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Trinit-E News



Our Mission

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

Every minister has to acknowledge that influences are present in their theology. Particular writings or specific theologians that influenced the way we think. For myself there have been many different influences, but these particular pages from Bonhoeffer always influence my thinking.

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....

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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.

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).

Ministry Schedule

June 2017

| | June 4 | June 11 | June 18 | June 25 | July 2 |
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| CELEBRANT/ Officiant | Fr. Doug | Fr. Thompson | Fr. Doug | Fr. Thompson | Fr. Doug |
| PREACHER | " | | " | " | |
| SERVER(S) | Joshua J | Tim C | Austin B | Sean D | Joshua J |
| CHALICE | Mary H | Tim C | Tammy C | Charles P | Judy W |
| LECTOR | Tammy C | Judy W | Mary H | Lisa P | Mary H |
| INTERCESSOR | Tammy C | Judy W | Mary H | Lisa P | Mary H |
| GREETERS | Peggy C Ed B | Ed B Doug O | Drew M Ben M | Peggy C Ed B | Peggy C Clare C |
| ALTAR GUILD | Mary H | Cathy B. | Judy W Jennie R | Jane W. | Mary H |
| VOD | Peggy C | Tim C | Drew M | Doyle D | Peggy C |
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Please Pray For: Ellen and Wayne, Nancy, Astrid, Cathy and Barry, Jeanette, Rose and B.G., Kay and Mike, Jane and David, Bridgette, Robi, Chips, Mary Jo, Charlotte, Travers, Roy, Norma, Irving, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, for members of Morgan City Police Department:, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, all the flood victims in Louisiana, 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.

June 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 pm | 3 |
| 4 Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Baptism | 5 | 6 Choir Practice 5 pm | 7 Eucharist/Anointing for healing 12:15 pm A.A. 8 pm | 8 | 9 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 pm | 10 |
| 11 Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Pot Luck | 12 | 13 | 14 Eucharist/Anointing for healing 12:15 pm A.A. 8 pm | 15 | 16 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 pm | 17 |
| 18 Holy Eucharist 9:30 am | 19 | 20 | 21 Eucharist/Anointing for healing 12:15 pm A.A. 8 pm | 22 | 23 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 pm | 24 |
| 25 Holy Eucharist 9:30 am | 26 | 27 | 28 Eucharist/Anointing for healing 12:15 pm A.A. 8 pm | 29 | 30 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 pm | |



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 Jaclyn Garber
03 Charlotte Ann Bell
08 Alanna Rink
10 Jason Webster
11 Patrice Rogers
17 Jack Osborne
24 Hallie Rogers
30 Ed Bell



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Peggy and Paul Coats
1 Katherine and Chad Ross
3 Ed and Veeder Bell



Trinity Surprises Fr. Travers

Members of Trinity gifted Fr. Travers Koerner with a special basket of treats during the May 28th service. He is expected to rejoin us in August. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he undergoes treatment for prostate cancer in Birmingham, AL.

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is June 11th and in addition to honoring octogenarians, nonagenarians, and past members, there will also be a potluck lunch.

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Sunday Services
9:30 AM

Fr. Doug Lasiter

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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