

The Herald

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**COME WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.**

From the Pastor

Jesus asked, “Do you finally believe? But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world. – John 16:31-33

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

One of the great “problems” of the Christian faith is the problem of theodicy – the problem of evil and suffering. People wonder how a good God can allow it in the world.

Unfortunately, theodicy is not something that can be solved in a seminary classroom or in the closing chapter of some great theologian’s book on Christianity. It is a problem that presents itself in very real, very graphic ways. Suffering hurts. Evil is horrific. The pain takes its toll on us emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

And yet, we often dismiss God right in the middle of the suffering, right in the middle of what we deem to be an “evil” situation – as if He is a distant God who could not care less about His children. Nothing is farther from the truth.

We cannot give satisfactory answers to why God allows evil and suffering in the world. We know that He is greater than evil, and that, even though He allows those things to happen, He is still good. We believe that no matter how dark or broken a situation is, He can bring good out of it.

But more than this, our God knows the true pain of suffering, the full brunt of evil, the full weight of death – because He took it all on Himself at the cross. Ours is the God who knows what we’re going through better than we do because He’s been there.

There is a lot of suffering in the world right now. There are lots of hard questions for which there are no easy answers. What are Christians to do? How do we respond?

We are an Easter people called to share with the world what we know to be true – that our Lord is risen, but He is a crucified Lord. He knows suffering all too well – and He sits with us in the midst of ours. And yet, we know that suffering has ultimately been defeated and that, one day, there will be no more of it.

May we be reminded every day that Christ has overcome the cross and the world.

In Christ,

P. Rardy

Teens for Christ

What: Teens for Christ is the “Youth Group” of Holy Trinity

When: 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm (and at other times for fun and special events)

Why: To grow in our relationship with Jesus and with one another!

What We Did Last Month

It was a busy month! We led worship on February 11th as part of “Youth Sunday”, where our Teens for Christ did an excellent job. What a joy to see our young people actively serving and worshipping the Lord! As part of our preparations for this Sunday, we talked about how God uses people of every age to serve Him and bring glory to His name, and how we are never too young to serve Him.

They also hosted our annual “Super Bowl Luncheon” after worship on the 11th. The congregation enjoyed lots of soups and chili, delicious sides, and decadent desserts—not to mention wonderful fellowship. But the Teens for Christ didn’t stop serving there! They also did an excellent job assisting with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, helping to prepare, serve, and clean-up on this special occasion.

We also had a regular meeting on the last Sunday of the month where we spent time in God’s Word, played some games, enjoyed a delicious meal, and continued to bond as a group.

We certainly missed those who couldn’t be with us for these events and want you to come and be a part of what God is doing through our youth group! In other words, God has put us together for a reason. When one part is missing, we are not complete. Together we can do so much more than when we are apart!

What’s New?!

With the congregation’s generosity, our Teens for Christ raised \$950 from Super Bowl Sunday and Shrove Tuesday meals, which will be donated to community member James Michael Torrance, who is battling cancer.

What’s Coming Up?!

March 10 – Regular Meeting at 5:30pm

March 24 – Regular Meeting at 5:30pm

March 31 – Prepare and serve Easter Breakfast in the TLC

We invite all the TFC youth to join us and invite a friend so we may grow together in Christ!

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Mid-Week Lenten Schedule

This year during our mid-week Lenten worship, are going to explore the question: what does it mean to live out our baptism in the world today?

For Christians, our way of life has at its foundation God's saving action in baptism. All that we are, and all that we do, grows out of His love given to us in baptism. During Lent, we will reflect upon who we are as God's children in baptism, and how we are to live as people forever marked with the cross of Christ. We will also be reminded that, in a world filled with pain, suffering, and uncertainty, God calls His baptized children to bring the message of hope, mercy, and grace into the lives of everyone around us. This is our ministry as baptized persons—as persons marked for living!

Join us Wednesdays during Lent to learn more.

Meal at 6:00 p.m.
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

February 21 – Claimed
February 28 – Named
March 6 – Clothed
March 13 – Enlightened
March 20 – Appointed

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Upcoming Events



Join us for Card/Game Night on
Thursday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share and we will have dinner
together. Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Easter Lilies

If you would like to order Easter Lilies this year, the cost is \$10.00 (with foil wrap) per plant. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 3rd and payment must accompany order.

No orders can be accepted after this date.

Please print the information requested below, so we can insure accuracy in the bulletin.

YOUR NAME _____

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Disciple Discipleship Disciple-making

What is a disciple?

Who are disciples?

What is discipleship?

How can I be a disciple?

What Does It Take to be a Disciple?

Recall in the Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commanded us to “Make Disciples.” Three Participles explain how to do this command (1) Going, (2) Baptizing, & (3) Teaching which will be explained in future discussions.

Also, recall a disciple is a “follower of Jesus” which takes priority over everything else especially over their own will and chooses Christ & His will. “Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven,” Matthew 6:10.

Becoming a disciple costs. It costs in the way we use our own gifts- our time and talents. Jesus never told us it would be easy. We must take up our crosses & follow Him. Mark 8:34-36

Jesus made one of the most powerful statements in all of scripture:

“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake the gospel will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?”

How do you save your life, yet lose it? By going after the temptations of the world – money (wealth), material things (stuff). When this is done, you start to forfeit your life; in other words – you put Jesus first, because you realize life is more than just “stuff” you accumulate. Giving yourself totally to God is giving Him full authority over your life as His follower (disciple)!

If young men/women in the military are expected to sacrifice everything for their country, how much more should we as believers be willing to do whatever our Commander, Jesus Christ asks of us? That is what Christ expects of us as followers (disciples)!

Sadly, that’s not the case now a days. Too many of us serve Christ as long as He keeps money in our pockets or smiles on our faces. We DON’T want to be INCONVENIENCED.

“Yes, I love the Lord but I’m too busy with my job to serve others! Maybe when I retire! I don’t have time for bible study but I do come to church on Sundays.”

Few church members ever say this out loud! As a result there are too few disciples around to enable the church to impact others/community/the world. The problem is not that there is not enough money or programs or even churches filled with Christians. The problem is THERE IS NOT ENOUGH DISCIPLES!

The shortage of disciples explains why we have so many “Christians” but so little impact within our church/community/ world. What we need are not more bodies in the pew but more “Disciples!” true followers serve. It’s not how many members that are in a church but it the number of disciples!

Are you a disciple or a warm body in the pew?

Stay Tuned!

The Discipleship Team



March Serving Assistants

Sunday / Wednesday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors
3	Roman Long	Blake Ballentine	Troy Hentz	Eli Kednocker
6 (Wed.)	Karsyn Crumpton	Braxton Rodgers		Mary Spires
10	Karsyn Crumpton	Braxton Rodgers	Blair Cromer	Sheri Wicker
13 (Wed.)	Hudson Long	Tanner Shell		Cindy Frick
17	Hudson Long	Tanner Shell	Kaylee Hentz	Daniel Boland
20 (Wed.)	Karter Crumpton	Eli Kednocker		Philip Armstrong
24 (Palm Sunday)	Karter Crumpton	Eli Kednocker	Natalie Winn	Bill Loadholdt
28 (Maundy Thurs.)	Taylor Lake	Margaret Livingston		Phillip Allison
29 (Good Friday)	Dustin Winn	Troy Hentz		Donna Fulmer
31 (Easter -10:30am)	Taylor Lake	Margaret Livingston	Braxton Rodgers	Bobby Chapman

March Serving Assistants

Sunday	Flowers	Greeters	Nursery
3	Lent - No Flowers	Chad & Anna Weaver	Jessica Lindler, Karen Winn
10	Lent - No Flowers	Travis & Amber Koon	Morgan Kaihara, Glenda Hentz
17	Lent - No Flowers	Charles E. & Brittany Frick	Amy Collins, Paula Frick
24	Palms	Artie & Melisa Livingston	Julie Haltiwanger, Ashley Boland
31	Jerry & Annette Shealy	Robby & Angel Hentz	Christie Allison, Amber Koon

Ushers	March 2024	Chairman:	Spyros Lezimis	* elevator operator
	3, 6, 10, 13, 17	Danny Newton	Edwin Havird	Britton Havird*
	20, 24, 28, 29, 31	David Bush	Troy Hentz	James Wieters*

	Communion
3	Bill & Robin Loadholdt
24	Danny Newton & Sheri Wicker
28	Charles & Kaye Shealy
31	Sunrise- Ted Arnold 10:30am- Lin & Frank Lake Kyle & Shelley Page

Altar & Parament	Kara Cumalander Christie Allison
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Lent 3 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	4	5	6 Leviticus Bible Study 10am Lenten Meal -6pm Lenten Worship- 7pm	7	8	9
10 Lent 4 7:30am- Council Meeting 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	11 Prayer Shawl-9am Mom's Life Group 6:30 p.m.	12	13 Leviticus Bible Study 10am Lenten Meal -6pm Lenten Worship- 7pm	14 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	15	16
17 Lent 5 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 6:30pm- Lutheran Men	18 Prayer Shawl-9am	19	20 Leviticus Bible Study 10am Lenten Meal -6pm Lenten Worship- 7pm	21	22	23
24 Epiphany 3 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5:30pm- Teens for Christ	25 Prayer Shawl-9am Mom's Life Group 6:30 p.m.	26	27 Leviticus Bible Study 10am	28 Happy Mountaineers 10am Maundy Thursday 7pm	29 Good Friday 7pm	30
31 Epiphany 4 7am- Easter Sunrise Easter Breakfast 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Easter Worship						

Bible Verse of the Month

The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:8-11

March Birthdays

March 1	Sonia Bodie	March 16	Margaret Livingston
	Dan Wessinger	March 17	Kyle Page
	Michael Arnold	March 18	Myrtie Wessinger
	Christopher Fulmer		Carrie Howland
March 4	Jean Alewine		Riley Attaway
	Larry Grooms	March 21	Kelvin Chapman
	Haley Hilton	March 23	Lane Attaway
March 5	Brenda Wicker		Leah Bush
March 6	Bryan Shealy		Colson Winn
	Wyatt Koon	March 25	Brian Boland
	Alyssa Stanley		Kay Shealy
March 7	Pam Bush		Katelyn Shealy
March 8	Eleanor Bush	March 26	Donna Fulmer
	Ava Kate Weaver		Sarah Dahdough
	Sarah Wicker		Jenna Lake
March 9	Alexa McDonald		Ritchie Koon
March 10	Johnny Cumalander	March 28	Caroline Kamke
March 11	Jessica Williams	March 29	Connor Cromer
	Jacob Shealy		Emily House
March 12	Lib Boland	March 30	Kevin J. Shealy
	Aspen Lindler		Hilary Twigg Frick
March 14	Lin Lake		Ann Newton
		March 31	Clair Wicker

Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In Memory of Robert Wicker given by Trudy & Ned Brewer, Alice R. Hawkins, Randy O. Frick, Alfred Metts.

In Loving Memory of Robert Wicker given by Brenda Wicker.

In Memory of Margaret Elaine Mitchell (Annette Shealy's sister) given by Bob & Lucy Peters, Becky Chapman, Jim & Ann Sanders.

In Memory of my Sister, Judy Lindler, on her birthday given by Charles & Kaye Shealy.

In Memory of Millie Gillespie given by Blake Ballentine.

In Memory of Beatrice Riddle (Mike Riddle's mother) given by Rodger & Karen Winn, Larry & Renae Grooms, Charles & Cindy Frick.

In Memory of Sandra Metts (Amy Chapman's mother) given by Jim & Ann Sanders.

In Honor of Scouts given by Audrey Caldwell.

Holy Trinity Prayer Concerns

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Richard Rand (brother in law of Terecia Wilson), Michael Torrence, Judy Shealy, Joyce McCall, Charles Frick, Donna Fulmer, Terecia Wilson, Barry Derrick (Brother of Clair Wicker), Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Rev. James Franklin Shealy, Denise Salyer (Friend of Lucy Peters), Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald Shealy, Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson). Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

*White Oak of Newberry
Junior Alewine
Jean Alewine*

*Agape Care - Lexington
Rev. James Franklin Shealy*

*Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness?
Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?*

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.

Holy Trinity Staff

Disciples of Christ

Pastor

Parish Office Administrator

Director of Music Ministries

Organists

Sexton

People of Holy Trinity

Rev. Randy Drafts

Mrs. Marie Shealy

Mrs. Terecia Wilson

Mrs. Lib Boland

Mrs. Donna Fulmer

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mr. Ted Arnold

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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