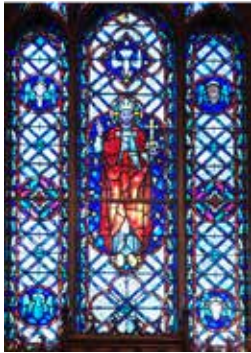


# Trinity Episcopal Church

## The Messenger



### FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

We read this verse on the 4th Sunday of Lent, and it continues to resonate with me as we wrap up Holy Week. My time with you since January has been a delight. I am experiencing Christ's presence through you, and have a sense that you have been experiencing Christ's presence through me. "We are ambassadors for Christ" seems an honest sensible statement for us – the gathered of Trinity and me.

At the end of April through early May, I am going to Wisconsin, where I grew up. My earthly father's health has declined, and his prognosis remains uncertain. I have told the Vestry I would return to serve as interim part time rector on May 13, if I can comfortably leave my father for a few more weeks. I intend, if it is God's will, to serve Trinity part-time until the end of July. Whether I am serving as part time rector, or Trinity continues to discern appointment/call of another spiritual leader, please continue to pray for God's will to be done. God provides beyond our imagination and requests.

For our sake, God made Jesus to be Sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God. The righteousness of God is revealed through the love and forgiveness of God's faithful people.

God has made Trinity a body of faithful people. May God grant you all to be in right relationship with one another, that God's love may be evident for the sake of Lumberton, Robeson County, and the whole world. Amen!

Friar Tuck/Pastor Carl Rosenberg

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

# Senior Wardens Report

Wow, what a great Lent and Easter! Hopefully, you had time to take advantage of the many study, prayer, and fellowship opportunities to embrace your call from Christ our Savior. Father David reminded us on Sunday that we are Easter people, who live into the resurrection all year. Summer is often a little slower at Trinity. As a parishioner of Trinity, I am asking you to spend some time this summer not only resting, but also studying, reflecting, and praying. This is critical, since we will be preparing to select a new bishop and preparing to search for a rector at Trinity.

This summer, our Diocese will be searching for its 9th bishop. ([Please visit this link](#), also found in News and Notes. This is an excellent resource for keeping up with the Diocese.) You will also find a prayer we will use in our weekly service, but you are encouraged to use it during your prayer time. During the late summer and early fall, we will have opportunities to meet the final candidates for bishop. These opportunities will be announced in News and Notes. Trinity will elect delegates to the selection convention on the **FIRST SUNDAY in June**. Please mark your calendar to be present.

This summer, the vestry will also contact you to develop the church profile. The profile reviews who we are as a parish. The Bishop will use our profile to identify potential candidates for the rector position and make the profile available to candidates. We will be including a prayer for our search. This summer, we will continue to worship, celebrate who we are, seek to serve our community, and care for and fellowship with each other. We ask each of you to bring your ideas and thoughts to the vestry meetings, or to individual vestry members. Also, please keep an eye out for special events that will allow us to serve. Finally, please remember that the monthly calendars, financial statements, and minutes are posted in the parish hall.

I am excited about the summer and our thinking, reflecting and discussing together.

For His Sake,  
Cherry

## Musically Speaking

I want to take a moment to say a very special word of thanks to all of our choir for their wonderful and devoted work during the Holy Week and Easter season this year. I've gotten so very many excellent comments on all of the services, including our Maundy Thursday service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and that would not have been possible without the devotion of our singers here at Trinity.

Now, as we begin to think on our summer "vacation" time, I'd love to hear from all of you who have family members, or friends, that might enjoy sharing their talent with us during the summer months. Please get in touch with me and let me know if there is someone who might like to share with us this summer!

We have a special day coming up on May 25th, when our handbells ensemble will be playing at the morning service. Our group has made some really nice progress this year in our rehearsals, and I think you'll very much be touched by their joining in our morning service. Please invite your friends and relatives to worship with us especially on that morning.

Our choir will continue to sing throughout the summer, but our Wednesday rehearsals will stop for the months of June, July, and August.

As always, we are very open to welcoming new choir members into our fold!

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*)

## May Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**

**8am - 11am,**

**Wednesday filming 4pm**

**Please send all e-mails to**

**[trinityepiscopal1202@gmail.com](mailto: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 May 1-14**

# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Chair Yoga 9am	3
4 Fr. David Davis  Film 8:30am 3rd Sunday of Easter 10am	5  Chair Yoga 9am	6  Handbells 3pm	7  Staff Mtg 3pm Evening Prayer 5:30 Choir 7pm	8	9  Chair Yoga 9am	10
11 Fr. David Davis  Film 8:30am 4rd Sunday of Easter 10am	12  Chair Yoga 9am	13  Handbells 3pm  Vestry 7pm	14  Staff Mtg 3pm Healing 5:30 Choir 7pm	15	16  Chair Yoga 9am	17
18 Fr. Rosenberg  5th Sunday of Easter Eucharist in the Park 10am	19  Chair Yoga 9am	20  Handbells 3pm	21  Staff Mtg 3pm Healing 5:30 Choir 7pm	22  Film	23  Chair Yoga 9am	24
25 Fr. Rosenberg  6th Sunday of Easter 10am	26  Chair Yoga 9am	27  Handbells 3pm	28  Staff Mtg 3pm Healing 5:30 Choir 7pm	29  Film  JESE 5:30pm	30	31

## REPEAT PERFORMANCE THRIFT SHOP

The Repeat Performance Thrift Shop is happy to announce three new members who will join the Board in May 2025 and will serve a three year term: **Lynn Noble, Nancy Herthel, and Sheryl Taylor.**

At the same time, we extend our thanks to **Anne Todd, Bob Fisher, and Clementine Thompson-McCormick**, who will be rotating off the Board. We really appreciate their time and input serving on our Board the past three years.

Volunteers are always needed to keep the Thrift Shop operating and open. However, one need at this time is for Saturday volunteers, who only volunteer one Saturday shift a month: Either 10:00 am to noon, or noon to 2:00 pm, and always work with one other volunteer. The monthly coordinator calls each volunteer to schedule the Saturday that works best! Call Clyde McKee (910) 734-5669 for more information.

### Store Hours

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm

## Eucharist in the Park

**In lieu of a traditional potluck, we will have our annual Trinity picnic at Luther Britt Park, shelter B, on May 18th.**

**This is the shelter where we have had it in the recent past, over by the highway. Please bring a dish to pass, we will have the service first at 10:00am in that same shelter, immediately followed by the potluck lunch. Please let Lisa Donovan know if you can assist with setup and/or clean up.**

**Thanks!**

**Lisa M. Donovan**



## Jim & Eleanor Social Event

Save the Date! The May JESE will be Thursday, May 29, at 5:30 pm at 1208 North Elm Street, hosted by Dencie & Jef Lambdin. Bring your favorite wine or beverage to drink.

All are invited to attend our monthly social gathering!!

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



## Servers Schedule



<b>Sun 10am</b>	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Reps of the Congr	Ushers/ B & W	Vestry Person of the Day
May 4	Katherine	Tammi B	Lisa D Denice L	Tammi B		David C & Floyd L	Tammi B
May 11	Stan K	Cherry B	Stan K Holt M	Cody C		Mike B & Floyd L	Dencie L
May 18	Susan W	Jef L	Tammi B Kathy H	Cody C		Charles A & Jef L	Holt M
May 25	Charles A	Sam C	Anne T Lisa B	Rosemary		Sue D & Lenore T	John R
<b>Wed 5:30</b>							
May 7	X	X	Dencie L	X	X	X	
May 14	X	X	Stan K	X	X	X	
May 21	X	X	Cherry B	X	X	X	
May 28	X	X	Rosemary	X	X	X	



# Altar Guild

Altar Guild Members serving in May are: Glenda Ryan, Scott Ryan, Susan Williams, Anne Todd

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

## Flower Offerings for April

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
May 4	Milissa & David	in Thanksgiving	our son Christopher.
May 11	Stan Knick	in Thanksgiving	for my wife, Barbara Collins
May 18	Skuka		
May 25	Biggerstaff		

## Candle Offerings for April

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
May 4	Milissa & David	in Thanksgiving	our son Christopher.
May 11	Stan & Barbara	in Memory	Our mothers Kessie Collins & Edna Billington
May 18	Skuka		
May 25	Biggerstaff		

## Flower Offerings for May

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
June 1			
June 8			
June 15			
June 22	Cherry Beasley		
June 29	Juli Hauser	in Memory	Gary Hauser

## Candle Offerings for May

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
June 1			
June 8			
June 15			
June 22			
June 29	Juli Hauser	in Memory	Gary Hauser

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

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Hallelujah! We have made it to Easter! Hallelujah!

Thanks to all who made our journey through Lent a meaningful time of study, prayer, and inward reflection. The collaboration with St. Mark's Lutheran Church for our Lenten Study was very memorable. Working together, we had between 18-22 members of the two churches participate at Trinity each Wednesday evening of Lent for fellowship and study. A simple meal around the table together provided an opportunity for new friendships to develop. The study guide, *The Bread of Life*, was engaging.

Our Maundy Thursday worship at St. Mark's was a moving service of Foot Washing and Eucharist. Good Friday brought our faith community together at Trinity for the somber realization of Christ's death on the cross. All of which prepared us for our Lord and Savior's resurrection on Easter. And speaking of Easter, it was a beautiful day, a full church, inspiring sermon, beautiful music, a lovely garden reception and egg hunt (with children!!!) and a special time for all of us.

Thank you to those who chose and organized the Lenten materials, prepared food for the meals, led the study, and participated at each Wednesday event. Thank you to Lynn A. for the printed materials throughout the season, Mark and the choir for the music of Easter, the Altar Guild for a beautifully appointed altar, a cross full of flowers, the hospitality of the reception and Pastor Carl Rosenberg. God truly blesses us at Trinity Church.

And now we are in May! Our upcoming schedule is below. Please note that Fr. Carl will not be with us until mid-May, however Fr. David Davis will return to lead the Sunday worship in his absence.

May 4	Sun	Eucharist with Fr. David Davis
May 7	Wed	Evening Prayer
May 11	Sun	Eucharist with Fr. David Davis
May 14	Wed	Eucharist and Healing with Fr. Carl
May 18	Sun	Eucharist in Luther Britt Park, Picnic, with Fr. Carl
May 21	Wed	Eucharist and Healing
May 25	Sun	Eucharist and Baptism with Fr. Carl Rosenberg
May 28	Wed	Eucharist and Healing



## ***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) • **Mary G Hester** (Lynn Noble friend)  
**Norma Baird Hoffman** (past parishioner, Scotty Thompson friend)  
**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) • **Joe Rosenberg** (Fr. Tuck Father)  
**Harold Teague** (past parishioner)

### **SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS**

**Fr. Carl Rosenberg** (interim rector)  
**Heather Chavis** (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**

### Election for the Diocesan Delegates

Each year, Trinity selects three **delegates** and three alternates to the annual **Diocesan convention**. We did not elect these during our annual meeting in December 2024. If you would like to run for one of these positions, please submit your name to the senior warden (cbeasley1709@gmail.com). We will have the **election on June 1** (the first Sunday in June.)

### A Big Thanks.

A big thanks to all of you who helped set up and furnish the **rental house**. A special thanks to **Gidget Vickers**, who orchestrated the work, and Deanice Lambdin for her assistance. If you would like to tour the house, we plan to have an **open house on Sunday, May 5th**, immediately following church.

### Interested in Outreach

Fr. Carl and Cherry Beasley met with **Monica and Mike Dores** to begin a discussion about our outreach plans. Thanks to the Dores for opening their home and sharing their experiences with us. **Dr. Eva Skuka, Chair of Outreach**, has met with them, and will be hosting another meeting in early summer. Please let them know your interest and plan to attend the meeting.

### Episcopal 101

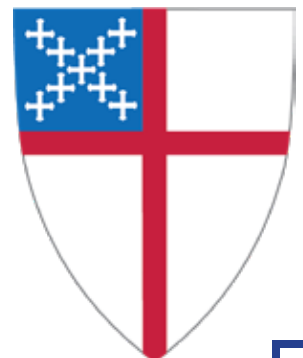
Episcopal 101 is being offered using a curriculum based on the book, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*. Everyone is invited to participate. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Trinity is expected to participate in at least five sessions of the course. We have them scheduled on **Saturdays in April through June**. Let Friar Tuck know at [carl.w.rosenberg@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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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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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