

Trinit-E News



Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to
restore people to unity
with God and each other
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

From *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945):

Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without cost! The essence of grace, we suppose, is that the account has been paid in advance; and, because it has been paid, everything can be had for nothing....

Cheap grace means grace as a doctrine, a principle, a system. It means forgiveness of sins proclaimed as a general truth, the love of God taught as the Christian 'conception' of God. An intellectual assent to that idea is held to be of itself sufficient to secure remission of sins.... In such a Church the world finds a cheap covering for its sins; no contrition is required, still less any real desire to be delivered from sin. Cheap grace therefore amounts to a denial of the living Word of God, in fact, a denial of the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner. Grace alone does everything they say, and so everything can remain as it was before. 'All for sin could not atone.' Well, then, let the Christian live like the rest of the world, let him model himself on the world's standards in every sphere of life, and not presumptuously aspire to live a different life under grace from his old life under sin....

Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man' will gladly go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble, it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

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Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: “ye were bought at a price,” and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.

Costly grace is the sanctuary of God; it has to be protected from the world, and not thrown to the dogs. It is therefore the living word, the Word of God, which he speaks as it pleases him. Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus. It comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. Grace is costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: “My yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

On two separate occasions Peter received the call, “Follow me.” It was the first and last word Jesus spoke to his disciple (Mark 1.17; John 21.22). A whole life lies between these two calls. The first occasion was by the lake of Gennesareth, when Peter left his nets and his craft and followed Jesus at his word. The second occasion is when the Risen Lord finds him back again at his old trade. Once again it is by the lake of Gennesareth, and once again the call is: “Follow me.” Between the two calls lay a whole life of discipleship in the following of Christ. Half-way between them comes Peter’s confession, when he acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God....

This grace was certainly not self-bestowed. It was the grace of Christ himself, now prevailing upon the disciple to leave all and follow him, now working in him that confession which to the world must sound like the ultimate blasphemy, now inviting Peter to the supreme fellowship of martyrdom for the Lord he had denied, and thereby forgiving him all his sins. In the life of Peter grace and discipleship are inseparable. He had received the grace which costs, (pg. 45-49).

Listening to Your Life

Paula D’Arcy will lead a conference at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center October 16-18. The topic will be learning to listen and see with the eyes of the heart how the thread of Divine love moves in everything, summoning us to live with a new intention. The conference will begin Oct. 16th, registration from 3:00 PM –5:00 PM. Dinner will be served 6:00 PM with the first presentation beginning shortly after supper and end at 2:00 pm on Sunday, Oct. 18th. The cost is \$300 for a single room, \$250 for a double occupancy room, or \$80 for Saturday, lunch only. Anyone interested can either call Judy Weber or contact the Rev. Canon John Kellogg at jk Kellogg@edola.org or (504) 895-6634.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

06 Joan Garber
11 Wayne Rink, Sr.
12 Brian Moore
12 Mike Raymond, Jr.
15 R.J. Raymond
15 Sean Dennis
21 Paul Coats
21 Anabella Jones
28 Maria DeHart
29 Charles Parsiola
29 Jane Bell Pitts
30 Patrick Leleux

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

17—Howard and Amalia Rogers
17—Buddy and Ana Rogers
23—Ed and Dean White
24—Bob and Mary Hughes

PRAYERS

Please Pray For:

Please Pray For: Georgia, Frances and Bob, Ara May, Glen, Ellen and Wayne, Nancy, Cathy and Barry, Jeanette, Ed, Frances, Fr. Roy, Rose and B.G., Ana, Sandra, Emily, Mike and Kay, for members of Morgan City Police Department, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda

Teacher appreciation



What is a teacher, if not a mirror in which we perceive the divine image hidden in the soul? What is a teacher, if not a sower of seed and a cultivator of young gardens? What is a teacher, if not a shaper of souls and a guide who gently shows the right path for the journey? What is a teacher, if not the most hopeful of dreamers, who plants and nurtures and sees the bright destiny and harvest of the work even when the student cannot? What is a teacher, if not a shepherd watching over the flock and leading it to abundant pastures?

Dreamers and sharers of dreams, sowers of seed and guides who chart the way, mirrors of goodness and shepherds of grace — it is for these teachers and this ministry that we give abundant thanks to God.

—Author unknown

Ministry Schedule August 2014

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30	September 6
CELEBRANT/ OFFICIANT	Fr. Travers Koerner	Fr. Doug Lasiter	Fr. Travers Koerner	Fr. Doug Lasiter	Canon Ron Clingenpeel	Fr. Travers Koerner
PREACHER	“	“	“	“	“	“
SERVER(S)	Tim Cherie	Currie Scheffsky	Sean Dennis Austin Blair	Currie Scheffsky	Sean Dennis Austin Blair	Tim Cherie
CHALICE	Tim Cherie	Irving Blatt	John Stork	David Webster	Charles Parsiola	Tim Cherie
LECTOR	Judy Weber	Roger Busbice	Elizabeth Blatt	Jane Webster	Irving Blatt	Judy Weber
INTERCES- SOR	Lisa Parsiola	Elizabeth Blatt	Judy Weber	Jane Webster	Lisa Parsiola	Judy Weber
GREETERS	Peggy Coats Ray Kunst	Ray Kunst Ed Bell	Drew Mauro Ben Mauro	Ray Kunst Ed Bell	Doug Osborne Debi Busbice	Peggy Coats Ray Kunst
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hughes	Cathy Broussard	Judy Weber John Stork	Jane Webster Roy Mellish		Mary Hughes
VESTRY ON DUTY	Roger Busbice	Veeder Bell	Peggy Coats	Lisa Parsiola	Mary Hughes	Barry Broussard

A prayer for the persecuted

Dear Lord, we pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who live where trouble is brewing. Many suffer persecution in lands far and near. They face violence and harassment, hunger, kidnapping, oppressive laws and efforts to destroy their belief in you. Let them feel your mighty hand of love and protection as they go about their daily tasks. Let each person find strength, courage and wisdom in you. When troubles surround them, may they dwell on your sacrifice and guidance.

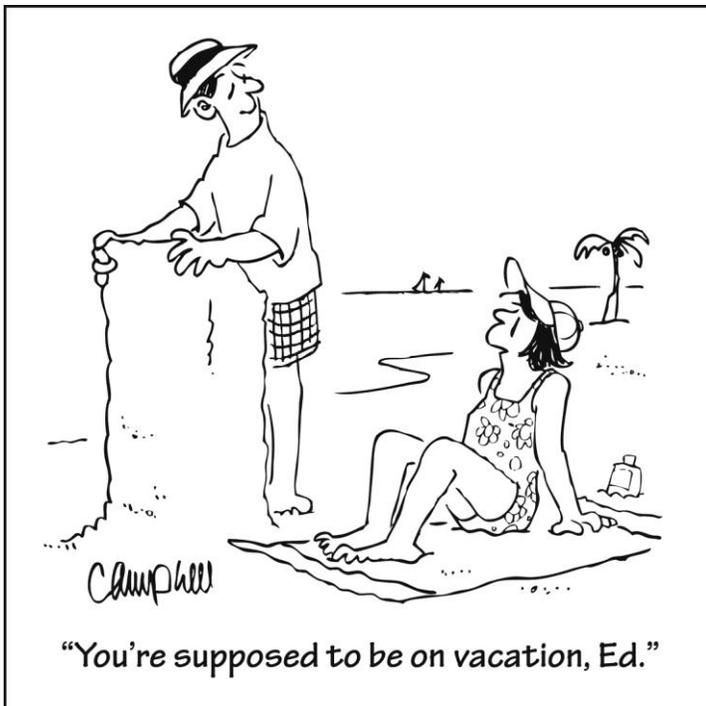
Give comfort to those grieving the loss or suffering of loved ones. Generously meet daily needs for shelter and food. Provide a safe worship place for those whose churches have been destroyed. Provide safe passage to those who must leave families, communities and country for new surroundings.

Thank you for allowing your children to be the remnant you hold dear. We pray these things in Christ, our persecuted but victorious Savior. Amen.

—MaryAnn Sundby

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers Pot Luck Luncheon	3	4 Bible Study 6:30 pm	5 Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Holy Eucharist 6pm	6	7 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m.	8
9 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Doug	10 Vestry 6 pm	11 Bible Study 6:30 pm	12 Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m.	13	14 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m.	15
16 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers	17	18 Bible Study 6:30 pm	19 Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. No Eucharist.	20	21 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m.	22
23 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Canon Ron Clingenpeel	24	25 Bible Study 6:30 pm	26 Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m.	27	28 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m.	29
30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Doug	31	1 Bible Study 6:30 pm	2 Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Holy Eucharist 6pm	3	4 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m.	5



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Sunday Services
9:30 AM

Fr. Doug Lasiter, Rector

Our Vision

Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples are formed.

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Love



is patient ♦
kind ♦ not envious ♦
not boastful ♦
not arrogant ♦
not rude ♦ does not insist
on its own way ♦
is not irritable or resentful ♦
does not rejoice in
wrongdoing ♦ rejoices in the
truth ♦ bears all things ♦
believes all things ♦
hopes all things ♦
endures all things ♦
never ends. ♦

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NRSV [adapted]