



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.



Praying for Our Country: An Invitation in the Month of July

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Independence Day, BCP, p. 242)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Of the Nation, BCP. p. 258)

When we celebrate Independence Day, the Book of Common Prayer recommends two slightly different prayers. In fact, the rubrics (directions) cross reference the two different collects in the text of the Prayer Book itself. Some clergy have a strong preference for the latter prayer. My own practice has been to use them both.

What I always notice, however, is that we are asking God for the proper use of our human freedom. Either we ask God for “grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace,” or else we ask God “that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.” Both are important and useful petitions. Both presuppose that we may misuse our liberty or that we may use it properly “to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.” (Preamble to the Constitution). Both presuppose that we all need God’s help to use our freedom correctly, i.e. “in righteousness and peace” or “in accordance with your gracious will.” This month, I invite you to join me in praying one or both of these prayers on a daily basis.

The inclusion of Independence Day as a major feast in the Book of Common Prayer is a perpetual reminder to us that our country needs our prayers. The United States of America is a good but imperfect country. Like any democratic republic, it requires a vigilant, virtuous, and engaged citizenry. The Founding Fathers considered the United States to be an “experiment in ordered liberty.” As we celebrate our Independence, may we give thanks to God, “the giver of every good and perfect gift.” (James 1:17) May we ask God’s grace for all public servants, for all three branches of government, for our Constitution and Bill of Rights, and for all the people who call this land our home. May we remember that any government is here, only because God permits it. And may we remind the powers that be that they exist in order to serve justice and the common good.

*America, America, God shed his grace on thee.
And crown thy good, with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

Fr. Bill+

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
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister
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Class of 2026

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Class of 2027

Valerie Ibeji, Wesley Linseisen, Gail Martin, John Michaels

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.



Children's Church

Children's Church will be taking a break for the summer beginning June 15th. We will return in August. For more information about Children's Church, please contact Rachel White - rwhite@trinityparish.org

The nursery is on a summer break and will return in August

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Kilgore College- Longview Student Food Pantry

For Kilgore College students struggling to pay for tuition and books, it's sometimes hard to put food on the table. A new program launched in 2017 aims to address that issue. Campus officials have set up a food pantry within the Duvall Student Center for students who are struggling.

The College and University Food Bank Alliance, which focuses on promoting campus programs to alleviate food insecurity and hunger at universities in the United States, said post-secondary enrollment patterns show more and more "nontraditional" students on college campuses. Many students now are supporting families and working full time while attending college. These students are often food insecure or one missed paycheck away from being food insecure.

We are proud to help in this effort. The July loose plate offering will go to help purchase food and other necessary living supplies for Kilgore College students in need. To learn more about this program, or to donate food or money directly, please call the office of Financial Aid at (903) 983-8211.

Items that are especially needed:

All hygiene products • All household items

Non-perishable food items:

Rice • Oatmeal • Applesauce • Canned soup, stew and chili
Canned fruit • Canned vegetables
Canned beans (black, black-eyed peas, green beans, pinto beans, etc.) • Peanut Butter • Protein Bars
Canned meats (Chicken, Turkey, Ham and Spam)
Canned fish (tuna and salmon) • Granola Bars
Ramen Noodles • Flour and Sugar • Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Dried Spices • Baby formula • Baby food

An Invitation to Dive into the Bible

by Mother Vivian Shelby

One of the best ways to grow your relationship with Jesus and other Christians is to study the scriptures, church history, theology, and Christian ethics. We have an amazing group studying just that in our Education for Ministry program (EfM). Our groups meet once per week for 3 hours from August – May for prayer, worship, discussion, and theological reflection. This is an incredible way to get to know the Bible, your brothers and sisters in Christ, and to challenge yourself to hear what God may be saying to you about your life.

Please come and join us! You can email:

MotherVivian@TrinityParish.org
or call/text her 832-846-7072.

Website about EfM program/curriculum

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry>

Trinity Service Calendar

July 2025 – Lectionary Year C

Date	July 6, 2025 4th Sunday after Pentecost	July 13, 2025 5th Sunday after Pentecost	July 20, 2025 6th Sunday after Pentecost	July 27, 2025 7th Sunday after Pen- tecost
1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-8 Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13
Altar Guild	Charles Team	Sticher Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team
Coffee Hour	Karen F. & Patty S.	Cherry S.	Bill B.	TBA
Flower Delivery	Patsy & Bill C.	Nancy S.	Patsy & Bill C.	Dot & Charles F.
8:00 AM				
Verger	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.
Ushers	Bright Team	Thomas Team	Abernathey/Tucker Team	Peters Team
L. E. M.	Gayland R.	Mike A.	Jack W.	Bill C.
10:30 AM				
Verger	Rocio M.	Scott J.	Bill K.	Rocio M.
Ushers	Howard	Tate	Martin/Sikes	Wilcox
Readers	Trevor E.	Tricha W.	Richard J.	Jessica W.
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Alan R.	Richard J.	Jim S.	Alan R.
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2



TRINITY VETERANS' MEETING

Trinity Veterans meeting for the third quarter 2025 will be held at 0900, July 13, 2025 in the adult Sunday school room. We will have a short meeting and it will not interfere with the 0800 or 1030 services.

Fair winds,
Gayland Rushing
903-399-9503

JULY PARISH EVENTS

Church Offices Closed

Friday, July 4th

Daughters of the King

Monday, July 7th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, July 15th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

WEEKLY

Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

Spirituality Group

On hiatus until the fall.

Crochet Group

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Study

On hiatus until the fall.

FAITH Women's Bible study

On hiatus until the fall.

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Melissa Crawford (7/07)

Vicky Bright (7/07)

Juanita Tucker (7/08)

Lindsay Mraz (7/10)

Betty Horaney (7/13)

Tricha Wilcox (7/14)

Arlene Devon (7/18)

Lindi Wiley (7/19)

Marilyn Lewis (7/19)

Myra Smith (7/21)

Susie French (7/21)

Eleanor Heinz (7/21)

Rusty Tucker (7/24)

Julia English (7/25)

Dan Stroup (7/26)

Nathan Collins (7/27)

Steve Lindsey (7/29)

Christine Prior (7/31)

Jack Mann (7/31)

David Alexander (7/31)

Bill and Patsy Charles (7/03)

Stan and Lindi Wiley (7/04)

Charles and Margaret Miller (7/07)

George and Marie Piler (7/11)

Harry and Jan Barth (7/15)

Ben and Vicky Bright (7/16)

James and Barbara Crittenden (7/21)

Dickens and Kate Wilkinson (7/22)

Joe and Barbara McClellan (7/23)

Scott and Steffani Jones (7/25)

Nathan and Christy Collins (7/26)



If you have a child, grandchild, or niece or nephew that is 4th/5th grade and older, we would love to have them join our acolyte ranks! Summer is a great time to train and get ready for the school year. Acolytes typically serve on a once-a-month rotation, so the time commitment is relatively low. If you are interested, please contact Tovah Robertson at 903-452-6758.

Pop-Up! Shivers' Natural Snow

02 AUGUST 1.00 PM -2.00 PM

Families, join us for a cool treat in the Dog Days of Summer @ 166 FM-2751, Longview TX 75605

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SUMMER FUN

**Roller Skating
Pop-Up!**



23 JULY
3.00 PM - 5.30 PM
REO Starplex and
Event Center
4716 W Loop 281,
Longview, TX 75604
Families--Join us for
an afternoon of fun!

**Splash Pad
Family
Pop-Up!**



12 JULY
9.00 AM - 11.00 AM
Meet @ the Jack M Mann Splash Pad in Lear
Park
100 H.G. Mosley Pkwy Longview, TX 75604