

Our Mission Statement

Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.

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Bulletin Today. The bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Jackson by Nancy, Roger, Colin and Vi.

Service Times for April 7 – April 14, 2019		
Sunday, April 7 <i>5^h Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Food Bank Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
	Morning Prayer (BAS)	10:30 a.m.
	Prayer & Praise	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Lenten Service: <i>God's Will And My Response</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 14 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist (BAS)	10:30 a.m.

Welcome. We are glad to have you with us this morning! If you're a newcomer, please introduce yourself to our Greeters/Clergy and sign our guest book located in the foyer. If you need assistance with anything, please speak with a Greeter.

Bible Study. The Monday morning study starts at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Youth Group. The group will not be meeting this week.

Order of St. Luke. There will be a meeting this Tuesday April 9 at 7 p.m. instead of the 16th.

Our Lenten Journey. Please join us for the **Thy Will Be Done** special service for Week 5 of Lent. In this service, *God's Will and My Response*, we remember that Lydia followed the will of God by responding in faith and hospitality when the Gospel message of Christ's sacrifice was preached to her. We follow the will of God by responding in love and service to one another in return for what Christ has done for us.

Easter Flowers. Anyone wishing to place flowers in church for Easter in memory of loved ones may place the names and donation in an envelope. Please mark the envelope Easter Flowers and place it in the Offertory Plate. All donations must be received by next **Sunday, April 14.**

Altar Guild. A meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, April 8 at 6:45 p.m. in the Vestry Room. We will be making *Palm Crosses* this Wednesday, April 10 after the Lenten Service. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

ACW. This Wednesday, April 10, instead of our regular meeting, we will be helping with the making of Palm Crosses following the church service. EVERYONE is encouraged to come along. A cup of tea will follow.

ACW Meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on April 24 to discuss plans for our Afternoon Tea and bake sale which will be held on May 11. Also, a Schedule for times to help at our Jumble Sale will be given out to those who are interested in helping. Hope to see as many as possible at this meeting. *Sandra and Dale (Co-chairpersons)*

Birthday Celebration. There will be an Open House at Hollett's Retirement Centre on April 13 from 2- 4 on the occasion of Iris Pitcher's 85th Birthday. Everyone welcome. Best Wishes only.

Easter Family Event: Rise Up With Jesus. Holy Trinity Church invites families to RISE UP WITH JESUS. A unique, multisensory Easter family event called *Rise Up With Jesus* will be hosted at E.M. Bishop Hall on Saturday, April 20 from 1 - 3 p.m. This high-flying adventure is designed to provide a fun Easter experience for families as they travel through engaging, station-based adventures. Guests will experience games, activities, crafts, and an interactive drama – all while experiencing Easter in a new and refreshing way. To register your family, call Cathy Flynn at 631-2321.

Jumble Sale. The ACW will be having a Jumble Sale on Friday, April 26 from 7- 9 p.m. and on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Items can be dropped off at the Hall on Thursday from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday. Items must be in good condition and clean. Please no computers, TV's, encyclopedias or large furniture. If anyone can help us set up or clean up, please call Margaret Rose at 489-5335.

Singing Sidesmen Spring Concert. The Singing Sidesmen will hold a concert on Tuesday, May 14 in the E.M. Bishop Hall at 7:30 p.m. This will be an evening of gospel singing and other traditional songs.

Cursillistas. There will be no Ultreya in April. The cancellation is due to team training, Easter, and the first weekend in May is our Cursillo Weekend. Our next Ultreya will be in Eastport at Holy Cross on May 25. The June Ultreya will be June 15 in Milltown at Christ Anglican Church.

Proclamation! (Reading of the New Testament (aloud)). Starting May 6--May 10 at St. Alban's Church, GFW. Holy Trinity has been asked to fill the time slot on Monday, May 6 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Approximately 50 readers are needed. This is a beautiful and rewarding event for all Churches and Communities. Please contact Audrey or Roy if interested.

Watoto Children's Choir. Holy Trinity has been selected/offered the opportunity to co-ordinate the Watoto Children's Choir on Sunday evening, May 19.

Watoto Children's Choir. Plans continue for welcoming the choir to Holy Trinity and to our community. Many at Holy Trinity and in our community are working on special projects for this event – ladies in GFW are sewing fleece quilts/throws for the children. A group of ladies from Holy Trinity are cross-stitching a momento to be added to each blanket. The ACW has planned a supper for the choir before their performance on Sunday evening. We now have 5 host families, so half way there. Please consider hosting 1 adult and 2 children in your home on Sunday night, May19. Your guests will be picked up approximately 1 hour after the evening concert, and you will be expected to provide a night snack, breakfast, and a bagged lunch for travel on Monday. There are no diet restrictions. The Watoto program has provided much helpful information for host families, which will be given when all choir members are placed. If you have any questions, please phone Dolly Hart 489-9364, Barb Leyte 489-9332 or Audrey Bishop 489-6871.

Greeters. David Mercer, Gerry Dobbin, Winston Ellsworth, Ruth Pardy, Robert Stockley, Stephen Lewis, Jared & Alice Hogg.

Bulletin. Items for the next bulletin must be submitted to Linda by **Thursday**. Please e-mail linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com or call (489-9801)

Scripture

"But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is still working, and I also am working.' For this reason, the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the Sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God." *John 5:17-18*

Reflection

In the above reading from the Gospel of John, we reach a point in which the hostility towards Jesus begins to become more intense. The reading follows the miracle of Jesus healing a man who had been crippled for 38 years (John 5:1-16). As the man walked away with his mat, Jesus was criticized by the religious authorities for working on the Sabbath. An event that one might expect would be greeted with profound joy, instead resulted in further controversy.

Jesus told the authorities that since the Father is at work on the Sabbath, or else creation would cease to exist, he also works on the Sabbath. The religious authorities were even more incensed as Jesus identified himself in the most intimate way with the Father. In the Gospel of John, this begins a period in which the authorities begin to build what they consider a legal case against Jesus that will eventually lead to his Crucifixion.

The hostility of the religious authorities toward Jesus for healing on the Sabbath might remind us of our own blindness and prejudices when we see others acting on behalf of the poor and handicapped. Saint Mother Teresa was constantly criticized for the manner in which she cared for the poor and most destitute. All too often people will not contribute to Catholic Charities, the Catholic Bishops Campaign for Human Development, or Catholic Relief Services because they let ideological biases interfere with the efforts that are actually making a difference. In the meantime, the poor are dying of starvation, and the handicapped and marginalized are not receiving the aid that they need to flourish.

This Lent we have the opportunity to emulate Jesus' love and mercy towards others and more sincerely contribute to those institutions that are serving the needs of the poor and marginalized.

Living Lent Daily: Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent