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## This Week at Trinity

### Worship Assistants for Sunday, July 16, 2017

#### Discretionary Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist  
Chalice Bearer: Donna Griffin  
Lector: Diana Dyal  
Intercessor: Margaret Bearse  
Usher: Kent Tomlinson

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism  
Chalice Bearers: John Bullock, David Marker  
Lectors: Mary Donovan, Terry Mandle  
Ushers: Maria Thompson, Linda McCoy, Katie Becker, Terry Tracy  
Verger: Brian Haupt  
Acolytes: Claire Schmidt, Liam Nutt, Ari Myers-Arenth

#### Readings

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
The complete lectionary readings for Sunday, July 16, can be found at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net).

#### Hymns

Opening: #8, "Morning has broken like the first morning" (*Bunessan*)  
Sequence: #593, "Lord, make us servants of your peace" (*Dickinson College*)  
Communion: #325, "Let us break bread together on our knees" (*Let Us Break Bread*)  
Closing: #529, "In Christ there is no East or West" (*McKee*)  
Hymns can be accessed at [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org).

#### Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are given by Mark Stotler and Carl Edwards to the glory of God and in memory of Mark's mother, Aurora.

## Announcements

### Vacation Bible School

All children 3 years old through rising 5th graders are encouraged to come share this Vacation Bible School (VBS) with us. VBS is made just for them. We will have games, stories, videos, crafts, and yummy snacks. You can register after church or you can show up Monday evening. We will need the child's name, your name and contact information (cell phone number and email address). Also, please tell us if your child has any allergies we need to know about and if we have permission to put your child's picture on the bulletin board, in The Corner newsletter, or in a video we will be making. Trinity children, grandchildren, neighbor children -- everyone is invited to share VBS with us. It's going to be a great week!

### 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

### 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!

### **Wish List from Willow Domestic Violence Shelter**

If you can help with any of the following items, please contact Mother Susan Terry (st@episcopalchurch.org; 785-843-6166).



## **Words of Inspiration**

### **From the Desk of Father Rob**



Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

While I focused on the topic of sin from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome, I didn't touch on this curious passage from the Gospel of Matthew. The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary suggests that there might have been some sort of children's game where two leaders, one behaving in a jubilant way and the other mourning, would try to get the other children to follow him or her, and not the other. But this is only speculation. Jesus' point is that the public neither followed his cousin John's call to repentance (often supported by grim, violent symbolism), or Jesus' warm and welcoming news of forgiveness. Instead, both messages were greeted by cynicism and personal critique, even as that critique contradicted itself: John must be a nut because he's such as ascetic; Jesus is untrustworthy because he eats and drinks freely.

Can we receive good news in our life, whether it is the challenging call to repentance or the comforting word of forgiveness, without succumbing to cynicism, snark, or skepticism? There is so much in our society that encourages and rewards those responses, how can being a faithful Christian allow you to be open to receiving the word of God from unexpected places?

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Rob+

### **Stewardship Message: The Gift of Baptism**

Baptism means you have a reason to be. It means you have a holy reason to be. In baptism God says, "You are my child and I have a purpose for your life. You are to live as a child of God. You are my partner in loving and serving, in living in such a way that people experience my love through you. You have a purpose to be. You are a child of God."

Once you are baptized it means the rest of your life is a stewardship struggle. You struggle in prayer and conversation to discern how you can best be a steward for God, a servant of God to your neighbor through your job and your relationships. In fact, you no longer have just a job or a business. You have a vocation, which means your work is more than a way to make a living; it is a way to serve as you make a living. It means you are

accountable to God for your work. It means work is holy. It means life is holy.

What a wonderful gift we have in our baptism. Life is to be a steward for God, serving our neighbors. We have a holy purpose. We are baptized, blessed as children of God. We are blessed to be a blessing.

--- The Rev. Dr. Dennis Anderson

### **TEST Tidbits: St. Francis Explains Lawn Care**

Several years ago, Trinity's Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST) told this joke to the gathered group in South Park to celebrate Earth Day. It was part of the "Speak-out"/"Shout-Out" open forum held that year. It is a playful conversation mostly between St. Francis and God by an anonymous author. We hope you enjoy it and contemplate the greater message.

*God:* Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What has happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles, and the stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought, and attract butterflies, honeybees, and flocks of songbirds. Now all I see are these green rectangles.

*St. Francis:* It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and will go to great lengths to kill them and grow only grass.

*God:* Oh, that is so boring! It is not colorful and does not attract birds, butterflies, and bees. Don't they know that grass is temperamental with temperatures and needs tons of water?

*St. Francis:* Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow grass and keep it green. They fertilize it and use chemicals to kill any other plants that spoil the even greenness of grass.

*God:* Well, my spring rains must make the grass grow very nice and tall. Do these spring rains please the suburbanites?

*St. Francis:* Not exactly, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it -- sometimes twice in one week.

*God:* They do? Don't they bail it like hay? Use it for a cash crop?

*St. Francis:* Well, no. They take the cuttings and place them in bags for the city to come and get.

*God:* Let me get this straight: they fertilize the grass to make it grow, cut it off, and pay someone to come and take it away?

*St. Francis:* Yes, sir.

*God:* Well, at least these suburbanites must be glad when the summer sun makes the grass grow more slowly. Then they can take a rest.

*St. Francis:* You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they pay more money to water it, so it will continue to grow -- and then they bag it and pay the city to come and take it away.

*God:* Oh dear. What a lot of work they have made for themselves. I hope they appreciate the trees that give them shade and beauty, and in the fall, the leaves keep in moisture and feed the soil. It is a natural cycle of life.

*St. Francis:* Better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, they gather them and bag them and pay for the city to take them away.

*God:* But what do they do to protect the trees roots and keep the soil moist throughout the winter?

*St. Francis:* Well, they go out and buy mulch to spread around the roots.

*God:* Ah! Where does this mulch come from?

*St. Francis:* It comes from trees that have been cut up elsewhere and bought to spread around.

*God:* I think I have heard enough about his subject, Frank. St. Catherine, you are in charge of the Arts. Do we have a movie for tonight?

*St. Catherine:* Yes, it is called "Dumb and Dumber." It's a movie about ...

*God:* Never mind. I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Although in jest and good humor, the story might nudge us to think about how to reconfigure our lawns. Can we add more diverse plants -- native plants that use less water? Perhaps we can add a rain garden area? Can we reduce or eliminate pesticides? Can we design our lawn to use less fuel products and perhaps grow food? Let's get creative. It will save money, time, and will be better for the environment.

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

## **Ministry Opportunities**

### **Holy Stir-It Teams Help Community Shelter**

On Thursday, July 13, Holy Stir-It, the men's fellowship group, will break into three teams to prepare and serve the evening meal for about 150 people at the Lawrence Community Shelter (3655 E 25 St.). The meal will include sandwiches, chips, relishes, and snow cones.

- Team I: 3-4:30 p.m., 2-3 people to pick up and set up a snow-cone machine that is being donated by Anderson Rentals

- Team II: 4-5:30 p.m., 4-6 people to arrive at the shelter at 4 p.m. to assemble sandwiches and prepare for serving, which begins at 5 p.m.
- Team III: 5:30-7 p.m., 4-6 people to continue preparing and serving for the second shift, which begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m.

In addition to signing up after services on Sunday, July 9, it would be helpful to indicate which team(s) you can join by emailing [trinity.holystirit@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.holystirit@gmail.com).

### **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).

### **LINK Volunteers Needed**

On Tuesday, July 18, Trinity and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church will serve at the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK). They will need protein-rich casseroles that will serve about ten people, also milk, bread, vegetables, and salads. The latter are especially popular this time of year. Fruit, especially bananas, is eagerly chosen -- even fruit cocktail is popular. Large or industrial-sized cans of vegetables and fruit are available at the local Checkers market. And volunteers to help in the kitchen and server are always needed! This is a good opportunity for teenagers to do some public service; just remember that all minors must be supervised by an adult. Please consider helping in this fun fellowship opportunity as we remind ourselves of our mission to seek and serve Christ in others. If interested, please call Catherine Robins (785-766-0883) or Orea Kent (785-842-8021).

### **Refugee and Immigrant Ministry**

The Refugee and Immigrant Ministry group will meet on July 19, at 7:15 p.m. in the chapel. We are making some exciting plans for a major awareness-building event later this fall. Please join us and add your voice to the activities being planned.

### **Forward Day by Day**

[Forward Day by Day](#) for August through October is here. The author for August is Scott Claassen, a priest who, for one year, minimized his carbon footprint and bicycled 11,500 miles engaging people in discussion about climate change and care for God and neighbor. In September the author is Sophronia Scott, a writer and teacher of creative writing who is a member of Austin Turney's former church in Newtown, CT. In October the author is Eileen O'Brien, who is campus missionary for the University of Houston. For those who prefer a large-print version of Forward, they are on the desk in the parish library

### **Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry**

The food pantry was open eight days in June 2017 and served 271 families (271 children, 461 adults, 38 senior adults) requesting food assistance. Each bag of food given to a family has a retail value of \$19.76. In June, the total expense for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$2,823.17, and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$5,354.96. TIFP is grateful for all donations of money and food to provide assistance to many people in Douglas County. This month's Harvesters Mobile Food Distribution is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church (1330 Kasold).

### **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, George, Chris, Denise, Leigh Ann

Prayer for those with special intentions:  
Roy, Emily, Matthew and Allison, the Nixon family, Haley, Jaimie, Trinity  
and Danny, Emily, Beverly, Patti, Julia, Barbara, Edith

Pray for those in the hospital:  
Larry, Glen, Kim, JoAnn, Jim, Bill, Barbara, Sheryl

Pray for those who are departed:  
John Nixon, Ruth Guy Sheldon, Ed Zamarippa

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### Sunday, July 16

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:30 a.m., Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Holy Baptism  
10:30 a.m., Sunday School  
11:30 a.m., Coffee Hour  
1:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Set-up

### Monday, July 17

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level  
9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer  
6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School  
6:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting

### Tuesday, July 18

10:30 a.m., Staff Meeting  
12:00 p.m., LINK Service, Kitchen  
2:00 p.m., Food Pantry  
6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School

### Wednesday, July 19

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level  
6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School  
7:15 p.m., Refugee and Immigrant Ministry, Chapel

### Thursday, July 20

9:30 a.m., Brandon Woods Eucharist  
10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures  
6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School

### Friday, July 21

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

### Saturday, July 22

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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