



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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

“Practice self-care and holy rest, so our lives may be fruitful in his love.”

Over the next several months, I want to reflect publicly about our congregational rule of life. These words appear on the cover of every copy of our bulletin. Our rule of life makes the promises of our Baptismal Covenant explicit for our parish and local context. The original wording of this one was “Practice self-care and Sabbath rest.” The committee who wrote the rule expressed the following concern, however: Does this imply literal Sabbath observance? What about people who can’t do this, are we holding them to an impossible or legalistic standard? And so, we adopted the revised wording.

The Sabbath is the seventh day of the week. In Jewish practice this means it starts at sundown on Friday and continues through sundown on Saturday. The Christian Lord’s Day, Sunday, is the first day of the week. It is the day when Jesus rose from the dead. Often, in predominantly Christian countries, Sunday was taken as a day of rest and called the “Sabbath,” but this is not historically accurate. Regardless of when it happens, human beings need periods of holy rest and re-creation. At the same time, we acknowledge the reality of work and family schedules. Some (including your priests) need to be flexible about when we observe Sabbath-time. Still, it is desirable to find a 24-hour period where we don’t do anything productive. We all need time for worship, rest, and leisure. In this time, we can be who we are. We need to focus on God and other relationships, rather than being productive. Jesus was fond of citing the verse from Scripture where God says, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” (Hosea 6:6).

In Holy Scripture, one of the primary texts about the Sabbath is Genesis 2:2-3: “And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.” Writing about this text, Walter Brueggeman, one of our wisest Old Testament scholars, says the following: “The liturgical characterization of creation in Genesis 1 culminates in 2:1-4a with the authorization of the Sabbath as a God-given, God-practiced, God-commanded observance. The day of cessation from work declares that God’s creation is, at root, an unanxious environment for life that is not defined by energetic productivity or self-preoccupied consumption, but is defined by the peaceableness that has confidence in the reliability of the world as God’s creation without excessive exertion on the part of God or humankind. Thus the Sabbath is the discipline of pause that celebrates the world as God’s good place for life, and that relishes the human role in creation as the ‘image of God.’”

As a new school year begins and we celebrate Labor Day, things are getting really busy for many of us. I encourage us to pause and remember God’s goodness. Because God loves us more than we could ever desire or deserve, and there is nothing that we could ever, ever do to make God love us any more—or any less. Ultimately, the world is “God’s good place for life”—created for blessing, and redeemed at great cost to God “for us and for our salvation.” There is always much work to be done, it is true, but faithfulness to God’s vision for us also requires holy rest.

Fr. Bill+

Bishop’s Visitation

**Sunday, September 22, 2024
During the 10:30 AM Service**

Please join us on this special day as we welcome Bishop Fisher who will lead us in the celebration of Confirmation and Holy Baptism.

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 Children's Minister
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister
Leno Mancilla, Sexton
Sammy York, Endowment Board President

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Christine Prior, Senior Warden
Ava Welge, Junior Warden
William Keese, Treasurer

Class of 2024

Alyce Sparks, Kathy Tate, Ben Bright, Ava Welge

Class of 2025

Karen Frith, Christine Prior, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell

Class of 2026

Tisha Grotemat, Elise Hill, William Keese, Jim Sawyer

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 caregiver 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:

Father Bill Cell - (903) 399-1190

Mother Vivian Cell - (832) 846-7072

frbill@trinityparish.org / 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.



All ladies of Trinity are welcome to join us for the FAITH Bible study starting back in September.

When: Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Library

What are we studying: We will be doing a study on the book of Colossians. Books will be available on the first meeting on September 5th.

Facilitators: Elise Hill and Vicky Bright.

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

Or Vicki Bright at (903) 738-6752



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

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

The Service of Compline

Sung by the Men's Compline Choir

September 8 • 8:30 PM

Reception following in Guild Hall



Trinity Service Calendar

September 2024 – Lectionary Year B

Date	September 1 15th Sunday after Pentecost	September 8 16th Sunday after Pentecost	September 15 17th Sunday after Pentecost	September 22 18th Sunday after Pentecost	September 29 19th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-8 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
Altar Team	Sticher Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Snell Team
Coffee Hour	Available	Cherry Sikes	Available	Michelle Gish	Available
Flower Delivery	Christine P.	Nancy & Jim S.	Jan B.	Linda L.	Dot & Charles F.
8:00 AM Service					
Verger	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.
Ushers	Lynn A./Juanita T.	Maly Team	Peters Team	Bright Team	Lynn A./Juanita T.
L. E. M.	Mike A.	Jack W.	Gayland R.	Bill C.	Mike A.
10:30 AM Service					
Verger	Ben Bright	Bill K.	Linda L.	Ben B./Bryan Wilks	Bill K.
Ushers	Howard Team	Tate Team	Wilcox Team	Kathy G./Christine P.	Howard Team
Readers	Trevor English	Tricha Wilcox	Jessica Wilkinson M. Wilkinson	Trevor English	Tricha Wilcox
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Richard Joos	Sammy York	Alan Robertson	Jim Sawyer	Richard Joos
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2



TRADITIONAL HYMNS TO CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
Piney Woods
ECW SEPTEMBER BRUNCH

Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

St. Michael & All Angels' Episcopal Church
909 Reel Road
Longview, TX 75604

Make a reservation by contacting:
Roxanne Brink @ 480-208-2966 or Susan Kuhlman @ 903-918-2261

WELCOME BACK, TITANS!

GROWING
**OUR FUTURE,**
together.



Blessing of the Backpacks
August 20, 2024

SEPTEMBER PARISH EVENTS

Compline

Sunday, September 8 • 8:30 PM • Nave

Daughters of the King

Monday, September 9 • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, September 17 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Bishop's Visitation

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WEEKLY

Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

Spirituality Group

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

Crochet Group

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Fellowship

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

FAITH Women's Bible study

Thursdays at 6:00 PM • Library

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Judy Thomas (9/01)	Tim Baker (9/18)
Sam David Hart (9/03)	Richard Joos (9/20)
Rachel Jones (9/04)	Kate Sparks (9/20)
Elaine Figert (9/05)	Richard Kuna (9/21)
Jana Tiefenwerth (9/05)	Bill Bane (9/21)
Tali Wilkinson (9/06)	Gail Martin (9/22)
Charles Miller (9/06)	Jim Sawyer (9/22)
Jack Welge (9/12)	Trudy Godsey (9/22)
Skylar Carney (9/13)	Paula Howard (9/22)
Barbara Crittenden (9/13)	Dickens Wilkinson (9/22)
John Michaels (9/15)	Dianne Conoly (9/23)
Shirley Griffin (9/15)	Eleanor Byrd (9/25)
Margaret Miller (9/15)	Steve Baker (9/27)
Cherisa York (9/16)	Mike Richardson (9/28)
David Houston (9/16)	Joel Johnson (9/28)
Tommy Lloyd (9/16)	Trudy Taylor (9/28)
Amy Spears (9/18)	Blake Scott (9/30)

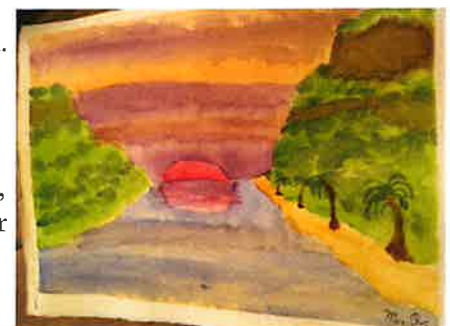
John and Dee Anne Sloan (9/01)
Gary and Delfina Whitwell (9/11)
Bob and Jeanne Mann (9/11)
David and Tricha Wilcox (9/18)
Jim and Vivian Shelby (9/28)
Rusty and Juanita Tucker (9/30)

A Unique Vision of the World - Mother Vivian Shelby

My son, Matthew, was diagnosed with autism at three years old. It was a scary time as I did not know anything about autism. A dear friend of mine told me it was not going to be nearly as bad as I imagined. Indeed, he has been such a blessing in my life. Matthew is the most compassionate person I know and his unique way of thinking has taught me so much.

He was blessed to take a watercolor class from Trinity's very own Joe Mraz and now paints on a daily basis. Matthew has even presented his artwork to some local groups of artists in Longview and sold some paintings at Longview's Artwalk and the Farmer's Market.

Think about those people in your lives that help you think outside of your "normal" box. These are the people that can help stretch us to grow and learn. Invite people who are "different" into your lives and allow them to bless you with the gifts they have. My son has taught me about love, joy, peace and the heartache of being different. Sometimes the world does not treat them well. My dream, as a Christian mother, is for our world to be a place that welcomes, honors and celebrates people that bring a different perspective. If we want our world to be about the love of Jesus, we must do things differently and "respect the dignity of every human being" (Episcopal Baptismal Covenant, BCP pg. 305).



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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2nd Annual

Fall Kick-Off

Trinity School of Texas
215 N Teague St

09.07.24
1-3 pm

**NEW FORMAT AND TIME FOR
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**

We will gather in the parish hall for fellowship with kid-friendly food provided and a free will-offering to offset the cost, **beginning at 5:30 PM**. Every night we will close with a simple service of Compline in the parish hall at 7 pm. On the third Wednesday of every month, beginning September 18, we will host game night. A few decks of cards and board games will be provided. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a favorite game to share and play with others. We are planning an occasional special program on Wednesday night, as interest permits, but our focus is on building intergenerational fellowship and a brief, shared experience of worship.