study. Please bring a dish to share.

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## CHORAL EVENSONG

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### The Feast of Michaelmas

The feast of Michaelmas honors the Archangel Michael, who is a figure common to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. He is a symbol of good triumphing over evil, courage over cowardice. The celebration of this holiday teaches the importance of facing fears and strengthening resolve.

This will be a joint service and fellowship with the people of Trinity and St. Michael and All Angels Parishes.

**Friday, September 29th, 2023 • 6:30 PM**

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*A grand reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres  
will follow in the Parish Hall*

## The Service of *Compline*

*Sung by the Men's Compline Choir*

Beginning September 10th and  
continuing the second Sunday of the  
month through April

**8:30 PM**

Reception following in Guild Hall

