



# Trinity Topics

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***But grace was given to each of us  
according to the measure of Christ's gift.***

(Ephesians 4:7)

As I write this I am waiting to hear from the Diocese of Massachusetts Commission on Ministry whether I will be ordained a priest in December. The most noticeable change my ordination will make will be that I will celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments of the Church rather than presenting gifts consecrated by a visiting priest. The actions of a priest bring the grace of God into the world in their own way. When a priest lays hands on bread and wine and repeats the words of Jesus, "This is my body. This is my blood," we believe that Jesus becomes present to us in a new way and offers his mercy and fellowship to us. Sometimes, when I am in the pews, I cover my face in awe of what the Lord is doing for me and for all of us in these simple acts.

Last month I wrote to you about the history and nature of the diaconate. Deacons are one of three orders of ordained ministry—deacons, priests (or presbyters), and bishops. The diaconate came about because the Church grew to the point that the apostles could no longer manage all aspects of Church life, and they appointed servers to see to the more material needs of their flock.

A distinct priesthood came about a century later. The Church didn't really need a distinct priesthood because there would usually be only one congregation in a given city or region. The bishop was the only priest a diocese needed. When the Church grew to the point that dioceses would have multiple parishes, they appointed certain deacons to fulfill the sacramental and pastoral aspects of their ministry for these other congregations. These three orders of ministry survive to this day. Bishops, our leaders, delegate their roles as priests and deacons to ensure the spiritual needs of all Christians in their diocese are met.

Though so often church life can focus on what the priest is doing, in fact ordained people are not the only ones with grace to offer. Protestant reformers called this the "Priesthood of all believers." Every Christian, lay or ordained, is a minister of the Church. The marvelous implication of the incarnation is that human actions can offer the grace of God to us. A priest offers the grace of God to us in sacraments like Confession or the Eucharist. Yet, every one of us can offer the grace of God to one another in our own way, whether in a friendly handshake, a kind word, or by simply being there for a brother or sister in need. In all things we do as Christians we must be mindful that it is Jesus that lives in us, and Jesus calls us to proclaim his Word of peace and salvation to the world in all we say and do.

In Christ,

*The Rev. Zachary D. Brooks, Rector-Elect*

## News & Announcements

### ***A Bit of History***

From what I could gather from the archives we have, there have been three previous pipe organs here at Trinity Church since 1832, with the first organ being on the Gospel side of the church. That pipe organ was one of the earliest in Illinois and the first in Jacksonville.

On June 27, 1876, the second organ was installed by Lancashire & Turner of Moline, Illinois, with the first service being played on July 18, 1876. A concert followed on July 25, featuring a duet by Miss Kate Dietrich and Kate Sawyer, and a solo of Gounod's *Ave Maria* by Miss Carrie Whittlesey.

A Hall organ was next, being installed in 1921, and served the congregation for fifty years with many concerts given in the 40's and 50's.

The present Bosch organ was installed in 1971, at a cost of \$23,900, by technicians from Kassel, Germany and Midwest Organ, St. Louis. It was designed by Werner Bosch in consultation with Mrs. Ruth Bellatti. It was dedicated at an Evensong service on Sunday, March 28, 1971.

Several Evensong concerts were given in the 70's with guest artists performing at the organ and numerous vocal soloists that included Charles Frank, Elizabeth Aldridge, and Rev. Malottke, pastor at the time.

The organ has 1,112 pipes and needs to be tuned several times a year so that it maintains its beautiful tone. (In order to totally clean it, it must be dismantled and then put back together – quite an undertaking.)

I hope you have enjoyed learning a little history of the organs here at Trinity Church as much as I have enjoyed researching them.

*Michele Quinones*

Thanks, Michele, for volunteering to research and write this article. If there is anyone else who would like to delve into the history of Trinity Church, please let Deacon Zach know.

### ***Parish Directory***

With over 90% of parishioners completing the new directory information sheets, we are ready to print out copies to share. If you would like one, you may pick one up in the Parish Office.

### ***Maintenance update***

Work is definitely progressing on the HVAC project and the upkeep of the Parish Hall. Within a few weeks we will be able to reoccupy all of the basement level rooms, and the exterior of the Parish Hall will be spruced up with fresh paint around the windows and trim. Please be careful when you visit the church during the week. Workers are sometimes on all sides of the building.

### ***Keys***

In order to secure all exterior doors and to make them up to date with codes, new locks have been installed. These require the use of new keys. If you need a new key, please sign one out with Deacon Zach or Jo Ann in the Parish Office. This new key will only open exterior doors; you still need the old key for interior doors.

### ***Trinity Fellowship***

The Fellowship Group continues on October 4, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. Deacon Zach is leading the group in reading *The Call* by Rev. Adam Hamilton. This series of lessons explores the life and work of St. Paul. Each session includes a short video presentation which takes the viewers to some of the sites Paul visited on his journeys.

### ***Jacksonville Area Council of Churches (JACC)***

Trinity Church is one of the original founders of this group. Our participation has been minimal in recent years. Jo Ann Nelson attended its September meeting to find out more of what the group is doing.

They have been sponsoring various collection drives to meet local needs. The September / October / November drive is for items for the New Directions Warming and Cooling Center. Although we already have a basket in the upper hallway of the Parish Hall, there is a JACC poster with a list of currently needed items by the basket.

JACC has started to hold Fellowship of Youth Interdenominational gatherings on the fifth Sunday of the month (four times a year). This is an event for middle school through high school students.

As in the past, the JACC will hold a Community Thanksgiving Service.

Central Christian Church is coordinating two events:

- The Crop Walk - Most of us have heard of, and possibly participated in, it in the past. It will be held on Sunday, October 16, at 1:00 pm, in Community Park. If you are interested in walking or contributing to it, see the poster on the bulletin board or contact the Parish Office.
- The Food Truck – The Central Illinois Foodbank will send this mobile food pantry to the Morgan County Fairgrounds on September 29. Area churches pay for the truck and will help distribute food to those in need. The Vestry of Trinity Church voted to donate \$100.

The JACC meets about five times a year. It would be good to have a regular representative at their meetings.

### ***Supply Priests***

Father David Boase will celebrate The Holy Eucharist with us on Sunday, October 9. Archdeacon Shawn Denney will celebrate The Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays, October 5 and 19.

### ***Congratulations***

Natalie Schildman, daughter of Patricia Bone, was named the Passavant Area Hospital's Employee of the Month. Natalie is an LPN in the Emergency Department. Way to go, Natalie!

## Important Events to Note:

**Tuesday, October 4:**

**Trinity Fellowship** meets at 7:00 pm.  
(Dessert is served from 7:00 – 7:30. The study is  
from 7:30 until 8:30.)

**Monday, October 10:**

### **ECW**

Build your own salad. Bring a salad ingredient. Lettuce  
and beverages are provided.

**5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, October 16:**

### **CROP Walk for Hunger**

1:00 pm at Community Park

**Tuesday, October 18:**

### **Vestry Meeting at**

**7:00 pm**

**Friday and Saturday, December 2 & 3:**

### **Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon**

The ladies in the Holiday Shoppe would like you to  
start bringing items for the sale. Antiques, fine china  
& glassware, and like-new gift items are always  
needed.

## **SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2016**

October 2:

### **The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &  
Holy Communion

October 9:

### **The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist

October 16:

### **The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &  
Holy Communion

October 23:

### **The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &  
Holy Communion

October 30:

### **The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &  
Holy Communion



**Wednesdays at 10:00 am:**

### **The Holy Eucharist**

October 5  
October 19

### **Morning Prayer**

October 12  
October 26