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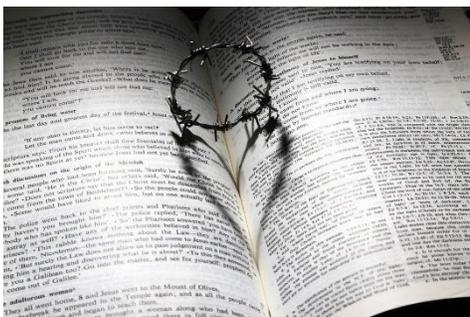


news & views for and about
the people & friends of Trinity

June/July 2021

Fearless Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. *1 John 4: 7-19*



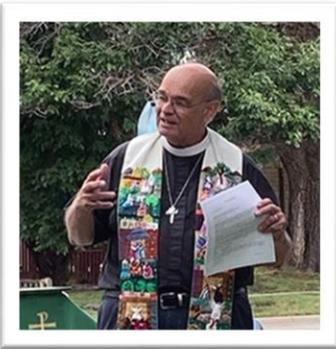
These words are directed to a community fractured by disagreement about the truth "concerning the word of life declared from the beginning". Disagreements about what has been revealed, seen, heard, touched, and now bears testimony to values, beliefs, and practices "so their joy and ours may be complete". These believers had endured external persecution, but conflict sought to destroy from the inside out and steal their joy. Fearful internal processes are frequently more detrimental to joy and hope than external environments in which they occur.

And, for these early believers, the contentious question(s) in debate is the real existence of Jesus as human and divine, the incarnation or the embodiment of God in Jesus, the atoning "at one ment" blood and death on the cross and Jesus' mandate "to love others as he and the Father has loved them". These, most likely, are not the questions keeping you up at night.

Our questions and conflicts have to do with moral authenticity, community "connection", transcendence, mystery and meaning. What concerns us maybe different, but the message is consistent - abide in God's fearless love. Abide so God's love is made complete in us so that in the time of decision "the day of judgement" we respond with confidence to reveal Christ sacrificial love to the needs, brokenness, and pains of a disordered world - a world God loves and sent his only Son to save and restore and now sends us-sends us as agents of unconditional love, healing, and new life.

Being sent out in God's fearless love into the world as disciples is to be present in the world, to create safe space physically, emotionally, and spiritually, speak our own truth, tell your own story, and listen without judgement to others' life stories, always seeking the surprising possibility of a new light dawning in the world's darkness. It is when we are bold enough to engage fearless love as an act of holding space with others that fearful comparisons and dependance on retribution and punishment cease to appear beneficial. Holding space "means that we are willing to walk alongside each other in whatever journey we are on without judging, making each other feel inadequate, trying to fix each other or trying to impact some desired outcome. When we hold space for each other, we open our hearts, offer unconditional support, and let go of judgment and control (The Art of Holding Space, Heather Plett)." God's fearless unconditional love invites discipleship to nurture a reliable safe environment—a safe and sacred space that is respectful, supportive, honest, and accountable where trust is built, and our action consistently reflect God's love and where no one is excluded from reach of

God's love and saving grace. As N. T. Wright states "Religions are not items on the supermarket shelf that we pick and choose.... Christianity is a personal relationship of love and loyalty to the one who has loved you more than we can begin to imagine. And the test of that love and loyalty remains simple, dangerous, and difficult command: Love one another (New Testament: Wisdom for Everyone)."



Blessings
Les

Sunday Worship

Every Sunday at 10:15am



Father Les will lead us in the Holy Eucharist the first and third Sunday of every month. Deacon Diane Kruger and David Reynolds will lead us on the second and fourth

Sundays with communion in the absence of the priest.

Services are available via Facebook and in the parking lot on FM 87.7



**Coffee hour
is returning!
Beginning June 6**

Join us following the service for coffee & fellowship.

If you would like to be apart of our hospitality team, please contact the church office.

Trinity Sunday!

The First Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Join us for a celebration of our feast day.

A reception of coffee and cake following the service.



Feast of Pentecost: *I am sure many of us wish we would wake up one morning and realize that this past year has been a terrible dream. But we are living in a new reality where we cannot even welcome our friends with a strong embrace or handshake. We are not unlike those first disciples who had to get used to a new reality, a reality that did not include the physical presence of Jesus. Like them, we are afraid and some days would rather lock ourselves away rather than face this new way of being. Those early Christians did not know how to be Church. When Jesus left the future in the hands of his followers, he did not present them with a handbook of how to do it. But he promised them his own Spirit to dwell with them and in them to be their hope, their comfort, and their guide. All they had to do was listen to the quiet, gentle voice in their heart of hearts that spoke of love and truth and mercy. The most powerful message we preach to the world is in the way we treat each other, especially at times like this when we are afraid, tired and confused. "By this shall they know that you are my disciples: by the way you love one another." This is where Pentecost begins. This is how we become the Church.*

Prayer Chain

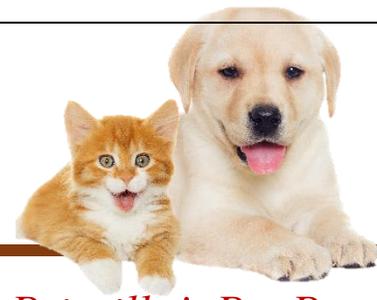
If you have a request for prayers for yourself or others, please contact the church office 316.321.6606. The request will be passed on to the chain leaders. If you would like to join Trinity's pray chain please let us know.

Prayer Requests

Anita, Becky, Beth, Bob, Brooks, Bertha, Dalinda, Danny, Dave, Denny, Eldon, Ian, Jean, Jeanette, Jerry, Joan, Kent, Suzanne, Ralph, Robby, and Robert.

Thanksgivings

- + For the opportunity to safely sing congregational hymns again in worship. Thanks be to God!
- + For David, Carol, Deb, Cherilyn and Deacon Kruger leading "Communion in the Absence of a Priest and reminding us to keep love the main thing. Well done good and faithful servants.
- + For Ted, Denise, Iris and David and their time and effort in problem solving our live streaming issues.
- + And for each of you and your faithfulness to our parishes during unprecedented time.
- + For Gail and Ned's support in attending the altar and setting up for our Ascension Day service at the Labyrinth. Thank you!
- + For Edith and Heather's support in ministry to Trinity and St. Matthew's. Thanks be to God!



Priscilla's Pet Pantry

Saturdays Mornings

June 26 & July 24

8am-noon

We have been averaging about 80-100 pets per month. With these large numbers we need more donations, and we always need plastic bags.

More volunteers are needed on every fourth Saturday from 8 - 12.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables and cans before Saturday and also needed to help shop for dog/cat food, then two carts can be filled rather than one. You don't have to stay the entire time, just come help for an hour, and that will help a lot.

God's Blessings,
Carol Turner

For more information go to trinityeldorado.org



Amazon has a charitable giving program, like Dillon's, in which Trinity Episcopal Church can receive a percentage of an item's purchase price. Amazon Smile, a division of Amazon, will contribute to Trinity a percentage of your purchases when you order from **Amazon Smile rather than Amazon**. Ordering from Amazon Smile works the same as ordering from Amazon. It uses your same account number and password, so it has all your stored addresses and payment information. If you already have an Amazon account, go to amazon.smile.com and log in. In the header, will be three bars that are to the left of "amazonsmile". Click on the three bars. Scroll down to "Your AmazonSmile". It will be towards the bottom. Click on "Your AmazonSmile" (toward the bottom). There is a search feature so you can search by using Episcopal or El Dorado. We are listed as "Rector, Wardens & Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church of El Dorado KS". Once you find our name, select it and that will become your designated charity. Thereafter, when you order from amazon.smile.com, Trinity will get a percentage of the purchase price.

Celebrations...

If we missed a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office so we can add it to the list. Thank you!



June Birthdays

- 4 Danny Fechter
- 5 Jim Heusner
- 10 Ted Dankert
- 15 Clela Rush

June Anniversaries

- 8 Ron & Linda Varner
- 17 Ted & Barbara Dankert

July Birthdays

- 1 Jacque Irwin
- 11 Gail Ellet
- 15 Larry Gurney
- 27 Brandon Demo
- 28 Patricia Riffel
Allison Bradley
- 30 Christie Reynolds

July Anniversaries

- 1 Nick & Cindy Badwey
- 20 Larry & Annette Gurney
- 22 Les & Valinda Jackson
- 26 Richard & Susan King

Father's Day
June 20



Church Care began in January of 2018 and has received lots of support. It costs approximately \$55.00 to operate the Church on a regular day.

Honor someone special, remember an important event, or just be a sponsor by signing up to cover Trinity's expenses for a particular day. Thank you to those who have participated.

All you have to do is sign your name on the calendar days that you want to take care of Trinity and send a check to the office or place it in the collection plate.

Be sure to write "Church Care" on the memo line.

The "Church Care" Poster and Calendar are in the Parish Hall for your convenience. Thank you for your stewardship and care for our Church.

You did it!
Congratulations

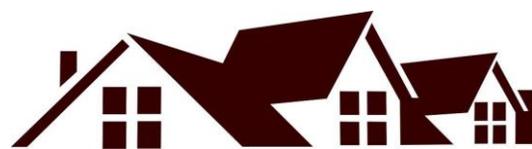


Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations and blessings to **Devin Larson** on his graduation from El Dorado High School and his acceptance to Wichita State this fall.

John Foulston and **Jason Foulston** who graduated from Circle High School in Towanda.
The grandsons of David and Christie Reynolds.

The Rev. Christine Gilson, vicar of St. John's, Wichita, and former rector of Trinity, El Dorado, received a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis on May 14. *Congratulations!*



We have no leaks!

The repairs on the roof are done. Stanfield Roofing did a great job. Thank you Cindy and Team for working to get this done.

Next on the list will be repainting the eaves and add new sidewalks and breaks in the curb at the front of the church.



MAY

Sunday, May 30 *Trinity Sunday*
Cake and coffee reception
following the service

Monday, May 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

June 18-27 Father Les on vacation
visiting family in Texas

Sunday, June 20 *Father's Day*
Communion in the Absence of a priest

Saturday, June 26
8-12pm Priscilla's Pet Pantry

JULY

Sunday, July 4 Independence day

Sunday, July 18 11:45am Vestry Meeting

Saturday, July 24 8-12pm Priscilla's Pet Pantry

Next Vestry Meeting

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday, July 18

11:45 AM

In-Person and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97258761596?pwd=a3BTUjBFdjJGYzRManN4ZlVkcU2dz09>

Meeting ID: 972 5876 1596

Passcode: 528733

Dial by your location

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<https://zoom.us/u/ac0oPnlMpM>

SAVE THE DATE

*Renewal & Celebration
of New Ministry*

Monday, August 30
6:00pm

The Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom
will Join us in our celebration

GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

The City of El Dorado will be hosting a city-wide garage sale
the weekend of

June 25-27, 2021

Submit your address by 5 p.m. June 4 to be included
on the map the city will be publishing.

Email your name and address to: events@eldoks.com



Episcopal Summer Camp June 6-12, 2021

Where: Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS

Who: Students in grades 3-12 for 2020-21 school year (you must have *finished* third grade to attend);

- There are just a few remaining boys spots available
- All participants will need to prove COVID-19 vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 test

Cost: \$500

Registration: [online via UltraCamp](#)

Scholarships: You can apply for scholarships on the registration form. Information about your household income will be required. Scholarships are awarded by a committee. Your parish should also be able to provide some scholarship money.

We will follow the recommendations from Camp Wood YMCA and the American Camp Association (their accrediting body) to provide as safe an environment as possible, but **we know we cannot eliminate 100% of the risk.**

Dillons donations for the first quarter of 2021 totaled \$68.28
Thank you!

BKSM offers summer courses

Bishop Kemper School for Ministry is offering seven courses this summer, designed to support clergy and lay leaders in their ministry. Except where noted, classes run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, with no pre-work required.

You can attend in person in Topeka or online over Zoom. Tuition for each course is just \$100, and scholarships are available.

For more information, visit [the BKSM website](#).

- **June 5:** "Stress Management" - Rev. Art Rathbun
- **June 26:** "Prepare & Enrich Marriage Preparation Facilitator Training" - Rev. Andrew O'Connor
- **June 26:** "Leading through Conflict" - Rev. Art Rathbun
- **July 10:** "Having Meaningful Conversation amid Disagreement" - Rev. Art Rathbun
- **July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5:** "The Sacred Journey: Spiritual Autobiography" (Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Zoom) - Mr. Tim Bascom
- **July 24:** "Healing Our Community's Broken Heart" - Rev. Tom Baker
- **July 31:** "Nurturing the Spiritual Life of the Child" - Ms. Margaret Schaefer

Save the date: Kansas Episcopal Diocese Event **Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry** **Worship online**

Sunday, August 1 @ 11 am

Please join us for online worship for all youth, young adults, and college students. The service will feature young people in all leadership roles, including preaching, and Mustard Seeds music. Email kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org or text 913-708-5927 to get the Zoom link, or sign-up for text messaging.

If you'd like to help by being a reader, preacher, or musician, please sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/ciRpGkSDys7awP496>.

Feast of Ascension Service

We had a beautiful evening to celebrate the Ascension on Thursday, May 23.



Henri Nouwen Society

henrinouwen.org

Henri Nouwen and The Art of Living Online Conference

Friday & Saturday, June 4-5, 2021

Registration Fee \$50.00

Themes & Topics

Keynote Speakers will explore key themes drawn from a new five-booklet series called **Henri Nouwen and the Art of living: Insights from a Spiritual Master.**

Topics include **Discovering the Divine, Finding Myself in God, Experiencing Deep Connection, Transforming our Pain,** and **Finding Peace in Anxious Times.**

Series Schedule

Friday, June 4 6:00 PM

Identity: Healing our Image of God and Ourselves
Dr. Chris Pritchett

Friday, June 4 7:00 PM

Ask Not for Understanding. Ask for the Fire
Sister Helen Prejean

Saturday, June 5 8:00 am

Being a Wounded Healer in The Time of the Pandemic
Sister Simone Campbell

Saturday, June 5 9:00 am

"God loved us First": The Roots of Liberation Theology
Dr. Roberto S. Goizueta

Saturday, June 5 10:00 am

Henri Nouwen and the Formative Journey
Dr. C. Vanessa White

Saturday, June 5 12:00

Finding Peace in Anxious Times-Insights from the Struggles of Henri Nouwen
Father Ron Rolheiser

Saturday, June 5 1:00 pm

Suffering and Transformation
Rev. Marjorie Thompson

"Christian Community is the place where we keep the flame of hope alive among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us."

Henri Nouwen

Schedule for Sunday Servers June & July

JUNE 2021	Date	Lector	Counters	Ushers
4 th Sunday	18th	David Reynolds	Christie Reynolds Cindy Badwey	Glenda Giro Carol Turner
5 th Sunday	25th	Lorraine Huntoon	Annette Gurney Ted White	Annette Gurney

JULY 2021	Date	Lector	Counters	Ushers
1 st Sunday	2nd	David Reynolds	Christie Reynolds Cindy Badwey	Cindy Badwey
2 nd Sunday	9th	Carol Turner	Ted White Christie Reynolds	Ted White
3 rd Sunday	16th	Annette Gurney	Annette Gurney Cindy Badwey	Glenda Giro
4 th Sunday	23rd	Lorriane Huntoon	Ted White Christie Reynolds	Carol Turner
5 th Sunday	30 th	David Reynolds	Annette Gurney Cindy Badwey	Annette Gurney

This schedule may change. If you are scheduled and unable to attend, please find a replacement and call the church office. Thank you

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