



# Trinity Topics

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***“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”***

—Isaiah 43:19

September always seems like the rollover to a new year in church life, when new programs are established and other programs resume after a summer break. In September we put away the summer schedule and resume a “normal” schedule. Perhaps it’s a habit from our school days that we never quite unlearn. Fall brings big changes to life at Trinity Church.

The first change of our church life is a big expansion of our music program with our new Choral Scholars internships. Following the great tradition of Anglican choral music, our choir is a vital component of our life of worship at Trinity Church. Their anthems and leadership of our communal singing bring beauty and transcendence to our liturgy which we hope will be a new avenue of outreach to local colleges and the wider Jacksonville community. We will welcome four choral interns from local institutions of higher learning into our choir. They will gain experience in professional singing and a small stipend from an old fund designated for the choir program. We will receive an opportunity to build on the graces of our choir and musical program as well as connections to local colleges and Jacksonville’s music lovers that could possibly lead to more opportunities for outreach. Singers will hopefully begin filtering in with the start of the Fall semester—please welcome these young people into our parish community! Thank you to Organist Mary Wilson and the members of our choir for being willing to offer space in their musical program, as well as their experience and guidance, to our choral scholars.

The second big change will be the addition of a third Sunday worship service, reviving the venerable Anglican tradition of Sunday Evening Prayer. Starting on September 9, we will offer the service of Evening Prayer at 4 pm in the main church. Our society overall has left the idea of the Sabbath behind, and we simply cannot assume everyone will have Sunday mornings off from work anymore. I hope that evening worship will give an opportunity for people who cannot otherwise attend church a chance to observe the Lord’s Day. It will also give those who attended in the morning an opportunity to conclude their Lord’s Day with additional prayer and meditation. At first the service will be rather low key, with a shorter sermon and no hymns or music, though that might change if there is desire for it among the people who attend the service. I would like to emphasize that for the time being I will be experimenting to see what works for this service or even if there is need for a third service. If you have some vision of what this service can be, please attend and let me know your thoughts.

We will also be resuming the parts of our parish life that take a break during the summer. Fellowship will resume on September 4, at 7 pm. Fellowship group is an opportunity for Christian education and conversation. This year we will be discussing the history of Trinity Church as we look through the fascinating materials in the parish archives. Next, anyone with a song in their heart, of any level of musical skill, is welcome to join the parish choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays, at 7 pm in the basement of the parish hall. Sunday School will resume on September 9, in the parish hall basement. Finally, September is a great time to consider joining one of our liturgical ministries. If you would like to volunteer to be an acolyte, lector, oblation bearer, or usher, please contact the church office.

There is a lot going on at Trinity Church—come experience the new thing the Lord is doing for us.

*Fr. Zach Brooks*

*A Course in Anglican History: Part VI*

Sometime around 1529, Anne Boleyn, certainly at the direction of her Protestant family members, began placing in Henry VIII's hands Protestant tracts questioning the authority of the Pope over the English Church, including William Tyndale's *The Obedience of a Christian Man*. The Bible, so the Protestants argued, did not appoint a class of ecclesial tyrants to be a law unto themselves; rather all believers were part of the Priesthood of All Believers. The implication was that State and Church law were ultimately one, which in Henry's mind made him the ruler of both State and Church matters. He spent the next few years bullying the English Church into line with the help of his right-hand man Thomas Cromwell. He rammed legislation through Parliament demanding loyalty from clergy to himself and punishing loyalty to the Pope. When Archbishop of Canterbury William Warham died in 1532, Henry appointed in his place Thomas Cranmer, whose main qualification was his support for the King's annulment. The King's bullying of the Church had the desired effect of inducing the papal nuncio to confirm the appointment.

The timing of events at this point were problematic. In January, Henry and Anne secretly married, and Anne became pregnant—it isn't clear which came first. However, in January, Thomas Cranmer was still waiting for papal confirmation of his appointment and wasn't consecrated Archbishop until March. Henry's annulment from his marriage to Catherine couldn't be finalized until May. In short order Cranmer confirmed Henry and Anne's secret marriage, and Anne was appointed Queen. Pope Clement VII excommunicated Henry, Anne, and Archbishop Cranmer in July of 1533. In September of 1533, Anne gave birth to a daughter named Elizabeth, and if anyone had any doubt of her legitimacy, she was baptized in warm water after the English tradition for the heir to the throne. In 1534, Parliament passed the Act of Supremacy that declared the King the "the only supreme head on Earth of the Church of England," followed by the Treason Act that made it a crime to say otherwise. To this day, the monarch is the head of the Church of England.

*This column is the sixth in the monthly series on the history of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church.*

**The Readings for the Sundays in September**

	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
September 2	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	45: 1-2, 7-10	James 1:17-27	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 9	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	125	James 2: 1-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 16	Proverbs 1:20-33	19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 23	Proverbs 31:10-31	1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 30	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22	124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

**Sunday Service Booklets**

Most people deposit the service booklet on the table as they exit the church. That is fine, and we recycle them. However, there are two purposes to producing the weekly booklet. One, of course, is to help people follow along with the service. The other possible purpose is for people to take them home to reread the scriptures and prayers during the week. Feel free to take yours home or to take them to a friend who was unable to attend the service.

***Ministers Needed!***

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, Oblationers, and Ushers are needed. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please talk to Fr. Zach or contact the Parish Office.

## News & Announcements

### ***Choir***

Choir has resumed rehearsals on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All are welcome to join. Talk with Mary Wilson for more details.

### ***Trinity Fellowship***

All are welcome to attend Trinity Fellowship. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, September through May. From 7 until 7:30 p.m., dessert is served. Then from 7:30 until 8:30, there

### ***Altar Flowers***

Trinity Church is blessed to have so many generous members who regularly donate Sunday's altar flowers. There are always a few weeks on which we do not have donors. If you are interested in donating flowers, contact Jo Ann in the Parish Office.

### ***Doorbell Dinners***

Members of Trinity Church delivered dinners the week of July 30 – August 3. Thanks to all who helped: Kip & K-Lou Ashmore, David & Pat Bone, Jim & Janet Cisne, John Clancy, Chuck Crim, Bruce & Melissa Evans, Maryjane Million, Jo Ann Nelson, Hilda Radcliffe, Don & Alice Tracey, and David & Ginda Woodruff.

### ***Jacksonville Area Council of Churches***

Trinity Church members donated 8 boxes of facial tissues, 79 granola bar packages, 110 packets of hot chocolate, and 112 packs of gum to the College Welcome Kits. Over 500 kits were assembled and distributed to new students at Illinois College and MacMurray College in August. Each kit also contained a brochure about the churches that donated items.

### ***Food Collections***

The August 4<sup>th</sup> collection brought in 25 jars of peanut butter and jelly.

Our regular donations to the Jacksonville Area Community Food Center since December have totaled over 417 pounds of food and \$25 cash. Using their calculation, the food is valued at over \$521.

### ***Prayer Lists***

It has been a long tradition at Trinity Church to mention by name people who need and/or request our prayers. We have two prayer lists: a short one on Sundays and an extensive one on Wednesdays. First of all, it makes it easier for us if you submit a name in writing. It has been customary to leave names on the Sunday list for six weeks, unless a special request is made. There has been no designated length of time to have a name on the Wednesday list; however, if you request prayers for a person, we hope that you would keep us updated on his condition or situation.

### ***Deaths***

**Donald Eldred** died on August 4, 2018. His funeral will be here at Trinity Church on September 1. He was a loyal servant to Trinity Church and will be dearly missed.

**Ada Hipkins** died on August 21, 2018. Her funeral was here at Trinity Church on August 28. A lifelong Episcopalian, she was baptized at Trinity Church in 1920, and confirmed here in 1931!

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

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

**Trinity Fellowship**

This year we will study the  
History of Trinity Church.

*There will be lots of hands-on activities  
as we look through many boxes of archival material.*

**Tuesday, September 4  
7:00 pm**

**Church School & Choir  
will resume on**

**Sunday, September 9**

**ECW  
Build Your Own Salad Supper**

**Monday, September 10  
5:30 pm**

**Vestry Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 18  
7:00 pm**

The Fall Ingathering of the  
**United Thank Offering**  
will be on  
**Sunday, September 30.**

*Make an offering in thanksgiving  
for something or someone in your life.*

**SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2018**

**SUNDAYS:**

September 2:

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 am = Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

September 9:

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 am = Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

September 16:

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 am = Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

September 23:

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 am = Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

September 30:

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 am = Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

**WEEKDAYS AT 10:00 am**

Wednesday, September 5

Wednesday, September 12

Friday, September 14:

**Holy Cross Day**

Wednesday, September 19

Friday, September 21:

**St. Matthew**

Wednesday, September 26

Saturday, September 29:

**St. Michael & All Angels**