



Trinity Topics

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“He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.”

- John 6:56

The central proposition of liturgy is the motto “Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi,” which literally means “the law of prayer is the law of faith.” That is, the way we pray is an expression of what we believe. In Anglican history, people have literally died over the question of whether the people should kneel to receive Communion, whether candles should be on the altar, and even what the priest should wear during services. Puritan pastors would rather die than wear a surplice because they felt donning mystical garment for services expressed a pagan theology of sacrifice apart from the one sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. We see controversies about liturgy even in the New Testament, with Church leaders struggling to answer questions of how non-Jews fit into the assembly or what sorts of head coverings liturgical leaders should wear.

These tensions are the struggle to express what we believe in the way we pray as a community. On the other hand, what we do in liturgy reinforces what we believe. When, for example, we kneel to receive holy communion we put ourselves in posture of awe of God’s works for us. We have images of saints in our church to encourage us by their example and to remind us of the enduring presence of the saints in our lives—no one who dies in the Lord is truly gone but is alive in Jesus.

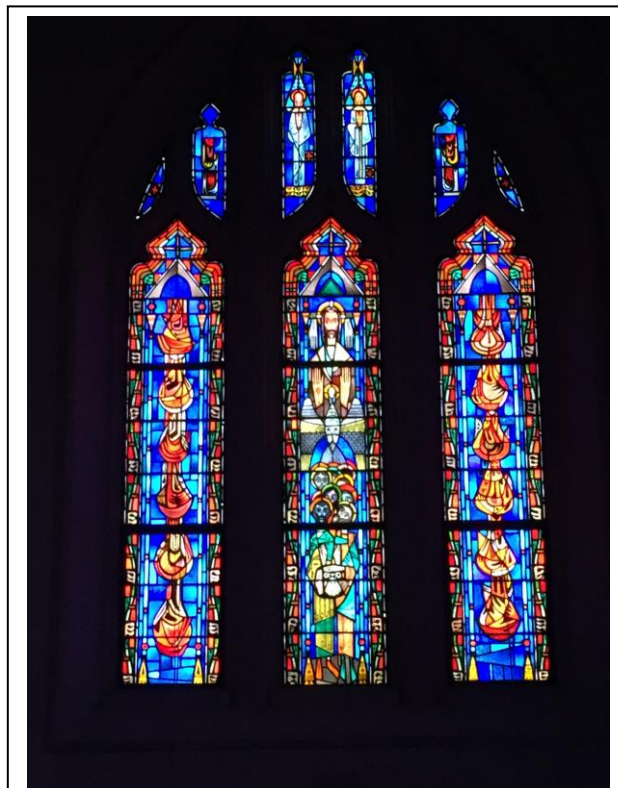
I bring all this to mind because the beauty of our liturgy and our building are such important parts of our identities as Episcopalians. What we do in our worship is more than beautiful—it is an expression of what God is doing for us and of our faith in God. These are often the first things people notice when they visit an Episcopal Church for the first time. As Episcopalians believe that the Christian life is not only a matter of what we say or believe, but also of what we do—both inside church and in the world.

Few celebrations better express this dynamic than the Feast of Corpus Christi. This celebration originated in the 12th century and became hugely popular across Europe almost instantly. During this service, we boldly assert our conviction that Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist by holding a great procession with it, making loud proclamation that Our Lord well and truly dwells among us. It concludes with the priest using the consecrated host to bless the congregation, which we assert is Jesus himself offering the world his blessing. In this ritual, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist goes from being a confusing and abstract doctrine to being a literal manifestation of God’s enduring presence to us.

I invite all of us to experience this great mystery of the Christian Faith at our cathedral this June. It will take place on **Thursday, June 15, at 5:30pm.** It will be held at **St. Paul’s Cathedral, 815 S 2nd St, Springfield.** If you need or can offer a ride to the service, please let the parish office know. A reception will follow the service.

Father Zachary Brooks +

The Day of Pentecost is June 4.



The Pentecost Window at Trinity Church

News & Announcements

Landscaping Update

You may have noticed some big changes to our church yard. The retaining walls and flower beds are finished and the plants are in, completing the renovation project. We've already received several positive comments from members of the community. Now we need a few years of patience and watering as it all grows and thrives. Thank you to our Landscaping Committee—Chuck Crim, Adah Mitchell, and Jim Herget for all their hard work! Thank you especially to Chuck for his hands-on help, doing some of the digging himself!

A Special THANK YOU!

Now that regular Church School has ended, it is only fitting that we thank all of our teachers and parents who have dedicated themselves to our children. We need to give a special thanks to Hilda Radcliffe and Gayle Pollock who have spent countless hours preparing lesson plans and leading the Lenten projects to support Heifer Project International.

News & Announcements, cont.

Doorbell Dinners

Trinity Church delivered Doorbell Dinners the week of May 22 – 26. Coordinator Adah Mitchell wishes to thank the following who helped during the week: K-Lou Ashmore, John Clancy, Chuck Crim, Mia DeGroot, Charley Frank, Carole Hack, Newton Mitchell, Gayle Pollock, Hilda Radcliffe, Dana Ryan, Stella VanAken, Ginda Woodruff, and Ryan Worrall.

Summer Children's Church

This summer, we will offer an opportunity for children to continue being engaged by the Christian story with Summer Children's Church. Starting on May 28, through the Sunday School kick-off in the Fall, children will meet in the basement of the parish hall for a Bible story, an activity, and a light snack before joining the rest of the congregation in the church after the sermon. Of course, this will be provided as an option for children and their parents—children are always welcome to stay with their parents in our services. Volunteers are needed to lead classes. Leading classes will require no prep time—activities and supplies will be provided. Please find the sign-up sheet on the credenza in the lobby.

Summer Bible Study

Fr. Zach will offer a summer Bible study course in the lounge at 7 pm every first and third Wednesday in June, July, and August. Classes will last approximately one hour, with light refreshments provided. The class will begin with the book of Genesis. Contact brooksz@gmail.com for more details.

Congratulations

On May 13, 2017, **Scott Crim** graduated and received his diploma from McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois. Scott earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and minored in Leadership Studies. The 177th Commencement Ceremony was held outdoors on the campus of McKendree University with over five hundred Bachelor's degrees being conferred. Scott will spend the summer seeking employment in his chosen field of study. He is the son of Chuck and Joann Crim.

Kate Schildman, granddaughter of David and Pat Bone, is a member of the graduating Class of 2017 at Jacksonville High School. Kate was awarded the Academic Excellence Award by the local Kiwanis Club for being in the top ten percent of her class. Kate is also an Illinois State Scholar and the recipient of the President's Academic Excellence Award.

Congratulations, **Scott and Kate!**

***If members of your family have graduated or received awards this spring, please let the Parish Office know so that we can recognize them.

Burial Office

The Burial Office for **Billie Kohlbecker**, a former long-time parishioner, will be on Wednesday, June 28, at the regular 10 o'clock service.

****If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.***

Sunday, June 4

is **The Day of PENTECOST**
(also called Whitsunday).

On this day we gather a special offering for the Endowment of the Diocese of Springfield.

Special envelopes are at both entrances to the church.
Please write your check to Trinity Church with Whitsunday Offering in the memo line.

Wednesdays, June 7 & 21

Join Fr. Zach for Bible Study
at 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 11

Trinity Sunday

is **Our Feast of Title.**

We will have our **Parish Potluck**
after the 10 o'clock Holy Eucharist

Sundays during the Summer
at 10 o'clock

Bible Stories and Activities
for children
in the basement of the Parish Hall

Children will join their families in church
after the sermon.

SERVICES IN JUNE 2017

Sunday, June 4: THE DAY OF PENTECOST: Whitsunday

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 7:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 11: TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Monday, June 12: St. Barnabas, tr.

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 14 (*Basil the Great*):

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Thursday, June 15:

CORPUS CHRISTI

5:30 pm = Service at the

Cathedral of St. Paul, Springfield

Sunday, June 18: THE 2ND SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 21:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Saturday, June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 25: THE 3RD SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 28:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Thursday, June 29: St. Peter & St. Paul

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist