

The Trinity Times

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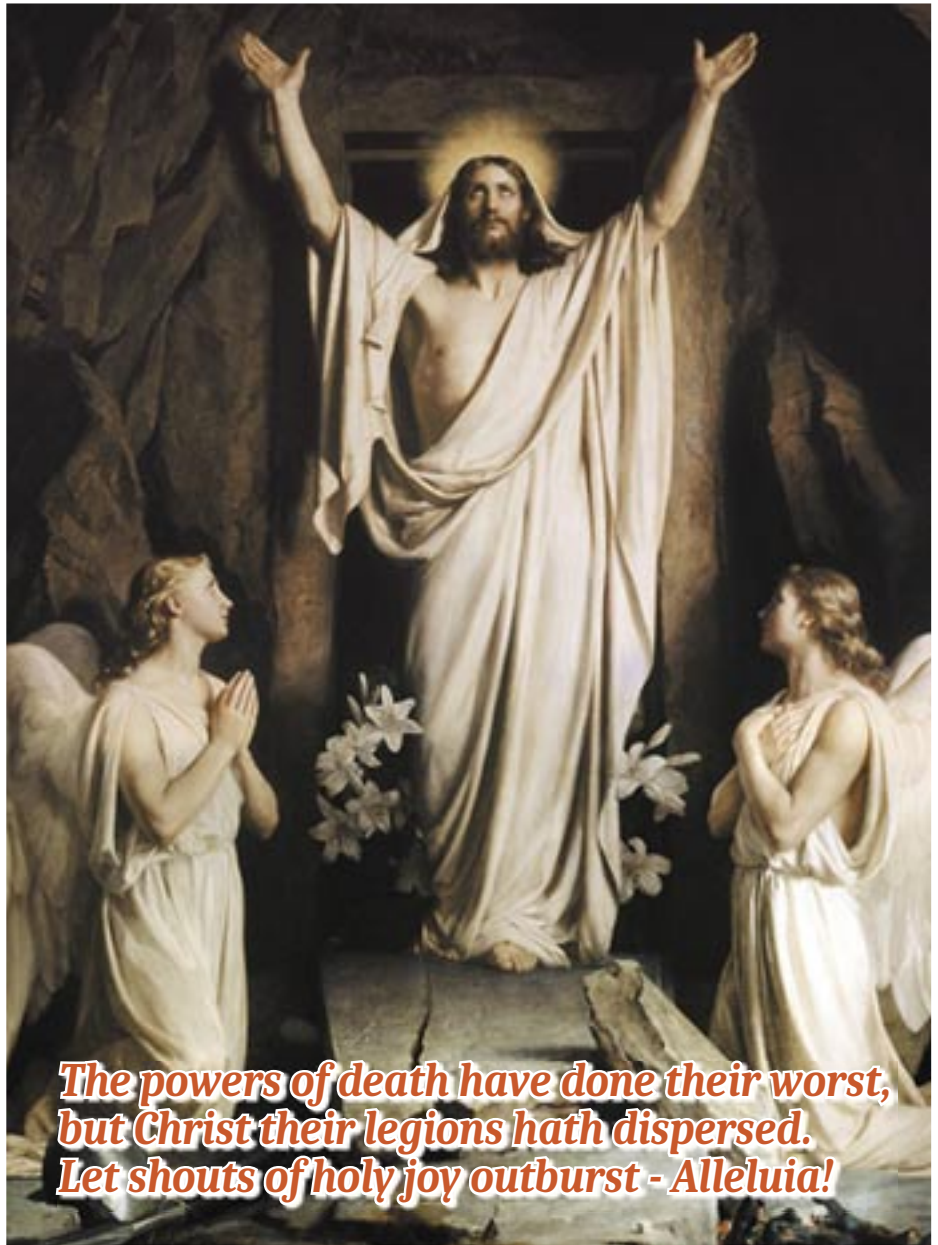
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but Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst - Alleluia!*

What's My Line?

I enjoy biographies, and in recent years I have enjoyed several by Walter Isaacson. He is fascinated by the lives of geniuses. Da Vinci, Einstein, Jobs, Musk et al. have all provided good grist for his mill.

However, last fall he went off script and came out with a new book titled, "The Greatest Sentence Ever Written," an attention grabbing title if there ever were one.

If you want to play a game with me, try to put forth your opinion of what your "Greatest Sentence" is before I tell you what his is and what mine is.

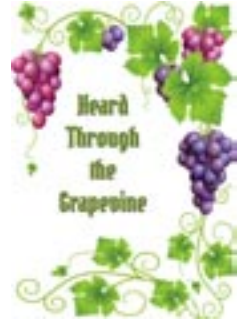
Okay game's over ... Isaacson's choice is the second line of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Isaacson's rationale for expounding on this sentence are good and reasonable, and I recommend his book to anyone.

As an aspirational line for the foundation of a country, Jefferson, Franklin and Adams wrote that excellent one, but it's only been around for a mere 250 years. I'd go with any of several 100 or more sentences from the many books that were written several thousand years ago that made it into our Holy Bible.

Can you top this one? "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Talk about your foundational lines. Happy Easter!



Cover Art:
Resurrection of Christ
Carl Bloch
1875

Barnabas

In Memoriam

Ledra Leigh Tanner passed away peacefully on February 18, 2026. She was born on December 11, 1946, in Clay, WV.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Kinnear, her son, Steven A. Yeater, her mother, Phyllis M. Tanner, and her sister, Patricia A. Tanner

Most recently, Ledra made her home in Converse, TX, where she lived with her daughter Karin and son-in-law Emmanuel Williams. Prior to that, she resided in Belpre, OH, where she built a life filled with family, hard work and deep community ties.

Ledra was a multi-talented and determined woman who earned her Associate's Degree and pursued her passions with dedication. She worked as a manager for Big Lots and later was the proud owner of Lee's Frame Shop, where her creativity and entrepreneurial spirit shined.

She had a lifelong love of reading and treasured books of all kinds, always eager to learn and explore

new stories. Above all, Ledra's greatest joy was her family.

Her grandchildren were the light of her life, and she cherished every moment spent with them. She is survived by her daughter, Karin (Emmanuel) Williams; her granddaughters, Jenna Duckworth, and Tessa (Chris) Becker; her grandson, Kaelan Yeater; and her three great-grandchildren, Nolan, Carsen, and Waylon.

She is also survived by her sisters, Linda Foss, Mary Farris, June Tanner, and Lisa Tanner; and brothers, Ed Tanner, Bob Tanner, and Kevin Tanner, and several nieces and nephews. She leaves behind her beloved dog, Buckey, who brought her constant companionship and comfort.

Ledra's life was a beautiful example of resilience, generosity, and unwavering love. She will be remembered for her kindness, strength, caring spirit, and devotion to her family. Though our hearts are heavy, we are grateful for the many memories she gave us and the legacy of love she leaves behind.

A memorial service was held at Trinity, Saturday, March 14, 2026, with Reverend Geoffrey Mackey officiating.



A note from Father Geoff



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This year, the beginning of April coincides with the holiest days of the Christian liturgical year: The Triduum. "Triduum" is a Latin term that means "three days" and begins with the evening of Maundy Thursday and runs through Easter. These are the profoundly moving days when we commemorate the Last Supper and Christ washing his disciples' feet, the betrayal of our Lord by Judas, our Lord's Passion, trial, Crucifixion, death, burial and ultimately his glorious Resurrection. Triduum comes at the end of our forty (plus) day "great feast" of Lent and prepares us for the most sacred of all days, Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord.

Ancient Christian literature calls Easter the "Feast of Feasts" and the "Queen of Feasts." In almost every non-Germanic language, it is not called Easter at all, but some variation of the word "Passover," borrowed from Jewish usage. And the Scriptures make this connection clear: the last supper is associated in the Gospels with the Passover observance; "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us," St. Paul writes to the Corinthians; at the Transfiguration, Jesus speaks with Moses and Elijah about his "departure" - literally his "Exodus."

What is interesting to me is that - from a devotional perspective - we often treat Easter as the end of something. It is the end of our Lenten observance; the end of not having flowers in the church, the end of abstaining from alleluia, the end of whatever discipline or practice we took up for Lent. It is almost like "well, that's over, now life can go back to normal!" But if Easter is true - of Christ really has passed over from death to life - then Easter is an even greater reason than Lent to focus on spiritual matters. "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and on those in the grave bestowing life!" If we really believe this - with our hearts, not only with our lips - it changes everything.

We can face the trials of our lives, the difficulties of our circumstances, the challenges of our socio-political moment, even our greatest fears with victorious confidence. Not because we ourselves have any great power or mastery over the world, but because we follow and serve the one for whom even death no longer has any dominion over him (see Romans 6). And more than following and serving him, we have been united to him in our baptism - we have died with Christ and we shall be made alive with Christ. As one of my favorite Easter hymns puts it:

*The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed.
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Glory to our Risen Lord!

Fr. Geoff

The Rector's Bookshelf

Alexander Schmorell: *Saint of the German Resistance*

by Elena Perekrestov

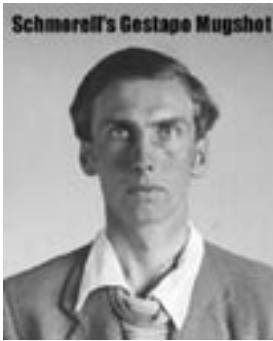
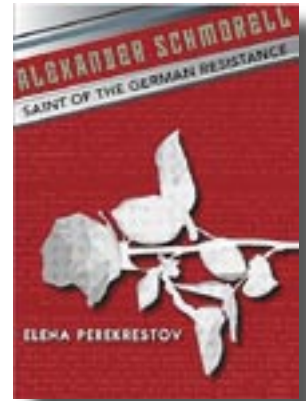
Print Shop of St. Job of Pochaev

1917

My grandfather served in the Marines during World War II. He didn't talk about it much, so most of my information about WWII was from history classes or sometimes war movies. But when I was growing up, there were still many who remembered that life- and nation-altering time which was as much an ideological struggle as it was a military one. Americans who served

went "over there" to fight. But what was it like to be a person of Christian faith in Germany at the time?

In Munich, during the Nazi regime, there was a small movement, led primarily by four Christian university students: Hans and Sophie Scholl (Lutherans), Willi Graf (Roman Catholic) and Alexander Schmorell (Russian Orthodox). They started what came to be known as the White Rose and they published underground papers calling for an end to the oppressive regime and for justice that spread far and wide around Germany. In this, they were motivated not by secular ideologies of freedom, but the Christian obligations placed on them by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



ATTENTION LADIES!!

Many of our ECW members have enjoyed joining Katie's Ladies, our Lutheran friends, for dinner once a month.

This has prompted us to form our own dinner group, calling ourselves **JULIETs** (*Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together*).

We have also invited the ladies at Good Shepherd to join us. We will go out on the first Tuesday of the month to various restaurants in our area.

Our first outing will be on April 7, at 6:00 p. m., at George's (behind Red Lobster). Please plan to join us for an evening of food and fun fellowship, and please let Julie Rathbone know if you plan to be there.



All four met martyrs' deaths. One of them, Alexander Schmorell, has been canonized by the Russian Orthodox Church. His feast day is July 13, the anniversary of his death in 1943 at 25 years old. This small book is an excellent and accessible biography, which tells of St. Alexander's upbringing and faith and his courageous stand against tyranny (as well as those of his fellow students). It is always important to bring to mind courageous Christians of years past, but especially when in our own day we need inspiration to stand for righteousness, justice, and truth - that is to stand for the values of the Gospel - in a turbulent and troubled world. Perekrestov's life of Alexander Schmorell does just that.

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Spiritual Life at Trinity



The men of First Lutheran join the men from Trinity for breakfast and bible reflections on the second Tuesday of March in Trinity Hall.



For three Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Mar. 11, our Pastoral Intern, Xenia Smykova presented a Lenten Adult Education forum on Syriac Mysticism. Coming out of the Semitic culture of the Sasanian Empire (the last pre-Islamic Persian Empire), Syriac spirituality emphasized recognition of spiritual weakness, solitude, and a faith that is drawn by the beauty of God rather than fear of punishment or promise of reward. Xenia led us in drawing conclusions related to our own spiritual life today.



Stations of the Cross



Joe Handlan leading followers in the Stations of the Cross liturgy in the Trinity Sanctuary on Friday evening.

Craft Saturday April 18, 2026 FAIR

The list of AMAZING Artists,
Crafters & Vendors keeps growing!

Shop till you drop!

Pickled Hope - original design t-shirts & stickers -
you can watch while they are made just for you

Quilting Art - paper filigree art

Comfy Cozy Sents - candles & wax melts

Sweet Daisy May Bakery - cupcakes, cheesecakes, bundt cakes

Michelle' Angels - hand-made decor & gift items

Knically Made Pottery & Crafts - handcrafted pottery & more

Cavalier Custom Wood Designs - hand painted/stained
engraved & carved wood decor & gift items

Clay fairy houses and light bottles by Debbie Huffman,

A Beaded Beauty - pens & keychains

TruAura - natural cosmetics - natural cosmetics

Purely Crafted Creations - soaps & candles

Shell Space Art - paintings

Take a break and get a relaxing massage

OM Muscle Management chair massage

Shop some more and get a signed copy of Ty Smith's new book

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Are you an artist, crafter or vendor? There are a FEW spots
still available but are they are going fast!

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craft, art & vendor fair!

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430 Juliana St. Parkersburg WV Trinity Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church

CLEANING HOUSE!



MARCH 7 WORK DAY



Easter ... A Very Traditional Time

1. In the 13th century, the church prohibited eating what during Holy Week?
2. What baked good is a Good Friday tradition in England?
3. In England a fruitcake called a Simnel is served at teatime on Easter with 11 marzipan balls on top. What do the marzipan balls represent?
4. In what country did the tradition of the Easter Bunny originate?
5. Easter eggs were first dyed red to symbolize what?



Highlights from the March 2026 Vestry meeting:

- + The Rector talked about the schedule for Holy Week. There will be services on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- + The Rector plans on restarting the Church history class in mid-April and continue it through the summer. He also said that nine people attended the first Book Club class which is being held between the Sunday morning services.
- + The Treasurer reviewed the February financial reports.
- + The Stewardship & Outreach Chair reported that the next outreach event will be on Saturday, March 21, at the Parkersburg Easter Parade. A table will be set up at 16th and Market Streets to hand out lemonade and cookies to the parade participants.
- + The Workday held on March 7 was a success. All the tables and chairs in Trinity Hall were thoroughly cleaned, and the wall panels in the ladies' bathroom were repaired. Another Workday is scheduled for May 30.

Attendance: Trinity by the Numbers

Weekend Liturgies

5:30/8:00/10:30

- February 7,8: 15/6/54 (75)
- February 14,15: 15/9/52 (76)
- February 21,22: 12/12/55 (79)
- Feb. 28, Mar. 1: 16/9/74 (99)

- Ash Wednesday Liturgies: 3/38/28 (69)
- Wednesday Liturgies (average) - 4
- Holy Day Liturgies (average) - 3
- Morning Prayer - (average) - 5
- Stations of the Cross (average) - 8

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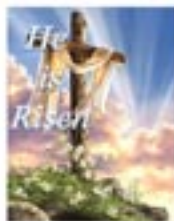
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4	2
5+	7

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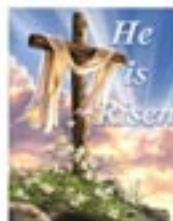


ANSWERS

1. Eggs
2. Hot cross buns
3. The disciples minus Judas
4. Germany
5. The blood of our savior Jesus Christ



Join Trinity Episcopal Church on our Journey with Jesus. All are welcome as we work together to take care of our community.



April Jesus is risen!

Spring is here! Everything is reborn & renewed!

Holy Week Hike April 1

Take a beautiful walk through nature at Point park, which is accessible to all abilities, and experience the wonder of the Holy Week story surrounded by God's creation.



Blessing of Easter Baskets during the 10:30am service

The origins of the "Easter Basket" lie in medieval practices of abstaining from certain foods during Lent. These foods were then collected in a basket and blessed on Easter, and the foods were shared during the great holiday feast. Today, children's baskets are filled with eggs, sweets, and other goodies. Let's celebrate the joy of Easter by bringing our Easter baskets to church for the 10:30 service to be blessed!

Craft FAIR

April 18 renew your decor with hand-made items, get a special gift for the moms in your life, or start your Christmas shopping early!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is informally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," because the lectionary readings focus on the metaphor of Christ as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.

Our sister parish in Parkersburg is dedicated to the Good Shepherd; we will have our 10:30 Sunday service combined with them this year

*at
Good Shepherd Church,
903 Charles Street,
Parkersburg.*



Open your heart to those in need & help them see that Jesus walks among them

Blessing Bags make &/or take a few Blessing Bags to give out to those in need on the roads

Helping Hands Food & Clothing Ministry non-perishable foods, socks, gloves or caps

All God's Creatures Animal Shelter Collection dog, cat, rabbit food, treats, litter cleaning supplies or cash





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Holy Week at Trinity Church

Holy Wednesday Maundy Thursday
April 1 April 2

5:00 pm
*Holy Hike &
Eucharist
at
Point Park*

6:00 pm
*Holy Eucharist
(Vigil before the
Altar of Repose
begins after Liturgy)*

Good Friday
April 3

12:00 pm
*Liturgy of the
Pre-sanctified &
Veneration of the
Cross*

6:00 pm
*Vespers &
Veneration of the
Shroud*

Easter Eve
April 4

7:30 pm
*Easter Vigil at
**Good
Shepherd
Church***

Easter Sunday
April 5

8:00 am
*Holy Eucharist
Rite I*

10:30 am
*Festival Choral
Eucharist
Rite II*

