



Trinity Topics

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**“Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three;
but the greatest of these is charity.”—1 Cor. 13:13**

In the Christian calendar, Jesus has given his life to us, risen from the dead for us, and ascended into heaven where he lives for us. He has sent his Spirit to us on Pentecost, thereby handing over his ministry to the world to His chosen people. This season after Pentecost, called Ordinary Time on some liturgical calendars, is the season when Jesus hands his divine mission over to the Church. Vestments and altar hangings become green to represent the growth of this mission in the world, like the verdant growth of the corn on the endless fields that surround our city. The Epistles that follow the Gospels recount the beginning of the mission, and this mission goes on all these centuries later with us here at Trinity Church. For St. Paul, this mission is defined by “Faith, hope, and charity.” It is exactly the things that Jesus has given us so abundantly that we must give to the world.

This passage for 1 Corinthians today is usually translated as “Faith, hope, and love,” but the older translation of this passage makes an essential point. There are many kinds of love. The virtue that is so essential to the identity and mission of Jesus, and therefore of the Church today, is a specific kind of love. Charity is unrestrained, joyful generosity to others. It is the enthusiastic giving of self to all, especially to the poor. The Gospels state that Jesus came first of all to the poor. “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.” (Luke 6:20) So must our mission as Trinity Church be—to those among us who the hungry, those who are homeless, the outcast and the suffering. I feel it is essential to understand that the poor are not “out there.” There are people right here in Jacksonville, our neighbors, our coworkers, our friends, who do not know God’s abundance. This is no fault of God’s. If anyone is in want in Jacksonville, it is because Trinity Church, God’s chosen people, are called to give supply their needs. God help us if we keep this abundance in our own pockets rather than giving it to its rightful owners!

God’s mission for us this summer is to ensure that everyone in Jacksonville comes to know God’s generosity. We thank God that the need is clear and the action we must undertake is straightforward. The Jacksonville Area Community Food Center has been greatly strained to meet our community’s needs. In this newsletter will be a list of food items that the Food Center is in particular need of, which can be left in the bin in the hallway next to the parish hall. Even more critical for the Food Center is financial support. God is calling on all of us to earn a thicker soul through a thinner wallet, by making a generous monetary offering to support the Food Center. Simply designate the offering as going to the Food Center, and the Church can make a massive difference in the life of Jacksonville. This season is for charity. I hope every one of us at Trinity Church hears of the need and remembers Isaiah writing “I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’” (Isaiah 6:8)

Father Zachary Brooks +

Items for Jacksonville Area Community Food Center:

We are always collecting items to support the Food Center.

The following items are especially needed:

Peanut butter and Jelly

Canned chicken or tuna

Canned pasta (Spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.)

Canned soups or Ramen

Cereal or Instant oatmeal

Gatorade or Juice

Macaroni & Cheese

Pudding cups

Empty egg cartons (used to distribute fresh eggs delivered in bulk)

The Food Center is also currently in dire need of financial support.

A Course in Anglican History: Part LXIII

The first half of the eighteenth century was a golden age of philosophical thought. Philosophers from this era include such monumental names as René Descartes, David Hume, Immanuel Kant, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Adam Smith, Voltaire, and many others that changed Western discourse forever. Their ideas would eventually give rise to the American Revolution. Their first and foremost belief was rationalism—all beliefs, even the divinely revealed dogmas of the Church, had to be subjected to the rules of evidence and reason. The Church could hardly ignore this massive shift in Western thought. There were three main responses to rationalism. First was acceptance—the Deist option. Very few thinkers of this era could imagine that God did not exist at all, so they concluded that God was simply not involved in human affairs. He was an abstraction to be aspired to but didn't perform anything like miracles that might interfere with the laws of science. These thinkers saw the Church as serving an important social function but had little use for its dogmas. The second response was the Spiritualist option. The Quakers and Swedenborgian also had little use for the old dogmas of the Church and looked for spiritual truths in their own hearts. Finally, the Pietist option, championed by great preachers like John Wesley and Johnathan Edwards, saw emotion as a fully valid mode of knowing equal to reason. Their enthusiastic preaching and prolific hymns were intended to instill in believers the feeling of God's nearness. The old way of believing, centered on things like the Creeds and doctrinal confessions of the Reformation, did carry quietly on but tended to have little influence on theological discourse during the Age of Enlightenment. Deism, Spiritualism, and Pietism all still effect theological discourse today. Rationalism continues to be something that all believers must contend with.

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



News & Announcements

Doorbell Dinners

Trinity Church delivered Doorbell Dinners the week of May 13-17. Coordinator K-Lou Ashmore thanks those who helped: Kip & K-Lou Ashmore, Fr. Zach Brooks, Chuck & Joann Crim, Skip & Jo Ann Nelson, Michele Quinones, Jeff & Hilda Radcliffe, and Joyce Surbeck.

Outreach Committee

Thanks to your generosity, the Outreach Committee has \$ 1,873 to disburse. The committee recommended, and the Vestry voted, to donate the funds as follows:

- \$1,000 or \$500 each to the Jacksonville Area Food Center and the Salvation Army Food Bank.
- \$700 to the Western IL Youth Camp for 4 middle school students to attend one week of camp. (Transportation to be provided by School District 117)
- \$150 for 1 middle school student to attend Camp Invention at Jacksonville High School. The camp focuses on **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)**

As you can see, there is a small sum left to be distributed which will be discussed at the August Vestry Meeting. A further note is that both the Western Il Youth Camp board of directors and the middle school administrators are very appreciative of our church's support for students who otherwise might not be able to have these summer opportunities.

Please continue to bring empty egg cartons and food which is taken to the Food Bank on a regular basis. Checks are also always welcome.

Church School & Summer

We need to extend special words of gratitude for our dedicated Church School teachers: Hilda Radcliffe, Abby Radcliffe, Gayle Clark, and Laura Evans.

Now that classes are not held in the summer, we hope school-age children will attend the service upstairs with their parents. We will still have the nursery open for the younger ones. **We ask parents and other parishioners to sign up to sit in the nursery once a month (or more)** so that the children can be supervised. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the lobby.

Church School will resume on September 8.

Death

Deborah Ann (DA) Aldridge, wife of Allan and daughter-in-law of Betty, died on May 1, 2024, at home in Florida.

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

Congratulations!

Jill Haley, MSN, RN, CMSRN, wife of Levi, received the Magnet Award for Structural Empowerment from Springfield Memorial Hospital. Levi and Jill both work hard while raising three sweet children. We are proud of you, Jill, and congratulate you on this award!

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

Lectors:

June 2: Cathy Nelson
June 9: Forrest Keaton
June 16: Alice Tracey
June 23: Cathy Nelson
June 30: Paula Woods

Acolytes:

June 2: Bruce Evans & Clayton Robb
June 9: Bruce Evans & Clayton Robb
June 16: Bruce Evans & Clayton Robb
June 23: Clayton Robb
June 30: Bruce Evans & Clayton Robb

Please let the Parish Office know if you need to trade dates. Two acolytes are preferred for each Sunday.

Ushers:

June 2: Chuck Crim & Volunteer
June 9: John Clancy & Jim Herget
June 16: Bob Hardwick & Jim Herget
June 23: John Clancy & Chuck Crim
June 30: Chuck Crim & Volunteer

Two ushers are preferred for each Sunday.

The Vestry does not hold regular meetings in June and July.

Committees will continue their work.

Thanks to all who celebrated
Trinity Sunday
at our parish potluck.
Several have asked for recipes
of the dishes shared.

Please send us your recipe,
and we will highlight
a different one each month.

SERVICES IN JUNE 2024

Sunday, June 2:

The 2ND Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 5:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 9:

The 3rd Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, June 11: St. Barnabas

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 12:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 16:

The 4th Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 19:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 23:

The 5th Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

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 6th Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Morning Prayer is said at 10 o'clock on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.