

Trinity Tribune



To our Holy Trinity Family, friends and neighbors
Happy Thanksgiving!

From the Book of Common Prayer, page 246

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King

November 26, 2023, 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

[CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the Lessons

(Track 2, the readings on the right)
This week's hymns are 494, 399, 481
Coffee Fellowship following the service

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:00 - 10:15 am - Worship - [Also live on Facebook](#)

- Nursery available for *children 5 and under*

Following the worship service

- Godly Play for *preschoolers to 3rd grade*
- I-45 = for *4th and 5th graders*
- Adult Sunday school =Epsico-what? [Exploring the Episcopal Way](#)

Wednesday

6:30 to 8:10 pm — bring your own supper (if you wish)

- Adult Formation – exploring [Prayers in the Night](#)

7:20 to 8:10 pm

- Choir rehearsal for Adults and HTEYC'ers

8:15 pm - Compline

- All programming closes together in the Church

Monday thru Saturday

7:30 am - Morning Prayer - [Live on Facebook](#)

8:15 pm - Compline - [Live on Facebook](#)

Sundays - Intercessory Prayer Group after Sunday service

Fr. Matthew looks forward to pastoral visits at coffee shops, your home, or at church.

Let him know what works for you.



It's funny how language changes. Recently I was taken aback when, after a really good run, a younger friend referred to my performance as "sick." He added that I've been such a "sick runner" for so long, he wondered if I might offer some advice, as he too would love to "crank out some sick runs."

Of course, "sick" has come to mean good, or even great, in some more youthful circles.

Heads up: “goat” has changed too, and no matter how you slice it this Sunday, you want to watch out! If the question is sheep vs. goat, you want to go with sheep! And certainly not *GOAT!*

Jesus doles out some tough love in Sunday’s Gospel, which echoes the equally tough love offered by the prophet Ezekiel. Don’t get me wrong, Christ the King coming to lead his sheep into the eternal kingdom is both a powerful and comforting message. But then the other shoe drops: *Am I a sheep or a goat?* Because as it turns out, according to Scripture, the goats are not going to fare so well. We can “baaaaaa” all we want, but at the end of the day if we have not lived up to the challenges God has put before us—caring for those who are hungry and naked and sick, loving God first—we will “go off to eternal punishment.”

These days GOAT (**G**reatest **O**f **A**ll **T**ime) is a thing many aim for, our culture wants you aspiring to GOAT, we celebrate GOATS. But Jesus turns that idea on its head. We are not called to be the GOAT among family or coworkers or neighbors, flaunting our success and power to the envy of all. No, we are called to be like the lost sheep, pulled back from the perilous edge of a rocky crag by the Master’s voice. Will you let him pull you back?

Jesus does not ask us to perform feats of strength or earn piles of money or rise to the highest level of our profession to earn his love. He asks us to let go of the need for all of that, to be faithful where we are--today-- with the people around us and turn back to him with all the tenderness and love we can muster, to follow where he leads.

I'll see you Sunday, I hope to catch a whiff of sheep.

Your pastor,
MC+

What’s Happening at Holy Trinity ***Around the Corner...***

Nov 23 ...Thanksgiving Day

Nov 26 ...Christ the King Sunday

Nov 29 ...Adult Formation: Prayers in the Night – Chapter 10

Down the Road...

Dec 1 ...Webinar - "Advent with the Saints" = [CLICK HERE](#) to register
Dec 2 ...Brotherhood of St Andrew Quarterly Conference at St. Michaels
Dec 2 ...HT Parish workday, **8:00am to noon-ish**
Dec 3 ...Advent begins (Rite I Liturgy)
Dec 3 ...HTEYC - EDOD Skate the lake
Dec 6 ...Adult Formation: Prayers in the Night – Chapter 11
Dec 9 ...Daughters of the King meeting **10:00am**
Dec 13 ...Adult Formation: Prayers in the Night – Chapter 12
Dec 16 ...Brotherhood of St Andrew Meeting **8:00am**
Dec 16 ...Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Outreach Outing
Dec 17 ...HTEYC Christmas outing to Six Flags
Dec 20 ...Adult Formation: Prayers in the Night – Chapter 13
Dec 24 ...10:40am Hanging of the Greens – ALL Altar Guild teams & anyone who would like to help!
Dec 24 ...10:30pm Lessons and Carols
Dec 24 ...11:00pm "Midnight" Service, Christmas Rite II
Dec 25 ...Christmas Day
Dec 31 ...All Parish Brunch - Invite a Friend
Jan 1 ...New Year's Day
Jan 19...Registration deadline for EDOD Parish Leadership Day
Jan 27 ...Parish Leadership Day, **9:30am - 2:30pm**

Each Week...

Mondays ...Line Dancing **7:00pm**

Tuesdays ...Lectio Divina **10:00am**

Wednesdays

9:15am Gypsy Quilters - Parish Hall

6:30 pm - 8:00pm Christian Formation (*bring your own supper*)

Adults - Exploring: Prayers in the Night (*wrapping up this book on 12/20/23*)

7:20pm Choir for Adults and Youths

8:15pm Compline in the Church

Fridays ...Square Dancing - Parish Hall **7:00pm**

Sundays ...Intercessory Prayer Group after Sunday service

Monday thru Saturday ...[Live on Facebook](#)

Morning Prayer **7:30am**

Compline **8:15pm**

Stewardship
10 Reasons to Give

1. God commands us.
2. Sustain and grow the church.
3. Christ gave us His all.
4. You cannot serve God and money (*Mt 6:24*).
5. Generosity shapes priorities.
6. Empower change in our lives, our city, and our world.
7. Give according to what you have not what you do not have (*2 Cor. 8:12*).
8. We are a family in the body of Christ.
9. To love and care for one another.
10. To care for the poor, widowed, and Orphaned.

Help Wanted

There is always a need, in and around our church grounds, in the office, or with a church family member. Might you be interested?



- House/pet sitter from December 10 – 20.
Contact mclaneap@gmail.com
- Want to learn how we put the Sunday bulletin together?
Contact church@holytrinitygarland.org (knowledge of Microsoft Publisher is NOT required)
- Help to print and fold the Sunday bulletin.
Contact church@holytrinitygarland.org
- Assist in the Nursery on Sundays. Contact jg64@verizon.net

Benefits include heartfelt and grateful thanks and free parking! 😊

Mark Your Calendar Parish Workday Saturday, December 2

We will start at 8 a.m. and finish up around noon.

As we all begin our preparations for the upcoming holidays and start of the new church year (Advent starts December!) we

recognize we need a Parish Workday!

Please help out as you can. Our current list of To Do's includes:

- Cleanup sound room in memorial hall
- Cleanup mezzanine above memorial hall
- Hang 2 Televisions for DOK and EYC
- Secure several pews in the church
- Finish power washing playground concrete
- Finish spray painting plastic slides
- Paint metal rocking animals in the playground
- Clean church windows
- Clean up Kitchen
- Clean up the choir loft



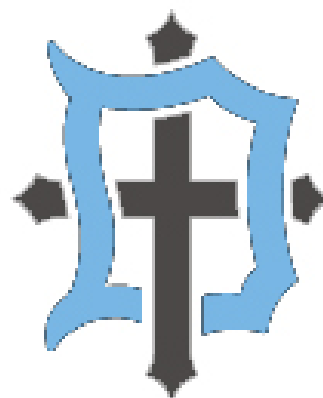
What did we miss? Contact **John Gerber** or the Church office if you feel there are additional projects.

Thank you all,
John
(church@holytrinitygarland.org)

EDOD Parish Leadership Day Jan 27, 2024

Episcopal Diocese of Dallas Parish Leadership Day - Complimentary Registration with Lunch Included.

Calling all parish leaders – vestries, treasurers, teachers, catechists, liturgists, intercessors, social media communicators and more. All are encouraged to attend this one day gathering where we will look at the practicalities of serving our parishes and explore together how we can lead like Jesus.



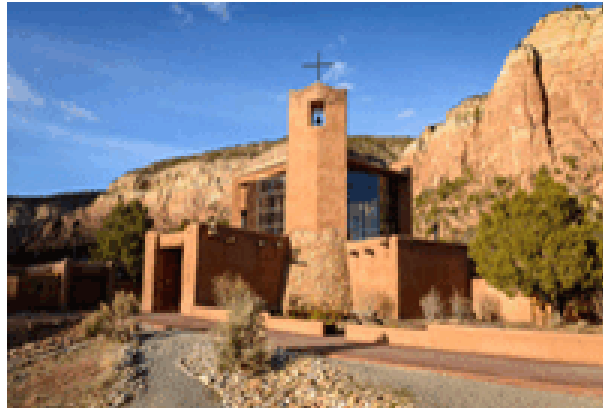
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ParishLeadershipDay2024#/>

Workshops include:

- Onboarding a New Vestry
- Life and Ministry of a Treasurer: All you need to know
- Effective Small Group Ministry
- Godly Play for Older Children and Adolescents
- Spanish Language Christian Formation and Bible Studies
- Leading Effective Adult Parish Bible Studies
- Church Communications: Media Wrangling and Websites that Woo
- Episcopal Foundation Resources: From Grant Writing to Planned Giving
- Launching a Parish Prayer Ministry
- Developing an Invitation and Connection Ministry
- Multicultural worship and welcome
- Helping your Lay Leaders Find Their Spiritual Gifts
- The Impact Discipleship Movement: Building up Spiritual Organizers and Reconcilers in the Body.

Benedictine Retreats, 2024

Fr. Matthew will be leading 2 retreats in 2024 to Christ in the Desert (MCID).



The most remote monastery in the western hemisphere, MCID provides a unique opportunity to witness and live the ancient monastic pattern that forms our own BCP, western Christianity, and hopefully your own life! Come enjoy learning to pray scripture, chant, walk in a gorgeous landscape, and work with the monks (or just take a nap!)

If you want to join, please let **Fr. Matthew** know soon—he can get you the details to confirm your place.

We suggest flying for the Feb trip 2/21-2/24. Plan to fly DFW-SAF (AA) early Wed morning, 2/21, and return late afternoon on Saturday afternoon, 2/24. This gets us back for Sunday but lets us maximize time at the monastery including lunch with the monks. This is ski season out there, so flying will go up in price. Move soon!

The second opportunity will be between May 6 and May 12. We are still working on exact dates, but the purpose of this trip will be to

include a Sunday service and a bit longer time for those who choose to drive.

Call **Fr. Matthew** to learn more (972 226 1283).

Monday Line Dancing

Line Dancing is BACK. Join us on Mondays at 7 p.m. for a little boot-scootin' fun!

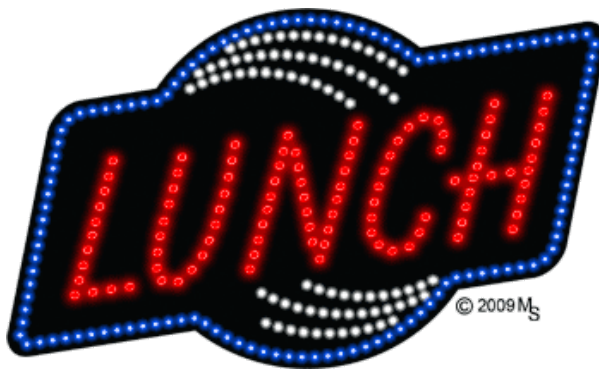
No experience necessary!



Tuesday Lunch Bunch

BYOL and join with our clergy, volunteers, and others for an informal lunch.

We do noon Prayer, eat and chat. It's a chance to see another side of HTEC. No agenda, no expectations. Join us!



Needing Prayer?

For yourself, family members, friends, organizations, and ministries.

Stop by the "**Prayer Wall**" by the nursery and fill out a card. (Cards are replaced monthly).



Prayerful Opportunities

- **Morning Prayer**, Mon-Sat 7:30 am
- **Compline**, Mon-Sat 8:15 pm in the Church

- **Lectio Divina**, Tuesdays at 10:00 am
- **Intercessory Prayer Group**, each Sunday after service. If you would like to pray with someone or have them pray on your behalf, please stop in the prayer room immediately after the church service on the way to the parish hall.



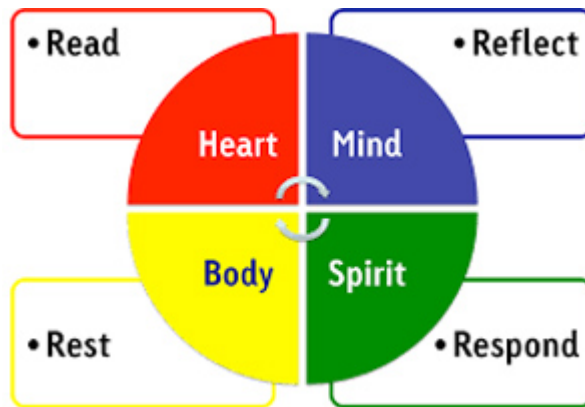
Morning Prayer and Compline available via the [Holy Trinity Facebook page](#)

Lectio Divina Group

Tuesdays 10:00 am
in the Daughters' room.

Lectio Divina is a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we let go of our agendas and open ourselves to what **God** is trying to say to us. **Lectio**

Divina means: "*divine reading*" in Latin. Come try this ancient way of praying with scripture. See **Leah** for questions.



2023 Vestry Members

Joyella Zapata - **Sr Warden**

John Gerber - **Jr Warden**

Bill Sandidge - **Treasurer**

Vicki Sandidge - **Secretary**

Jennifer Grady

Brent Samford

Anne McLane

Virginia Wilder

