

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

November is a month when we are intentional about giving thanks to God for all we have and all we are. First Thessalonians 5:16-18 reads, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

This November we are anticipating a challenging election in the midst of an ever-worsening global pandemic and social unrest as God's creation continues to cry out for healing. With so much difficulty around us, we may be wondering how we can give thanks.

Corrie ten Boom "was a Dutch Christian watchmaker and later a writer who worked with her family members to help many Jews escape the Nazis from the Holocaust during World War II by hiding them in her home.

"She believed her actions were following the will of God. They were caught, and she was arrested and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts and how she found hope in God while she was imprisoned at the concentration camp."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corrie_ten_Boom

One of her remarkable stories is about the barracks in which she stayed that was infested with fleas and lice. In her prayers she gave thanks to God for the fleas and lice. As it turned out, the guards refused to enter the barracks which prevented the women from being assaulted and gave Corrie the

opportunity to openly share the gospel and lead two bible studies a day! Many lives were transformed as a result of the teaching that was only possible because of the presence of the fleas and lice.

While never discounting the traumatic events that took place, she was steadfast in her faith and trust in God whose power working in her was beyond measure. One of her many quotes is, "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest." The way she lived her life is a model for us.

May we follow Corrie ten Boom's example by giving thanks to God in and for all things. For the struggles in our society, for the storms and fires, for the pandemic. It sounds crazy, but what if we did just that? What gifts may be awaiting us through our offering of thanks to God for all things? How might God's power working in us make a difference in the world?

Just as in Corrie ten Boom's day, there is work to be done to make this world a better place. Giving thanks to God for all things keeps us in the present moment and prepares our hearts to see opportunities to which we would otherwise be blind.

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

THANK YOU

Archie Duncan for working countless hours to get our wiring, hardware, software and programming up & running for livestreaming online worship from Trinity.

Don Middleton for pulling hundreds of feet of cable to connect our internet and technology from the office to the back of the church.

Tony Hunsberger for assisting Archie in getting through some bumps in the road technologically.

Steve Beckert for getting the church's software program up and running to make Sunday check-in run so smoothly.

Dawn Brady for tying ribbons to mark off the pews designating where to sit.

Ann Shea for putting together the bulletins.

Patrick Winningham and Rayechel Berger for providing wonderful music.

Bruce Sherbeck for planting the beautiful mums in the Trinity garden.

OUR SYMPATHIES

To Rev. Nancy Mayhew and Pam McGivern on the death of their sister, Laurie Hudson, who died October 10.

To the family of Carole "Pudge" See who died October 21.

To the family of Melissa Janke who died October 22.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE

On October 18 we had our first in-person worship live streamed at Trinity. Thank you to so many who made it happen and for all who attended in person and virtually. We continue to adjust things in the space to make worship run more smoothly and we are working on a plan to provide better tone quality for our online worshippers.

WORSHIP ONLINE CONTINUES

Facebook and YouTube live stream: Trinity Episcopal Church Bay City
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 11:30am Morning Prayer
Daily 9:00pm Compline

BELLS OF PEACE

For the second year in a row, we will be participating in the Bells of Peace at 11:00am on November 11. This National World War I Remembrance is a national tolling of bells to honor those who served in the Great War. Silence for the fallen and prayers will be offered. This will be a live-streamed only event.

THANKSGIVING EVENSONG

On Sunday, November 22 at 4:00pm, we will provide our annual Evensong as a live-streamed only event.

THINKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

If we are still worshipping in person in December, we will have three services on Christmas Eve. They will be at 4:00pm, 6:30pm and 10:00pm with music beginning at 9:30pm. Pre-registration will be required with assigned seating. More details will be available in the December Chimes.

[Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness](#)

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness, a live-streamed prayer service from Washington National Cathedral on All Saints' Day, **November 1, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. EST.** Amid pandemic, racial reckoning, and an historic election, the live-streamed service will gather Americans for prayer, song, lament, hope, and a call to love God and neighbor. The service will feature an ecumenical and multifaith array of voices, musical offerings, and prayers. Using a combination of live and visually stunning pre-recorded elements gathered from across the nation, the service will be live-streamed in English and Spanish.

ADVENT IN A BOX

For Advent this year, households will be provided with Advent in a Box, which includes activities and devotions to help families celebrate Advent together! This is meant for households of any number and is for all ages.

FOOD OF FAITH

On October 4, we were back in business serving those in our community who are hungry. For the Sundays in October we have served 78, 80, 111 and 101 meals. Our gratitude goes out to Pat Maxim and the Food of Faith board members who are working diligently to make this ministry viable.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to one of our prayer lists, please email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or call 989-326-0469 (cell) and we will make sure this happens.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

The November/December/January edition of Forward Day By Day meditation booklets are available (large print, too). If you would like a copy sent to you please email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or call 989-326-0469 (cell) and we will get it to you.

VIDEO MEETING RESOURCE AVAILABLE

Can't gather together with your family? You may use Trinity's Zoom account to do so, just let Rev. Sue know! revsuerich@gmail.com or trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or 989-326-0469.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity, it is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution

WORSHIP RESOURCES ON LOAN

If you would like to borrow a Book of Common Prayer or Hymnal 1982, please email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or call 989-326-0469 (cell) and we will get it/them to you.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

If you are a Thrivent member, did you know you can provide a \$250 Thrivent grant by way of a gift card to go toward our Thanksgiving and/or Christmas food baskets? All you have to do is apply and await approval! We've received one already!

GET OUT THE VOTE

Make sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote!

Prayer for an Election (BCP page 822)

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

RESOURCES FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

- Mental Health Hotline 10am-2pm daily. 888-733-7753
- Disaster Distress Hotline. 800-985-5990
- Free mindfulness meditation website. www.headspace.com/mi
- Free digital lessons focused on developing social, emotional and well-being skills, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. www.michiganvirtual.org/michigancares
- Michigan Sexual Assault Hotline (talk/text/chat). 855-VOICES4

Domestic Violence Hotline. 800-799-SAFE

PARISH HALL FLOOR UPDATE

Our Parish Hall floor has been refinished and looks beautiful!



TRINITY GARDEN

Thanks to Bruce Sherbeck our Trinity Garden is full of beautiful fall mums.





A Note from Trinity's Food Pantry

We are happy to announce that Trinity's Emergency Food Pantry is up and running again.

In addition, our food pantry will be participating in the BCEFPN **Holiday Basket Program**. We have volunteered to provide 30 baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Since COVID-19 remains a concern for all of us as we try to stay safe and healthy, this year we are requesting that those who wish to contribute to this mission donate funds only. In this way, we can ensure that those of us who are still avoiding shops can stay safe and still contribute. Katharine Freel and Jan Waldman love to shop and will purchase all items needed.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of our food pantry and its mission of community service.

Katharine Freel
Jan Waldman

Thanks Be to Thee,
my Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits which
Thou has given me,
For all the pains and insults
which Thou has borne for me,
O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly
And follow Thee more nearly.

Prayer of St. Richard
Bishop of Chichester 1245-1253

RADA Sales Up and Running

The Historical Guild invites you to support them through online RADA sales. Just go to the link below and it will take you directly to the fundraising page supporting Trinity.

Happy shopping!

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4824661.1a8ff81>

Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

The Ox, Symbol of St. Luke
St. Luke is one of the four Evangelists and the author of one-fourth of the New Testament. He is often symbolized as an ox or calf from the description of one of the four living creatures in Ezekiel 1:1-14 and Revelation 4:7. Like the other Evangelists, the symbolism dates to the Early Church Fathers.

St. Luke was probably born a Greek Gentile in Antioch, Syria. He was a physician and it is believed that he may have also been a slave. It was not uncommon in his day for slaves to be educated in medicine so the family would have a resident physician. Luke is the only Gentile to have written books found in the Scriptures. Author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, his writings have been proven to be historically accurate.

In the beginning of his Gospel, Luke introduces Zechariah offering incense in the temple. Later, he stresses the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary for the salvation of all, not just the Jews; thus, it was appropriate to associate the ox, an animal of sacrifice, as his symbol.

Luke's Gospel emphasizes Christ's compassion for sinners and for those who suffer. His "Good News" focuses on the poor and oppressed encouraging compassion to those less fortunate. His gospel tells the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him, and his is the only gospel to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

The Gospel of Luke stresses the importance of evangelizing the Gentiles. It is in Luke that we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles and the story of the one grateful Samaritan leper who was healed.

Women have an important place in Luke's

Gospel. He writes about the birth of Christ from Mary's perspective telling of the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel, Mary's visit to her older kinswoman Elizabeth (Lk 1, 2), the Presentation in the Temple. The prophetess Anna praises God and tells of the redemption Jesus would offer. We hear the story of the poor widow giving all she had with the two copper coins. Luke records four incidents where women were healed by Jesus. Women were also part of the traveling party who helped His ministry with their own resources. Finally, Luke tells of the women witnessing the crucifixion and who later prepared spices to anoint Jesus' body (Lk 23). And women were the first to find the tomb empty and angels tell them that Jesus was risen.

Luke accompanied Paul on his second and third missionary journeys. He remained with Paul until the apostle's death. It is uncertain if Luke died a natural death or was martyred.

Right, St. Luke with his symbol, the ox. Note the blue shield with the letter "L" for Luke. Border detail from the Epiphany Window; Young Family Memorial. Willet Studios; Philadelphia, PA; 1951. Western nave wall; Trinity Episcopal Church



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The “Oops” Department

Every now and then an error or two occur in researching and writing an article. Sometimes it’s because one’s eyes are blurry or tired from looking at the screen too long, or from doing some research in books or in the outposts of cyberspace. Other times it’s because of missing something in proof-reading.

So, the self-appointed Grammar Police and Theology Police want and need to make a few corrections and not give any “tickets.” (☺) To prove we are not alone in the 21st century in the “Oops Department,” here are some examples throughout history that

may interest you and also give all of us a chuckle or two. The information comes from Bible Facts by Jenny Roberts (Quantum Books, reprinted by Barnes & Noble; c. 1990, p. 17).

There are some bibles with specially named editions. Here are a few:

The Standing Fishes Bible is named for an 1806 edition where Ezekiel 47:10 has: “And it shall come to pass that the fishes shall stand on it,” Instead of “fishers.”

The Vinegar Bible is named after an Oxford edition print in 1717 where the heading in Luke 20 reads “Parable of the Vinegar,” instead of “Vineyard.”

In The Printers’ Bible, an early 18th-century edition, Psalm 119:161 says, “printers have persecuted me without a cause,” instead of “princes.”

And now for some articles closer to home where an error was made in writing an article for the Historical Guild.

In the September Chimes article on “The Eagle, Symbol of St. John,” it was not Peter who sent John to make preparations for the Last Supper; rather, it was Jesus Himself who sent Peter and John to make preparations.

In the May Chimes article on “The Phoenix Rising from Its Ashes,” it was St. Clement, a 1st century Church Father, who wrote a letter to the Corinthians using the legend of the phoenix rising from its ashes as a symbol of the Resurrection. We know that Paul authored two epistles (letters) to that Christian community in the 1st century and we are familiar with him because his two letters made it into the canon (accepted books) of the New Testament, but Clement sent one to them too. (“Lucky” Corinthians; they got a lot of mail!)

And last but not least, we go to the non-theological “oops” where in giving some background on the Parking Lot Shed, the “unnamed” (☺) author wrote “lent” for the good Sherwin Williams person who “leant” the church a color wheel. The Spelling Police are quite certain that the church shed does not need to observe a holy and disciplined “Lent” (at least not yet! ☺).

So, thank you for bearing with the Grammar Police, the Theology Police and the Spelling Police, and for not giving the bearer a citation (other than a reference one!) otherwise known as a “ticket.” ☺

Devoutly kneeling and retyping – the Department of “Corrections”

PUZZLE
Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
 Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
 Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
 Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
 Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
 Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
 Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

_____ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV



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