



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Longview, Texas

APRIL 2026  
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

## A Note from Our Senior Warden Christine Prior

Someone shared this Lenten Meditation with me and I felt like it applied to my life and I wanted to share it with ya'll.

*A great windstorm arose and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"* Mark 4:37-40

This story is found in Matthew, Mark and Luke, and it echoes Psalm 107, which recounts God's deliverance of the Israelites from their many struggles. Verses 28 and 29 of Psalm 107 say, "Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea." Jesus, as the incarnation of God, calms the waves of the sea. Our boat, the church, is fragile and tiny against the powerful forces that rage against it. Our ministry is often shaken by forces beyond our control. The stress of trying to remain faithful to our discipleships can sometimes lead to disillusionment and burnout. Jesus, in this story, is sleeping peacefully on a cushion while the storm rages. He is baffled as to why the disciples are afraid.

When Jesus calms the raging waters, he is showing us that even in the midst of the storm, God is still in charge. God has power over every difficulty we face, and all we have to do is ask for God's help.

### 2026 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

**Palm Sunday (March 29)**  
**8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Maundy Thursday (April 2) at 7:00 PM**  
Washing of Feet, Holy Communion, and  
Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday (April 3) 12 Noon**  
Good Friday Service

**Easter Sunday (April 5)**  
**8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

Jesus Christ is risen today!  
Holy Baptism at 10:30 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 AM service.

### **CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY ASSESSMENT**

It's time for our Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT)! This is a way to evaluate our congregation. It will be very useful for us to find the perfect rector for Trinity. The responses will be anonymous so please don't hesitate to say exactly what you feel.

The CAT can be done online or with a hard copy to mail to the company. If you need a hard copy or if you need help completing the survey online please see Jeff in the office.

Below is the link to our Congregation Assessment Tool:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TRCLONGVIEW>

## TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Vivian Shelby, Associate Rector  
Cindy Verhalen, TST Head of School  
Rachel White, Youth and Children's Minister  
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries  
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister  
John Martin, Endowment Board President

## VESTRY

Christine Prior, Senior Warden  
John Michaels, Junior Warden  
Treasurer, Rocio Mendez

### Class of 2026

Christy Cravey, Tisha Grotemat, Richard Joos, Jim Sawyer

### Class of 2027

Wesley Linseisen, Gail Martin, John Michaels, Christine Prior

### Class of 2028

Bill Charles, Nathan Collins, Alan Robertson, Rusty Tucker

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



The Longview Community Ministries was formed in 1983 to serve Longview residents in need by providing temporary assistance to relieve suffering and/or prevent homelessness. Longview Community Ministries meets these needs in many ways: cooked meals delivered to the homebound, computer skills; free coats and jeans in the fall for youth; emergency medical assistance; and help for those in crisis with emergency rent or groceries. This ministry serves as an organization to enable Longview congregations and groups to work together more effectively in the community through cooperative acts of service to assist persons in need regardless of race, religion, or creed. Trinity Church is proud to partner with Longview Community Ministries.

## Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Mother Vivian Shelby with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep her informed of any pastoral issues that she may need to know about.

You can reach her at:

**Mother Vivian Cell - (832) 846-7072**  
**mothervivian@trinityparish.org**

She 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 needs her urgent attention.



## 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

**What:** Study on the Book of Ruth  
**Information about materials will be forthcoming.**

**When:** Every Thursday evening from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
April 9th - April 30th. **We will not meet on April 2nd.**  
**Summer Hiatus will begin May 1st.**

**Where:** The Church Library

**Who:** All women of Trinity. Please invite your friends. .

**Call Elise Hill (903) 736-5176 or Vicky Bright (903) 738-6752**

*Come learn the Word of God and meet new people through fellowship and conversation*



## The Trinity Veterans' Group

Meetings will be at 0900 on April 12th, July 12th, and October 11th, 2026. All meetings will be held in the Adult Sunday School room. Mark your calendars now!  
Call Gayland Rushing at (903) 399-9503

**Fair Winds and following seas**

# APRIL PARISH EVENTS

## Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2nd • 7:00 PM • Nave

## Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3rd • 12:00 Noon • Nave

## CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, April 6th for Easter Holiday

## Service of Compline

Sunday, April 12th • 8:30 PM • Nave

## Daughters of the King

Monday, April 13th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

## Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, April 21st • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

## Making of Blessing Bags

Wednesday, April 22nd • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

## Spring Masterworks Concert

Tuesday, April 28th • 7:00 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

### FAITH Womens' Bible Study

Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM • Church Library

## MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Winn Lewis (4/01)

Ron Fadal (4/01)

Tisha Grotemat (4/02)

Craig Jackson (4/05)

Micki Maly (4/08)

Elise Hill (4/08)

Tom Taylor (4/08)

Charles Fricks (4/09)

Christa Howard (4/09)

AJ Carney (4/11)

Zackary Maly (4/12)

Barbara McClellan (4/12)

Jack Abernathy (4/12)

Neina Kennedy (4/12)

Noah Collins (4/15)

Scott Stevens (4/15)

Christy Cravey (4/16)

Stan Wiley (4/17)

Barbara Johnston (4/17)

Gina Peters (4/18)

Bonnie Singer-Rast (4/18)

Henry Yarbrough (4/26)

John Jones (4/26)

Reagan McLemore (4/29)

Kate Wilkinson (4/29)

Ron and Mary Fadal (4/25)



# Spring Masterworks Concert

Tuesday, Apr. 28, 2026  
7:00 PM

**The LeTourneau Singers  
The Longview Civic Chorus  
Singers from  
Marshall High School  
The Studio Treble Choir  
and orchestra  
Erik Lindgren, piano**

**Leigh Latchford, soprano  
Jon Starling, tenor  
Casey McCarthy, baritone**

**Dr. Jim Taylor, conductor**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Handel: Coronation Anthems No. 1 & 3  
Schubert: Mass No. 2 in G Major  
Taylor: *The Nicene Creed*  
...and works by Chopin, Bach, and Rachmaninoff

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# Trinity Service Calendar

## April 2026 – Lectionary Year A

Date	April 2, 2026 Maundy Thursday	April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday	April 12, 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter	April 19, 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter	April 26, 2026 4th Sunday of Easter
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-17	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16	Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10	1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
Altar Guild		Collins Team	Charles Team	Sticher Team	Matteson Team
Coffee Hour	N/A	M. Gish	C. Sikes	Donuts	B. Bane
Flower Delivery	N/A	N/A	N. Sawyer	Christine P.	D. & C. F.
8:00 AM					
Verger	N/A	S.Tullberg	R. Tucker	D. Rushing	S.Tullberg
Ushers	N/A	Peters Team	Abernathey Team	Charles Team	Peters Team
L. E. M.	N/A	G. Rushing	M. Abernathey	J. Welge	B. Charles
10:30 AM	7:00 PM:				
Verger	Rocio M.	S. Jones	B. Bright	R. Mendez	S. Jones
Ushers	Abernathey/P.Charles	Gray/Matthews	Howards	Martin/Sikes	Wilcox/Tate
Readers	B. Bright	T. English	H. Bane	J. Wilkinson	T. Wilcox
Lay Eucharistic Minister	B. Charles	S. York	A. Robertson	J. Sawyer	R. Joos
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2

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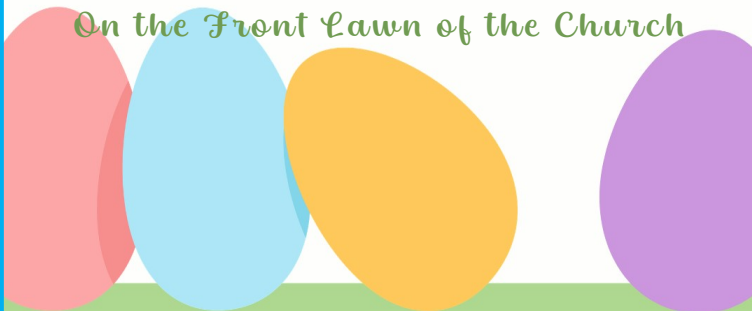
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*Easter*  
EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

**11:45 AM**

*On the Front Lawn of the Church*



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**KINDNESS IS  
CONTAGIOUS -  
COME SPREAD IT!**

**APRIL 22, 5:30 PM  
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**Making Blessing Bags  
for our Neighbors**

**Sunscreen - Hats - Water - Fans**