



Trinity Topics

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**“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”—*John 6:51***

One of the central promises that Jesus has made to His Church is that He is with us, and where He is there is new life. Perhaps we are accustomed to thinking of His presence as a purely spiritual matter. After all, God is everywhere, and His love is available to us in all times, and in all places. As the Bible says, “Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?” It is a great source of comfort to me that God is always closer to my heart than I am to myself. God knows us when we are mysteries even to ourselves. We are dwelling in a world filled to the brim with God.

Yet this is not the only way Jesus is present to us. He has promised to be with us, and he has also promised that, when the Eucharist is celebrated in faith, the bread becomes his body and the wine becomes his blood. The Eucharist is, therefore, a fulfillment of Jesus’ mission to humankind. Jesus is not merely a spirit; He has become a human being and does encounter us where we reside in time and place. In the Eucharist, Jesus is present right here, right now. We can reach out and receive Him into our hands. Faith is not merely a feeling in our hearts but also an action of taking and eating. I am filled with such awe at this great miracle that sometimes I cover my face when the priest elevates the Host.

In June we will celebrate this miracle with the **Feast of Corpus Christi** at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Springfield. The Dean of the Cathedral and I have been working to make this a diocese-wide celebration of the saving truth that Jesus is with us, and we can know him in this holy rite of the Eucharist. This ceremony originated in the Middle Ages and was one of the most popular celebrations on the eve of the Reformation. The logic is simple: if Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist, shouldn’t we act like it? While Anglican Reformers resisted the celebration of Corpus Christi because they didn’t see it as biblical, the belief that Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist continues to be a central dogma of Anglican faith. Corpus Christi was revived in Anglicanism during the late 19th century and is popular today in Catholic-minded parishes and dioceses.

The service begins with the Holy Eucharist. The service will be celebrated by **Bishop Daniel Martins**, and our preacher will be **the Rev. John Heschle** from Saint Paul’s Church-by-the-Lake in Chicago. After all have had the opportunity to receive the Eucharist, the service moves on to the service of Benediction, in which the Host is placed on the altar for all to meditate on the saving mystery of Jesus’ presence to the world. It is put into a device called a monstrance, which represents the glory of God. Next, the Host is carried in a grand procession out of the church building, as the congregation sings to announce that God is present and offers the whole world salvation. Finally, the bishop will bless the congregation with the Host so that this encounter with our Savior can bless our lives in the world.

I hope we can bring a large delegation from Trinity Church to this service. Eucharistic adoration has been a central part of my formation as a Christian, and I pray it can be a life-giving practice for our whole community. The service will be at **St. Paul’s Cathedral, Springfield, on Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 PM.** Children traditionally form an important part of the procession, so we will be happy to include as many flower girls and acolytes as we can get. The service will be followed by a reception. Please let me know if you need transportation to or from the service.

Father Zachary Brooks +

A Course in Anglican History: Part XII

King Henry VIII reached the end of his life with one official heir. Prince Edward was sickly his whole life, and it was understood on all sides how tenuous this situation was. Since Mary and Elizabeth were technically bastards, if Edward died without children the throne would pass to Henry's sister, Margaret. Yet Margaret had married the King of the Scots, James IV, which would give a foreign power control over England. To prevent this eventuality, Henry was given the right to arbitrarily decree the line of succession by Parliament in a series of Acts of Succession, which settled on the throne passing to Edward, then Mary, then Elizabeth, despite the latter's illegitimacy. This succession would turn out to be critical for the future of the English Church, for each of these heirs had very different ideas about what English Christianity should become.

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

News & Announcements

Special THANK YOUs !

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.

And the Church School would like to thank all the parishioners and friends who contributed to this year's Heifer Project International! The grand total this year was **\$3,268.73!!!!** This exceeded their goal and is the largest amount they have ever collected in a year.

Personal World War II History

Bob Underbrink has compiled the letters he wrote home from Germany during the Summer of 1945 into a manuscript. His mother had saved all the letters and donated them to the State of Illinois Library. He discovered them some time back and was encouraged to share them. He has donated a copy of *Letters Home* to Trinity Church. It is available for checkout in the parish office. If interested in your own copy, you may order one from him at a cost of \$20.

A Unique Visit

Trinity Church was pleased to welcome John Sweeney, a direct descendant of The Rev. John E. Easter, when he visited in early May. Mr. Sweeney is a cousin to Patrick Kennedy and is an enthusiastic genealogist. We helped him in his research by going back into the old records, thereby filling in some "holes" in his family history. AND he helped us by sharing the complete record of Fr. Easter's life from birth to death. Fr. Easter was the Rector at Trinity Church from 1876 - 1889. After Mr. Sweeney left, he realized that he also had King and Sawyer relatives who attended Trinity, and we have given him some more information on them. What a small world!

Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches (JACC)

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is focusing on **College Welcome Packets** during the months of June and July. Each packet will have information about the JACC and contact information for the specific churches participating. They need tissues, hot chocolate, gum, and granola bars. There is a box for your donations in the upper hallway.

News & Announcements, cont.

Doorbell Dinners

Trinity Church delivered Doorbell Dinners the week of May 20 – 24. Coordinator K-Lou Ashmore wishes to thank the following who helped during the week: Pat Bone, Jim & Janet Cisne, Chuck Crim, Bruce & Melissa Evans, Paula Herget, Forrest & Helen Keaton, Donna Metcalf, Maryjane Million, Hilda Radcliffe with her grandson Michael, Dana Ryan, Natalie Schildman, Don & Alice Tracey, 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 June 2, 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 table in the lobby.

Congratulations

Johanna Horton's granddaughter Katie Hilleke received her Ph.D in chemistry/physics from the University of Wisconsin in February. She will be doing post doc work at SUNY Buffalo beginning this summer. Her granddaughter Hana Foulk was a contestant in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC, the end of May.

Judy Tighe reports that her daughter Erin received her masters in Diversity and Equity in Education from U of I in May.

Don and Alice Tracey report that their grandson Neil will graduate from Arlington High School in Arlington, MA, on June 1. He plans to attend Georgetown University in Washington, DC in the fall. His sister Alice is in Aachen, Germany for a summer internship at the U of Aachen/U MI program.

Betty Aldridge is proud of her grandchildren: Elizabeth Valdez received her doctorate in Public Health from the University of Arizona on May 10. Zachary Gatler graduated from Berkley University in California on May 17.

Mia DeGroot, sixth grade granddaughter of **Fr. Kip and K-Lou Ashmore**, was awarded a certificate in Language Arts, for her writing skills.

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

Sunday, June 16

Trinity Sunday

is Our Feast of Title.

We will have our
Parish Potluck

**after the
10 o'clock Holy Eucharist**

June 20

Feast of Corpus Christi

Come to the
Cathedral of St. Paul
in Springfield
for Holy Eucharist and
Benediction at 6:00 pm.

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 2019

**Sunday, June 2: THE 7TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

Wednesday, June 5:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 9:

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

Tuesday, June 11:

St. Barnabas

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 12:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 16:

TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

Wednesday, June 19:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, June 23: THE 2ND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

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

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 26:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

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

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, June 30: THE 3RD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer