

Trinity Episcopal Church

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the Voice



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

April 2022

Cultivating “Good Fruit”

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but *unless you repent, you will all perish* as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but *unless you repent, you will all perish* just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So, he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still, I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’ Luke 13:1-9

It's difficult to know what motivated those around Jesus to convey such tragic news. Was it, that they were “self-righteous”, like the Pharisees and Sadducees coming out to be baptized by John or where they being vigilant in cultivating righteousness, making amends, bearing fruit worthy of repentance (Matthew 3:7-10)? The text conjures up visions of John the Baptist warning us not to assume our long-deceased relatives, particularly Abraham, can help us when it comes to yielding “good fruit” and repentance. The work of cultivating the vineyard of social or collective virtues of God’s kingdom come near, falls to each generation, and yet, our challenges, tendencies and perceptions are the same.

The tendency toward self-justification and righteousness and moral superiority are present in and, most likely, detrimental in every generation. Those present reporting to Jesus is seen as attempting to justify themselves as better than those who perished or at least question God’s judgement and their need to repent. Unfortunately, our self-righteousness often takes the form of controlling and imposing hurtful and unhelpful agendas on others. We are always in trouble when our need to be right overshadows our desire to listen and respond compassionately, and or, at least entertain the possibility that we could be wrong. According to John Mark Green “The self-righteous scream judgements against others to hide the noise of skeletons dancing in their own closet.” And it is from such lonely and fear filled exile “closet” we are to return and turn to God’s presence.

How often have we looked at struggles of others and simply decided they deserved it without knowing or understanding their story? Likewise, judging people’s tragic circumstances or suffering and equating them to sinfulness deserving greater punishment is at odds with Jesus’ call to “repent” or “return” and acknowledging our continually need for renewal. “*Unless you repent, you will all perish*” Those who tragically perished were not worse offenders than those who escaped, but all need repentance. It seems, time for cultivation, a little manure and care maybe the grace filled gifts we all need to bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Blessings, Les+



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 10 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

10:15am

Procession of Palms, Reading of the Passion Gospel

APRIL 13 - TENEBRAE SERVICE

7:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal, Wichita

(located at 3rd & Topeka, downtown Wichita)

Tenebrae, characterized by diminishing light, solemn psalms, and a loud noise.

APRIL 14 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Washing of the feet is in memory and gratitude of Jesus' gift of love and servanthood.

At the end of the service we solemnly strip the altar and place Christ's consecrated body and blood in the garden of repose. This year, why not bring a friend and pledge to spend an hour at the garden, remembering Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

APRIL 15 - GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon

El Dorado Community Good Friday Service
United Methodist Church parking lot (Central Ave)

6:30pm

Solemn Liturgy and Communion
at Trinity

APRIL 17 - EASTER SUNDAY

10:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Coffee hour and fellowship following service

Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies may be given in memory of someone or in thanksgiving of someone or something. Those wishing to contribute to the purchase of Easter lilies in memorial or thanksgiving may do so by sending your donations to:

Trinity Episcopal Church: P.O. Box 507 , El Dorado, Kansas 67042

**Please include a note indicating in memory of or in thanksgiving
so these may be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.**



Prayer Chain

If you have a request for prayers, please contact the church office 316.321.6606.

Prayer Requests

David, Becky, Christie, Taylor & Logan and their newborn Oaklyn Mae. Pray for our country, government, city and state. The people of Ukraine and all those suffering from oppression, strife and violence.

Thanksgivings

The word Eucharist means "Thanksgiving". When we gather around the altar to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we are offering our thanksgiving for the gifts received from God as revealed in his son Jesus and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for the gift of communion "with union" with God and each other, the gift of renewed life, well-being, hope and courage to love and serve each other. And, identifying as a eucharistic people, we give thanks for the gifts offered in sustaining our mission, ministry, and spiritual life. The celebration around the altar is both a model and central reality for our lives. Here's my list of thanksgivings.



- For all those who have remained and continue faithful with their time, talents, and resources during the pandemic. Thank you!
- For Bishop Cathleen Bascom and Archdeacon Anne Flynn visitation this last Sunday. What a deep and wonderful time of conversation and celebration of newly confirmed and received.
- For all worked to prepare for the bishop's visit. Thank You!
- For all who stayed for the "The Bishop's Listening Forum and Reception". Extremely grateful to hear what's on your hearts as we work for God's Kingdom in this place.



- For Denise and Susan and the "Teatime Literary Society's" for their work on "It's A Garden Party"
- For Heather and Edith and their support of our mission, ministry, & spiritual life.
- For Deb & Cherilyn and the gift of their talents in music.
- For Iris, Brenda, and Annette serving on our 2022 Financial Audit Committee
- For the vestry's willingness to collaborate with The Family Life Center Safe House as a stewardship of our space and an outreach to our community.



- For Annette, Denise, Iris, and Lorraine, our lector's who faithfully read and lead us in hearing scripture. Thanks be to God!
- For David, Carol, and Deacon Diane who faithfully led "Communion in the Absence of a Priest".
- For Trinity's Tea-Time Literary Society and their outreach to others who enjoy reading and fellowship.



- For Carol and her Priscilla's Pet Pantry volunteers and donors distributing pet food to those in need. *Thanks for your ministry.*
- For all those who offer hospitality in our parish. Thanks be to God!
- And for each of you and your faithfulness and steadfast stewardship. Thanks be to God!



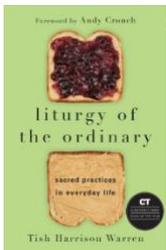
Every Sunday at 10:15am

Father Les will lead us in the Holy Eucharist three Sundays of every month.

Deacon Diane Kruger, David Reynolds & Carol Turner will lead us on Communion in the Absence of a Priest Sunday.

Join us every Sunday following the service for coffee & fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY



Sunday Mornings

9:00-9:45am

Lenten Book Study:
Liturgy of the Ordinary

Thursday Mornings

10:30-12:00pm

A study through the Gospel of Mark



Church Care

Honor someone special, remember an important event, or sponsor to cover Trinity's expenses for a particular day. It costs approximately \$55.00 to operate the Church on a regular day.

Contact the church office for the day(s) 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.

Altar Guild Servers

April: Lois Balance, Kathleen Mabry, Glenda Giro

May: Gail Ellet & Virginia Amend

Altar Guild Help Needed

We are in need of a couple of individuals to help our Altar Guild hang banners. If you are available to help please contact the church office or Gail Ellet.



Tea-Time Literary Society Meets Wednesdays at 10am Trinity's Parish Hall

We are a small group who meets weekly to discuss books and life, to laugh together, and to support each other on our journey. We are not a church group, although we meet in the church. We share thoughts about whatever book each person is reading, but there is no one assigned book. Come when you can. Miss when you need to. You are welcome. Just walk in and meet some amazing, intelligent people.



Priscilla's Pet Pantry

Saturdays

April 23 | 8am-noon

We have been averaging about 90-100 pets a month. With these large numbers we need more donations, and we always need plastic bags.

Volunteers are always Welcome!

Either come set up before Saturday or help on the day of. You don't have to stay the entire time, just come help for an hour.

Rector's Office Hours

Wednesdays & Thursdays

8am-4pm

If you would like to schedule a time for coffee, lunch or meeting, please contact Father Les or the Parish office.



Flowers for Trinity

We are asking for donations to put flowers around the building. Flowers that will attract bees & butterflies.

- Labyrnith
- Flower beds around building
- Eastside Memorial Garden

Make checks out to Trinity and memo: Trinity Garden

Picnic Tables

We would like to put in an area for people to gather outside under the trees on the north side of the parking lot.



If you have a picnic table with benches that you would like to donate, please contact Gail Ellet or the office.



Amazon has a charitable giving program where Trinity Episcopal Church can receive a percentage of an item's purchase price when you **order from Amazon Smile rather than Amazon.**

Ordering from Amazon Smile works the same as ordering from Amazon. 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). Search "Trinity Episcopal Church of El Dorado, KS". Once you find our name, select it and that will become your designated charity.

Serving the Community

Trinity is collecting items need by the BUTLER HOMELESS INITIATIVE.

Currently needs:

1. Long underwear for both men & women
2. XL coats
3. Travel size toiletries
4. Individual servigs of: fruit, applesauce, bottled water, peanut butter, and lunch items.

Bring items to Trinity Tues-Fri 9am-1pm or Sunday mornings. You can also drop off items directly at the Shelter weekdays 11am-4pm. Nazarene Church, 202 N. Taylor.

For more info: butlerhomelessinitiative.com



Items Routinely Needed for the Safehouse
316-321-7104

- Paper products - paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex
- Ziploc freezer baggies - gallon & quart size
- Laundry soap, dyer sheets
- Laundry Baskets - for clients in shelter
- Dishwasher Soap - Tablets, Dish soap
- Boxed food - (banquet meals, etc.)
- Coffee filters & Coffee - (No decaf)
- Coffee Creamer (Powered)
- Copy paper
- Cleaning supplies & trash bags (13 gallon and black 30 gallon)
- Light bulbs - 60 watts
- Shampoo, Conditioner & Body wash (No bars)
- Hairbrushes
- Women's Deodorant and Body Lotion
- Kitchen wash rags, kitchen towels
- Bath towels & hand towels
- Women's underwear sizes 6 thru 8
- Boys and Girls underwear and pajamas - all sizes
- Women's sports bra - all sizes
- Walmart gift cards

APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If we missed a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office 316.321.6606, so we can add it to the list.



Birthdays

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| 3 Ben White | 14 Caspian Gilson Bauer |
| 4 John Michael Calhoun | 30 Virginia Zebold
Trey Myers |
| 6 Elisa Larson
Teresa Riffel | |
| 18 Father Les Jackson | |

Anniversaries

- 24 Dan & Joyce Demo

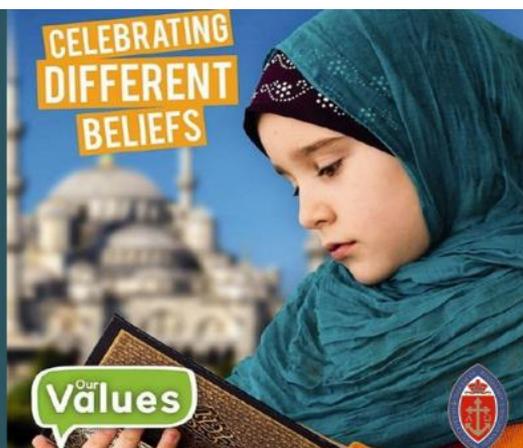
Anniversary of Ordination

Christine Gilson: April 7, 2003

Women's Summit

April 22-23, 2022
St. James, Wichita

"Nothing will bring world peace faster than the opening of our lives to cultures and religions unlike ours."
~Sister Joan Chittister



Women's Summit

Friday, April 22, Earth Day

Bishop Cathleen Bascom and Diocesan Missioner Jennifer Allen will present on the care of God's creation. We'll close the day with an Earth Day Compline.

Saturday, April 23

We are working with [Global Faith In Action](#) for the program on Saturday. There will be a panel discussion from women of different faiths and we'll talk about the Golden Rule for All Faiths. There will be some time for small group discussion. A box lunch is included for in-person attendees. The day will end with Eucharist.

St. James Episcopal Church, 3750 E. Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS
Registration Fee: \$20 via Zoom or \$40 in-person if you register by March 31 \$25 via Zoom or \$50 in-person after March 31

Flyers are available outside the Parish Hall. Register online:
edok.formstack.com/forms/2022womenssummit

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Sundays

9am – Lenten Bible Study

10:15am – Worship

Wednesdays

10 am – Tea-time Literary Society

Thursdays

10:30am – Bible Study

COMING IN APRIL

Palm Sunday

April 10

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 12 | 10:30am
Grace Cathedral, Topeka
[RSVP here.](#)

Tenebrae Service

Wednesday, April 13
7:00pm | St. John's in Wichita

Maunder Thursday

Thursday, April 14 | 6:30pm

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 15

Noon

Community-wide Service
at First United Methodist

6:30pm Service

at Trinity

Easter Sunday

April 17 | 10:15am

Tax Day

April 18

Women's Summit

Friday, April 22-23

Priscilla's Pet Pantry

Saturday, April 23 | 8-noon

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thurs. April 28-Sat. April 30



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Birthdays

- 7 Preston Gilson
Denise Irwin
- 8 Sandra Adams
- 11 Brent Nearhood
- 18 Christopher Corkill
Ned Ellet
- 23 Cherilyn Chiaro

Anniversaries

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

*** GATHER TOGETHER ***

It's A Garden Party

Plants – Food – Music – Art

Friday, May 6 – 10:30am to 6pm
400 W Ash, El Dorado, KS



For sale:

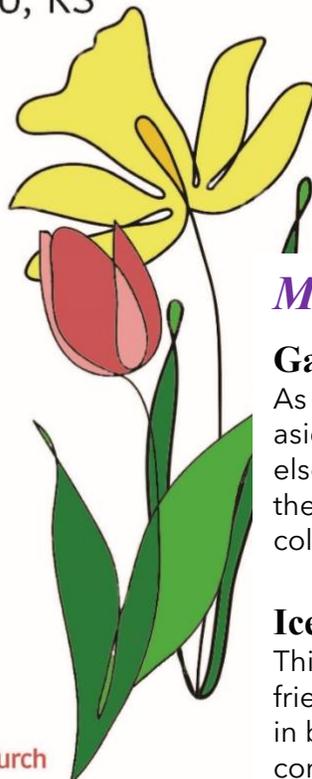
- * Potted vegetables, flowers & herbs -
Renata's Garden Plant Bus
- * Tex-Mex lunch and/or dinner - **Misfits Kitchen**
- * Cupcakes - **Brown Box Bakery**

For enjoyment:

- * **Teresa Bachman** on the dulcimer
- * **El Dorado High choir** with Katie Banks Todd

For creativity:

- * Help paint a **paint-by-number flower mural**



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Tea Time Literary Society & Trinity Episcopal Church

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Sundays

- 9am – Bible Study
- 10:15am – Worship

Wednesdays

- 10am – Tea-time Literary Society

Thursdays

- 10:30am – Bible Study

COMING IN MAY

May 1

May Day

May 5

National Day of Prayer
Cinco de Mayo

May 6

Garden Party
10am-6pm

May 8

Mother's Day

May 26

Ascension

May 28

Priscilla's Pet Pantry
8am-Noon

May 30

Memorial Day

Mark Your Calendars!

Garage Sale | Saturday, June 25

As you begin your spring cleaning, set items aside for Trinity. Your stuff maybe someone else's treasure! Items can be dropped off in the old youth room upstairs. We are not collecting clothes.

Ice Cream Social | Sunday, August 14

This is an opportunity to invite our neighbors, friends and community! If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Gail Ellet or the church office.

Holy Week

Thursday	Ushers	Lector	Minister of the Sacrament
14 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm	Ted & Becky White	Iris Schlabach	Deacon Diane
Friday	Ushers	Lector	Minister of the Sacrament
15 Good Friday Service 6:30pm	Gail & Ned Ellet	Cindy Badwey	Deacon Diane

Sundays in April

Sunday	Counters	Ushers	Lectors	Hospitality	Minister of the Word	Minister of the Sacrament
3	Annette Gurney	Carol Turner	Annette Gurney	Cindy Badwey		
10 Palm Sunday	Cindy Badwey	Gail & Ned Ellet	Carol Turner	Ted & Becky White		
17 Easter	Ted White Cindy Badwey	Glenda Giro	Denise Irwin	Glenda & Cindy & <i>Anyone willing to bring something</i>		
24	Annette Gurney Ted White	Annette Gurney	Lorraine Huntoon	Annette Gurney	David Reynolds	Deacon Diane

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