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## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Worship Assistants for Sunday, July 2, 2017**

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist

Chalice Bearers: Donna Griffin

Lector: Austin Turney

Intercessor: Margaret Bearse

Usher: Greg Hazen

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist

Chalice Bearers: Sara Woods, David Marker

Lectors: Jennifer Attocknie, Joanne Feist

Intercessor: Carl Edwards

Ushers: Bob Sanner, Jennifer Sanner, Bruce Roberts, Harlanne Roberts

Verger: Donna Griffin

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### **Readings**

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

The complete lectionary readings for Sunday, July 2, can be found at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net).

### **Hymns**

Opening: #518, "Christ is made the sure foundation" (*Westminster Abbey*)

Sequence: #654, "Day by day, dear Lord" (*Sumner*)

Communion: #301, "Bread of the world, in mercy broken" (*Rendez à Dieu*)

Closing: #719, "O beautiful for spacious skies" (*Materna*)

Hymns can be accessed at [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org).

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Altar Flowers**

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of Bianca Elliot from the people at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Olathe.

## **Announcements**

### **Parish Office Holiday Hours**

On Monday, July 3, the parish office will close at noon. The office will also be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

### **Vacation Bible School**

A big thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School. We are on the way to making this year's VBS a reality, however, VBS requires many willing volunteers and we still need your help. At this point, we specifically need:

- Group Leaders
- Snack People
- Music
- Games
- Person to show daily video
- People to do the puppets
- Help with registration
- Photographer
- Set-up and Clean-up
- Publicity

Please contact Mother Susan ([st@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:st@trinitylawrence.org)) if you have questions or want to volunteer. Thank you!

### **Donations Received for Refugee Ministry**

The Refugee and Immigrant Ministry group would like to acknowledge the generosity of Trinity's congregation for participating in the fundraising effort on May 21 to support the Episcopal Migration Ministry office in Wichita. \$1,122 was collected in loose bills from the offering plate on that Sunday. This is a great help to the work in Wichita in resettling refugee families amidst lower than usual government funding for this effort. Thank you all very much.

### **TEST Distributes Plum Pudding Funds**

Remember the tasty plum pudding Christmas treats Trinity's Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST) makes and sells each year? Last year TEST earned \$298.50 and has distributed \$250 of it to organizations that help care for the earth. This year, TEST donated \$30 each to:

- [Earth Justice](#), which works on environmental justice-often in legal issues
- [Food & Water Watch](#), which educates and advocates for clean water and safe food production
- [National Parks Conservation Association](#), which supports the vitality of National Parks for everyone
- [Kansas Riverkeeper](#) program, which patrols the river for environmental problems
- [Union of Concerned Scientists](#), which supports scientists, educates the public, and advocates for scientifically based policies

TEST also donated \$50 each to:

- [The Land Institute](#), which works on perennial grains and new agricultural practices
- [Lawrence Ecological Teams United in Sustainability \(LET-US\)](#), the coalition of earth care teams from local places of worship, of which TEST is a member

The remaining funds go toward TEST expenses, as the group does not receive money from Trinity's budget. Plum pudding sales are the group's only fundraising event. TEST also holds an Alternative Christmas Market each year to highlight organizations such as Episcopal Relief & Development, but all those donations go directly to the highlighted organizations. TEST thanks Trinity for its ongoing support.

### Listening Session for Bishop Search

On Saturday, July 15, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., in the parish hall, the Northeast Convocation and the Diocese of Kansas' Bishop Search Committee invite all Episcopalians to participate in a listening session to discuss your hopes, dreams, and expectations for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas and our next bishop. Your voice is needed so the diocese may accurately represent who we are -- in all our diversity as a diocese -- to the Episcopal Church and prospective nominees for bishop. Participating in a listening session will help the diocese develop a survey instrument that will be administered to clergy and laity throughout the diocese in the coming weeks and, ultimately, will help write the narrative for the diocese's profile. Please come!

## Upcoming Events

### Habitat for Humanity Work Day

On Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church will participate in a work day for [Lawrence Habitat for Humanity](#). The Habitat house under construction is at 1905 E. 17th St. and will be the 95th Lawrence Habitat house. Funding for this house comes from Habitat's Covenant Churches; Trinity Episcopal is one of the [Lawrence Covenant Churches](#). Contact Garth Burns to sign up ([gbperson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbperson@sbcglobal.net); 785-843-9189).

### Trinity Treasures

Trinity Treasures invites anyone who is interested in crafts and needle arts to come join us at our weekly meetings Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon in the parish hall, where we create items to sell at our annual sale in conjunction with the Ploughman's Lunch in November. The profits from this sale are distributed to various worthy causes throughout Douglas County. Sometimes we work on our own projects, sometimes we have something we work on as a group, but mostly we just enjoy each other's company. Not that crafty? Come anyway -- we'd love to get to know you better, and we can probably find something for you to do!

## Words of Inspiration

### From the Desk of Father Rob



*"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household"*

This passage, from last Sunday's Gospel reading from Matthew, appears to portray a family with a level of dysfunction usually reserved for reality television shows. But Jesus' point isn't to imagine five bellicose Christians, but rather to imagine a host of relationships that could be sundered as a result of one of them becoming a disciple of Christ. He is saying that even our most intimate, loving relationships may not be able to tolerate the demands of the faith.

And I see and hear this narrative many times in the parish as people share how family members reject them at various levels for being Christian, or part of the Episcopal Church. We are criticized for being too liberal, too similar to Roman Catholicism, or too superstitious. Our relationship to Scripture is questioned (on both sides of the spectrum) and our rituals mocked. Jesus' statements are not to promise us that this division will be eased in this life, but to express his sympathetic understanding about what is at stake for many (our own experiences often a pale shadow to the costs paid by others outside of this country) and to promise to support us in the midst of that struggle, that hardship, and that loss, especially when it is so close to home.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Rob+

### **Stewardship Message: Why Live As Stewards?**

I admit I'm no biblical scholar, and I'm definitely not a great fan of St. Paul, but I do read the lessons for each upcoming Sunday whether I like them or not. I'm always on the lookout for new revelations about God's call to us as stewards. This Sunday we'll hear Romans 6:12-23, in which we're reminded that one of God's greatest gifts to us is the freedom to choose our behaviors.

In Luther Seminary's weekly [God Pause](#), Susan Koesterman mused: "If God really does extend forgiveness to us no matter what, why shouldn't we do whatever we please, knowing that it will be forgiven? What incentive is there for us to live as God has called us to live? Well, none, I guess. But that's the beauty of it. God loves us, period. God desires to be in relationship with us, period. There's no threat ... just unrestrained, unmeasured love expressed through God's grace and mercy. When we dare to trust God's grace, we cannot help but be transformed. ... We are not required to live as God has called us to live. We are freed to live in the light of grace!"

Through God's loving generosity, every one of us has been entrusted with a finite amount of time, unique and special abilities, and financial income: time, talent, and treasure. In God's infinite generosity we are given the privilege of choosing what we will do with all our gifts. How do we -- as individuals and as a parish -- respond as the stewards we were created to be?

--- Ann Elizabeth Bishop

### **News From Nepal**

*(Karin Feltman is a member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Lawrence, KS, who is currently living in Nepal as a full-time missionary, fighting human trafficking.)*

The past several weeks have been an absolute whirlwind. God is doing amazing things here -- especially in my residential village. In the small church I attend there, 32 of the 35 regular attendees are new believers since the earthquake in 2015. That is both wonderful and challenging, as we seek to guide and speak the truth to so many people who are new in their faith. This is definitely outside of my comfort zone and frame of reference, so please pray for clear wisdom and guidance as I try to come alongside the church leadership as they shepherd this new "flock."

We also have some *huge* plans for projects in the village that will transform people's lives and help protect them from the things that make them vulnerable to exploitation and marginalization, including human trafficking. Please see our [newsletter](#) for more information and ways to be involved. If you interested in helping support one of these projects, please click [here](#) to make an online contribution directly to the Women at Risk Nepal fund. Thank you!

I hope to travel again to the village for a three-week stay on July 7, but I would ask for your prayers for wisdom on whether or not to go, and safety on the journey; this is monsoon season, and the road has become very challenging and dangerous due to heavy rains, mud, and land/rock slides.

In his grip!  
Karin

### **TEST Tidbits: A Fun Quiz**

The very best way to learn about the natural world is to get outside and explore, using all your senses. Make up your own games (works for adults as well as kids) of sharpening your observational skills, your sense of smell, your listening skills, your sense of touch (think of different types of tree bark, and smooth or fuzzy leaves), and most of all, your renewing sense of God's creation all around you.

The following is a little quiz to take while resting in the shade after exploring. Have fun -- don't peek ahead to see the answers.

1. Which ocean is the largest in the world?
2. What is the largest land-based mammal?
3. What is the color of a polar bear's skin?
4. True or false? A humming bird can fly backward.
5. True or false? Only the male mosquito bites humans.
6. Can tigers swim?
7. True or false? Amazon water lilies can grow up to 6 feet in diameter.
8. True or false? Gorillas are flesh-eating animals.
9. What is different about a giraffe's tongue?

10. True or false? A rhinoceros horn is made of bone.
11. True or false? Gorillas live to be ten years old.
12. What is a group of tigers called?
13. True or false? A male tiger can grow to be 600 pounds and 11 feet in length.
14. How long is a giraffe's neck?
15. True or false? Gorillas can learn sign language and use tools.

Answers:

1. Pacific Ocean
2. Elephant
3. Black skin (It helps keep the bear warmer.)
4. True
5. False: only females bite humans.
6. Yes: tigers can swim up to six miles.
7. True: wouldn't that be a beautiful sight?
8. False: gorillas eat mostly bamboo, leaves, and sometimes insects. Adult gorillas need up to 60 pounds of food per day. Their habitat has been shrinking and populations are declining.
9. A giraffe's tongue is purplish and has bristly hair growing on it so that it can eat the leaves of the thorny Acacia tree.
10. False: its horn is not bone, but compacted hair.
11. False: many gorillas live to be 40 or 50 years old.
12. A group of tigers is called an ambush or a streak.
13. True.
14. The neck of a giraffe is from 15 to 18 meters long, but has the same number of vertebrae as a human.
15. True: gorillas have been observed using stick and rock tools in the wild and have been taught sign language in captivity. They occasionally have been able to put words together to make phrases. They are very smart.

Rest time is over! Get a drink and go back outside to explore the world once more.

*"Caring for the environment -- it's a Christian thing to do!"*

## Ministry Opportunities

### Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry

The food pantry was open nine days in May 2017 and served 277 families (228 children, 464 adults, 26 senior adults, and 31 new patrons). Each bag of food given to a family has a retail value of \$19.76. The total expense in May for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$2,213.72, and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$5,473.52. The food pantry is grateful for all donations of money and the donation of food to provide food assistance to many people in Douglas County and Lawrence.

### GIFT Cards: A Good Deal

Grocery Income for Trinity (GIFT) cards for all the Lawrence grocery stores are always available for sale in the parish hall between church services. A GIFT card you buy at church is treated like cash at the store: a \$50 card buys \$50 worth of groceries. And it results in a contribution to the church, because these grocers have agreed to give back to Trinity between 4% and 6% of the total amount that you spend with that store's GIFT card. It is an easy way to contribute to Trinity.

## Prayer Chain

To add a person's name to the prayer list or to become a prayer chain member, please contact the parish office ([prayers@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:prayers@trinitylawrence.org); 785-843-6166) or Carol Hatton, Prayer Chain coordinator ([caroldonhatton@gmail.com](mailto:caroldonhatton@gmail.com)).

The Prayer Chain prays daily for those who are ill, suffering, troubled, have died, or wish to offer praise and thanksgivings. Prayer Chain members find that their own private prayer life with God also deepens during this daily practice.

Pray for those who are ill:

Vashti, Diana, Marjorie, Tanya, Arnold, Luke, Earl, Richard, Bob, Shirley, Jill

Prayer for those with special intentions:

Ray, Roy, Taj, Shawn, Kaye, Garry, the Cook family, Cliff, Chris, Emily, John

Pray for those in the hospital:

Larry, Glenn, Kim, JoAnn, Jim, Barbara

Pray for those who are departed:

Lanny Kimbrough, Phillip Cook

## This Week at Trinity

### Sunday, July 2

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:00 a.m., Diocesan Girl's Weekend  
 9:30 a.m., Adult Forum  
 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 10:30 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:30 a.m., Coffee Hour

### Monday, July 3

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level  
 9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer  
 12:00 p.m., Women's Lunch Group, parish hall  
 12:00 p.m., parish office closes

### Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day Parish Office Closed

### Wednesday, July 5

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level  
 9:30 a.m., Group Two Women's Quest-ioning  
 6:30 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner

### Thursday, July 6

10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures

### Friday, July 7

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level

### Saturday, July 8

10:00 a.m., Food Pantry  
 10:00 a.m., Organ Practice

## Newsletter Information

The deadline for placing items in this newsletter is every Wednesday at 12 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to start receiving this newsletter each week, please contact Sheryl Poole ([sp@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:sp@trinitylawrence.org)).

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