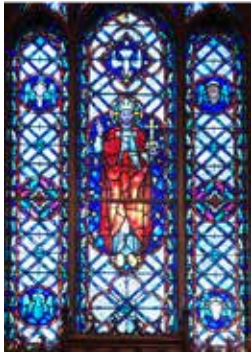


Trinity Episcopal Church

The Messenger



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Bread for Feasting

Our Lenten theme, Bread of Life, will culminate on Easter Sunday. The somber austere season will blossom into joyous feasting. In Matthew Chapter, 22 Jesus tells the parable of the wedding banquet. In verse 9 Jesus says the father tells the servants, "Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Jesus taught that God's kingdom was for everyone. Jesus gave special emphasis to those who were oppressed or marginalized.

The bread of Jesus' resurrection is reconciliation with God and with our neighbor. Jesus provides an abundance of this bread for our sustenance. As individuals and as we are nurtured together, we can become Jesus's bread for the whole world.

Barbara homes in her book, *Joy Unspeakable*, writes about how important the community was to the success of her aunt's healing ministry.

"Aunt Rebecca (on my mother's side of the family) was a root woman. She cured the community with the herbs she collected in nearby woods... Rebecca was the only one who knew which twigs and plants would fix what ailed you. After an initial diagnosis, a tea was prescribed, and whispered updates were passed after church... It was understood that the tea would only address the physical disorder, and that sickness required healing of spiritual disorders as well. Prayers and intercessions took place as the herbal brew was prepared. Everyone knew when someone was sick, and so the healing process became the interest of all members of the community. Since there was no health insurance, no money for medicine or doctors, it was in everyone's best interest for Aunt Becky to succeed. And so a great deal of attention was lavished on the ailing person. As a consequence, it is impossible to determine whether healings occurred because of the medicinal effects of the herbs or the solicitous concern of the community."

Jesus is bread for our feasting, and Jesus' sustenance transforms us to be bread of God's feast for the whole world!

Blessed Lenten journey,
Friar Tuck/Pastor Carl Rosenberg

Lumberton, North Carolina April 2025 Edition
Worship Schedule: Sunday in the Sanctuary 10:00 am, & Online

Senior Wardens Report

For me, this Lenten season has been more defined by prayer, study, and reflection than “giving up something.” (Actually, I have given up watching the news.) My prayers have been focused on answering the question, “What am I being called? What are the best ways for me to serve? What is next for Trinity?” My studies have included reading Parker Palmer’s *A Hidden Wholeness*, Stewart’s *The Small Church Advantage*, *The Bread of Life: A Lenten Devotional*, and *The Daily Office*. One theme that keeps reoccurring to me is that Christianity requires relationships that can only be built with intentionality. In the academic world, the focus was on performance, which also needed intentional effort. However, relationships require more, such as trust, honesty, effective communication, interdependence, equality, shared responsibility, and enjoyment, and most importantly, GOD SHOW UP! Thus, my question may be, “How do I show up?” At Trinity, we together show up. Our daily readings and prayers help us show up daily. We gather on Sundays to worship together, greet one another, share the peace, enjoy a cup of coffee, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. On Wednesdays, God meets us again in the Eucharist and healing, and we reflect on bread, sharing a meal with fellow Christians. We serve together to weave God’s love into our community.

We are a strong parish, and God is calling us to show up and intentionally embrace our ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5). As we continue to learn through our Lenten worship, let us be grateful for who we are as a small, caring, and flexible congregation, where all are welcome and have a meaningful role. As we move forward in searching for our future rector, we will ask each of you to share with us when, where, and with whom you share the bread of life in your place, and we will prayerfully consider your role. Share your ideas with Vestry. We are all welcome to call and have conversations or attend a Vestry meeting.

FHS,
Cherry

Musically Speaking

As we draw even closer to Holy Week I do hope that you plan to attend our special services as we celebrate Palm Sunday (Beginning outside Trinity Episcopal Church), Stations Of The Cross (Wednesday at Trinity), Maundy Thursday (at St Mark’s Church), Good Friday (Community wide service in our Sanctuary at Trinity), Culminating in the Easter Morning Celebration at Trinity. Please plan to attend all these special services and please bring friends and family as we commemorate these High Holy Days with music and the spoken word.

Thank you for all of the encouraging kind words regarding the choir, soloist, and special music in our church. It means a lot to each of us who have taken time and worked toward sharing our love through music.

In God’s Peace,
Mark Andersen 🎵





Military

Nels Anderson (*Susan Anderson son*) • **Zeb Beasley** (*Cherry Beasley son*)
Adam Biggerstaff (*parishioner*) • **Terri Biggerstaff** (*parishioner*)
Christian Cummings (*Stan Knick friend*) • **Kevin Dyda** (*Stan Knick friend*)
Antwone Gainey (*Shane Donovan friend*) • **Brian Gibson** (*Cherry Beasley son-in-law*)
Addison Larson (*Cody Cruise's friend*) • **Patrick Morge** (*Biggerstaff Student*)
Charlie Noble (*Lynn Noble son*) • **Kelvin Oxendine** (*Stan Knick friend*)
Samantha Saffery (*Friend*) • **Chris Simmons** (*Shane Donovan friend*)
Sean Taitt (*Anne Todd relative*) • **Zachary Vickers** (*Gidget Vickers son*)

April Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8am - 11am,

Wednesday filming 4pm

Please send all e-mails to

trinityepiscopal1202@gmail.com

Rector Carl will be in the office:

Mon 9:30am-12pm & 1pm-3:30pm

Wed 3 pm- 5:30pm & by appt.

His # is 910-635-9545.

He will be out of town Mar 3-4

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Handbells 3pm	2 Staff Mtg 3pm Healing 5:15 Lenten 6pm Choir 7pm	3 Film	4 Chair Yoga 9am	5
6 5th Sunday in Lent 10am	7 Chair Yoga 9am	8 Handbells 3pm Vestry 7pm	9 Staff Mtg 3pm Healing 5:15 Lenten 6pm Choir 7pm	10 Film	11 Chair Yoga 9am	12
13 Palm Sunday 10am	14 Chair Yoga 9am 12pm Methodist	15 12pm 1st Pres Handbells 3pm	16 12pm 1st Baptist Staff Mtg 3pm Healing 5:30 Choir 7pm	17 Film 12pm Godwin Maundy Thu 7	18 Chair Yoga 9am 12pm Trinity	19
20 Easter 10am	21 Chair Yoga 9am	22 Handbells 3pm	23 Staff Mtg 3pm Healing 5:30 Choir 7pm	24 Film JESE 5:30pm	25 Chair Yoga 9am	26
27 2nd Sunday of Easter 10am	28 Chair Yoga 9am	29 Handbells 3pm	30 Staff Mtg 3pm Healing 5:30 Choir 7pm			

REPEAT PERFORMANCE THRIFT SHOP

It's Prom time, and the Thrift Shop needs donations of formal wear in good condition including dresses, tuxedos and accessories. Also donations are needed for Easter outfits for women, men and children. Please drop off all donations on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed in the stock area to process merchandise. Please schedule a time to volunteer with Tina, our store Manager -(910) 739-5626.

Store Hours

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm

Christian Education from Sam Currin

Please join us on Wednesday April 2 and April 9 for our last two Lenten suppers and study sessions. Church service begins at 5:15pm, and supper and Lenten study begin at 6:00pm ending at 7:00pm.



We are delighted to have St. Mark's Lutheran Church join us this year. The study program this year is entitled the Bread of Life.

Jim & Eleanor Social Event



Save the Date! The April Jim & Eleanor Social Event will be Thursday, April 24, at 5:30 pm at 410 Highland Avenue, hosted by Sam & Bettye Currin and Anne Todd. Bring your favorite wine or beverage to drink. All are invited to attend our monthly social gathering!

Server Schedule for April 2025:
If you cannot serve as shown here, please arrange
for someone to replace you.



Servers Schedule



Sun 10am	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Reps of the Congr	Ushers/ B & W	Vestry Person of the Day
April 6	Katherin N	Tammi B	Anne T Dencie L	Tammi B	Lisa D & Lynn N	Jef L & Sharon L	Tammi B
April 13	Stan K	Cherry B	Stan K Holt M	Cody C	Milissa C & Eva S	David C & Sue D	Sam C
Good Fri	Kathy H Lisa B						
April 20	Charles A	Jef L	Rosemary Tammi B	Cody C	Lisa D & Lynn N	Mike B & Floyd L	Lisa D
April 27	Lisa D	Susan W	Lisa D Lisa B	Rosemary	Candy B & Glenda R	Floyd L & Lenore T	Rosemary G
Wed 5:30							
April 2	X	X	Denice L	X	X	X	
April 9	X	X	Rosemary	X	X	X	
April 16	X	X	Stan K	X	X	X	
April 23	X	X	Holt M	X	X	X	
April 30			Stan K				



Altar Guild

Altar Guild Members serving in **April** are: **Lynn Noble, Sue Dickason, Sharon Leary, Floyd Locklear** (Holy Week).

An offering of **50.00** is needed for  and **10.00** is needed for 

Flower Offerings for *April*



Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
April 6			
April 13			
April 20	Mark Andersen	in honor of	David Andersen's Birthday
April 27			

Candle Offerings for *April*



Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
April 6			
April 13			
April 20	Mark Andersen	in honor of	David Andersen's Birthday
April 27			

Flower Offerings for *May*



Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
May 4	Cox		
May 11	Collins		
May 18	Skuka		
May 25	Biggerstaff		

Candle Offerings for *May*



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May 4	Cox		
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PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL AND TURN IN FORM AND CHECK IN THE DESK ORGANIZER.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a lily to be given in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one for Easter, please fill out the form on the Altar Guild Table and include a check for \$22.00 made payable to the Trinity Altar Guild. Please bring or mail your form and check to the office no later than Friday, April 13.

TRINITY REACHING CHILDREN AND YOUTH



WHAT IS TRINITY'S ROLE IN SPREADING THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN ROBESON COUNTY? ARE YOU WILLING TO JOIN A CONVERSATION AND START DEVELOPING A PLAN AS WE MOVE INTO THE FUTURE? MONICA AND MIKE DOARES HAVE KINDLY OPENED THEIR HOME FOR A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 3:00 PM. THE DOARES'S ADDRESS IS 207 W. 18TH STREET. PLEASE JOIN US!



NOONDAY WORSHIP DURING
HOLY WEEK
APRIL 14-18 AT 12:00 NOON

Holy Monday - April 14

*Noon Service hosted at Chestnut Street Methodist.
A meal will follow.*

Holy Tuesday - April 15

*Noon Service hosted at First Presbyterian.
A meal will follow.*

Holy Wednesday - April 16

*Noon Service hosted at First Baptist.
A meal will follow.*

Maundy Thursday - April 17

*Noon Service hosted at Godwin Heights Baptist.
A meal will follow.*

Good Friday - April 18

*Noon Service hosted at Trinity Episcopal.
Trinity invites us to fast in observance of Good Friday.*



Our prayer List is divided into two parts:

Those we pray for during Prayers of the People are placed on the list for immediate need and stay on for four weeks.

Those with long term needs are placed on the Daily Prayer Intercessions. Each person listed is followed by the relationship they have to the church.

Please call the office to update.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

Mark Andersen (parishioner) • **Jonna Baker** (Rosemary Gibson friend)
Angel Bales (Tammi Biggerstaff sister) • **Don Billington** (Stan Knick Father)
Victoria Cole (Anne Todd niece) • **Willie Craig** (Terri Biggerstaff father)
Brooke Donovan (Donovan) • **Evie Hyde** (Biggerstaff great niece)
Stan Knick (parishioner) • **Grant Lewis** (parishioner)
Helen Odom (church friend) • **Leggette Odom** (parishioner)
Elisabeth Oxendine (parishioner) • **Sally Sellers Pennington** (Odom friend)

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

Jo & Gene Wayman (parishioners), **Tina Kinlaw** (Lynn Noble sister)
Mary G Hester (Lynn Noble friend), **Chuck Forte** (Lenore friend)
Harold Utley (Dencie friend), **Joyce Maynor** (Cherry mother),
Corbi Bullock (Rosemary friend), **Fr.Carl Rosenberg** (interim rector)
Eddie Hill (Dencie friend)

Vestry 2025

2026

Holt Moore
Junior Warden

Sam Currin
Christian Education

John Rozier
Finance/Clerk

Marilyn Teague
Pastoral Care

Anne Todd
Fellowship

2025

Cherry Beasley,
Senior Warden

Tammi Biggerstaff
Communications/Publicity

Lisa Donovan
Fellowship

Dencie Lambdin,
Worship

2027

Rosemary Gibson
Pastoral Care

Stan Knick
Stewardship

Eva Skuka
Outreach

The schedule for Holy Week Services at Trinity Church and Community-wide

Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:45 am Palms

- 10:00am **Holy Eucharist**

We will gather in the garden with palm crosses and fans to process into the church.



Holy Week Community Services (Light Lunch following)

- Monday, April 14, Noon - **Chestnut Street Methodist Church**
- Tuesday, April 15, Noon - **First Presbyterian Church**
- Wednesday, April 16, Noon - **First Baptist Church**
- Thursday, April 17, Noon - **Godwin Heights Baptist Church**
- Good Friday, April 18, Noon - **Trinity Episcopal Church**, no lunch

Holy Week at Trinity

- Wednesday, April 16, 5:30 pm **Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist**
- Thursday, April 17, 5:30 pm **Light Supper** at St. Mark's, 202 West 24th Street
- Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday** Foot Washing/Stripping of the Altar at St. Mark's
- Friday, April 18, Noon (12pm) **Good Friday**,
- Sunday, April 20, **Easter Sunday**
 - 9:30 am **Flowering the Cross**
 - 10:00 am **Holy Eucharist**
 - 11:15 am **Easter Egg Hunt and Reception** in the Bridges-Pruett Garden

Episcopal 101

Episcopal 101 is being offered using a curriculum based on the book, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*. Everyone is invited to participate. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Trinity is expected to participate in at least five sessions of the course. We have them scheduled on **Saturdays in April through June**. Let Friar Tuck know at carl.w.rosenberg@gmail.com 910-635-9545, if you want a copy of the book ordered. They are \$22 each. The book is optional for those who are not seeking membership. Let your friends and neighbors know they are welcome, if they are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church in a small group setting. The sessions include a short video, some reflection questions, and group discussion.

April 5 from 9-10AM – The Book of Common Prayer

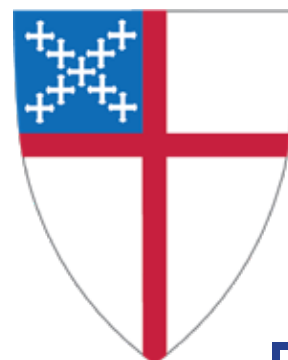
April 12 from 9-10AM – Sacraments

May 24 from 9-10AM – Marking Time

May 31 from 9-10AM - Trinitarian Life

A Saturday in June – What's next?

As we see who is interested in becoming members we will schedule a visit from Bishop Skirving for a service of laying on of hands.



St. Swithin's

by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham

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FOOTWASHING ON MAUNDY THURSDAY



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Please continue to bring nonperishable food items such as peanut butter, canned foods, etc each Sunday & leave in the parish hall for Robeson County Church & Community Center Food Pantry. Our church family participation in this outreach program is greatly appreciated.
Thank you, Vestry Outreach Committee.

Notes from Pastoral Care Committee:

The Pastoral Care Committee would like to send notes to folks on our prayer lists. If you have someone listed, and would like them to receive an occasional "thinking of you" card from the congregation, please submit a complete name and address to the office, or by text to Anne Todd, 910 258 6279. Thank you. Marilyn Teague & Anne Todd.



Trinity Episcopal Church Information

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