



# TRINITY TRIBUNE

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**October 2018**

FROM OUR PRIEST-IN-CHARGE THE REV. DR. ROB CAVANNA

## Dates to Remember

6	Blessing of Animals 11:00am-1:30pm
7	Fr. Alan Tilson, Guest Priest
14	Fr. Alan Tilson, Guest Priest and Preacher
20	<b>9:00am Women's</b> Group Meeting
21	Finance Committee & Vestry Meeting

Our Fall theme is Renew, Refresh and Re-energize! We began it on Renew Sunday, September 9, 2018 and will carry it through until the Season of Advent begins on December 2, 2018. I hope that you are being renewed, refreshed and re-energized every Sunday as we come together around the Eucharistic table for prayer, inspiration and support. Some of you requested that there be some space in the bulletin to make notes from the sermons. This is a way to stay refreshed and renewed. You should be re-energizing your own spiritual life through prayer and daily meditation.

We did many things this past month from having out Great Holy Trinity Fall Get Together and Annual Pot Luck Picnic on September 9th and our celebration of National Back to Church Sunday on September 16, 2018. Sunday school under Molly Liberto's direction also began on September 9th. A large contingent of us went to Feed My Starving Children headquarters in Coon Rapids on September 22nd and packed 27 boxes of food for the starving children of Jamaica. Weather permitting, we will have had our Annual Fall Clean-Up Day on September 30, 2018. Flu shots will also be given on September 30th.

**With the beginning of our new Program Year, I'd like to talk about what church is and explore the fact that you and I are the church!**

A few years ago, a friend of mine told me about how one Sunday morning his son aged thirteen or fourteen didn't come down for breakfast. He yelled up the stairs and got a faint groan. Ten minutes before they were supposed to be out the door to church, Greg walked into the kitchen, disheveled, still in his bathrobe, and said he wasn't going to church. "I don't want to do this church thing today." To

## How to Reach Us

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which his father replied, **"Nope, son, no choice about that in this family. Church is who we are."**

My friend was right. It's certainly debatable whether it's right to force thirteen year olds to go to church. I do believe however that my friend spoke Truth when he said that Church is who we are.

Although Christ's church has often masqueraded as an organization, a club, even a business, Jesus found never founded any of those things. In his ministry, he actively crusaded against attempts to organize religion around those models. **In and of its essence, Christ's church is an organism.** Jesus was about life and how we live our lives. The blood and water pouring from his side on the cross brought forth a People and a People is an organism — and for that reason we dare call ourselves the Body of Christ.

One of the loveliest and most important and complicated organisms is the human household. Great loyalty, mutual self-sacrifice and endless acceptance are called for on a daily basis not to mention endless love and commitment. Paul reminds us of this when in his letter to Roman Christians he says, "...owe no one anything, except to love one another." The New Jerusalem Bible's translation has greater punch in that it translates the sentence as an imperative: **"The only thing you should owe anyone is love for one another."** Paul *actually* says we owe love to one another. Jesus said the same thing to his disciples.

Loving is not a matter of personal choice let alone preference. It's a good thing whenever we can recognize that the life we share is not about our self, our wants, our needs, even our desires.

The larger Church calls for all these things as well. We are a "household of faith." Just as we are part of familial households so we all of us together make up the "household of God." We reaffirm that piece of our identity in Baptism when we all say together to the newly baptized person, **"We receive you into the household of God." This is a who we are; a part of our very self.**

We seem to be fighting several aspects of ourselves. Church stay-at-homers outnumber churchgoers. They catch a bit of God on TV or radio or a quick prayer or have a religious thought. But that is not Church. Christ called together a community of faith not a diverse collection of onlookers or spiritual couch potatoes. **We can't be passive observers!**

Now I am not here to tell you that because we are here at worship this morning that we are somehow better than the stay-at-homers. We need to relegate that kind of pious, self-righteous clap-trap to the dustbin once and for all. What I can say, speaking only for myself, is that I'm here because, well because I am a sinful man, a broken man, a wounded soul. I'm here because I need to be here, I need all of you and I know it. I leave it to you to provide your own answer to the question of why you are here this morning.

Religion or spirituality, whatever you want to call it, is about a practice. It's about doing something. It's about doing it. It's about actually doing it. It's about going through the motions and going through them again and again and again. That's why the transformative power of religion can only happen when we actually *practice* our religion. Actually go through the motions again and again and again. **We don't go to church because we are believers. We go to church to come to belief.**

The Jewish tradition of the *minyan* requires ten people present before liturgical prayer can take place; ten honest to goodness people with their good points and peculiarities, with talents and short-sightedness. Ten real people who can actually touch each other.

**Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."** In the Christian tradition you don't even need ten. Just two or three will do. Even a small number who get together so close that they can touch each other is enough so the miracle can happen — the miracle of separate people becoming a community, becoming a family at worship. Life is changed, the delusion of our separateness begins to dissolve and oneness happens.

This oneness was so profound to a man with whom I was speaking one time. He explained to me how for many years he was an agnostic. He had consciously decided NOT to decide whether there was a God or not. He knew the facts on both sides of the issue and could not accept one view or the other. He stepped into St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Fifth Avenue in New York City one afternoon for an organ recital and was touched by the beauty of the music and the interior of that magnificent church. He came back on a Sunday and was blown away again not just by the music and the beautiful interior of the church but even more intensely by a sense of the presence of God at the time of Communion, when all partook of one food and expressed their oneness most clearly. After a while he realized that he wanted to be part of that.

The Church gives each of us a real encounter with humanity and a real encounter with God, as opposed to some phantom encounter on the Internet, social media or television or a book. The problem with media and the Internet is that we are left free to create a whole world of fantasy in our heads in response to what we passively experience. **When we're around real human beings, whether it's wonderful or not so wonderful, at least it's real.** All of our senses are potentially involved in human interaction. We potentially experience the real through all of our senses not just through sight and thought which so easily can create a phantom.

Our lives, I believe, are in danger of becoming phantom lives! From e-mail pen pals we've never met to computer voices over the telephone to the imaginary "friends" of social networking. None of that is real. Spirituality is always about what is real. **It's always about living in reality.** Technology that came to us promising to link us more closely is in fact driving us apart. As Christians, I believe that we are called to stand against that trend. We are called to

remain in community with one another so that we don't forget how to be a community, how to be the Church, how to be true to our real selves.

Church is staying in touch! And sometimes that's harder than ever with our hectic lives. Staying close enough together that we can touch — that's being the Church... that's being the Body of Christ. Honestly, it's who we are in God. And we're not alone. "For where two or three are gathered in my name," said Jesus, "I am there among them."

Pray that we understand and more fully appreciate the true community we have at church and especially at Holy Trinity where we are in touch and are growing because people sense the presence of grace and caring and the love we have for one another.

October will be no less busy than September. Our ever popular and growing Blessing of the Animals and Blood Drive event on October 6th draws a lot of people from the wider community. We will be learning about Reclaiming Jesus on October 7th in an Adult Forum during Coffee Fellowship.

I have a wedding on October 13th in the late afternoon/evening in Duluth. Father Alan Tilson will be with you on October 14th as a guest priest. I know that you will welcome him with the same friendliness and hospitality that you welcome everyone who visits us.

**I'm going to stop here. Pray for me and pray for one another especially our newer members that they may grow in Christ's love and that each of us invites and attracts others to join our energized and dynamic faith community. It wouldn't be so without each of you.**

Thank you for all you do every day to build up the Body of Christ at Holy Trinity! Have a fantastic month of October and stay well, be good of heart and let go, let God!

**In Christ's love,**

Fr. Rob+

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WORSHIP

KATE HANSEN

On Sunday, September 30th, we will start setting up for our annual **Blessing of Animals** event to be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. There has been a wonderful response from parishioners willing to help. We will continue set up on Saturday morning at 9:30. Thank you!

**There are flyers in the church hall available for distribution. Please help to circulate them throughout your neighborhoods.**

Joyfully,

*Kate*

## BACKGROUND OF FATHER ALAN TILSON, GUEST PRIEST ON OCTOBER 14, 2018

Father Alan Tilson is a full time Grandpa in Saint Louis Park where he lives with his daughter, Una (Yoga Teacher, Choreographer & professional dancer), her husband, Jatin (Founder/Owner of Twin Cities Film Festival in its 9<sup>th</sup> year) and his 4 year old grandson, Ahren. He is currently a member of two professional Acting Companies: Classical Actors Ensemble of Minneapolis where he performed Friar Laurence in 18 parks this past summer and will tour Minnesota High Schools this Spring; And with the Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre of Kansas City where he worked on or off stage on 51 productions and was President of the Board of Directors and will be performing the role of Clarence the Angel in It's A Wonderful Life for the third year this Christmas and then will perform in Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard this coming January.

Since moving to Minneapolis a year ago, he has also begun a new career as Older Male Model with Rufferio Models and Talent and has been in commercials for Shopko, Health Partners and Twin Cities Public Television. He also played a priest in the History Channel's production of The Pope that aired last month. This summer his 1961 Reissue Shasta Trailer was featured on an AARP funded series for TPT called Citizen Lane traveling 2,500 miles from the bottom of Minnesota to the top. His middle daughter, Ariel, was the Director for the project. His youngest daughter, Schuyler, completed two years as a Federal Attorney for the Ho Chunk Nation in Wisconsin and just started her new job as an Attorney with a private legal firm in Hopkins, MN.

### Blessing of Animals, Bloodmobile, Crafts & Complimentary Lunch

Saturday, October 6 • 10:30am - 1:30pm  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



- **ANIMAL BLESSING** 11am. Bring your leashed or crated pet, or a photo of your current or deceased pet. (All are welcome.)
- **BLOOD DONATION** times available 10:30am - 1:30pm. To make an appt, sign up online at [mbc.org/searchdrives](http://mbc.org/searchdrives) and enter code 4404, or call Nancy at 763-412-7131.
- **PET ADOPTION • DRAWINGS • GIFT CARDS** from Chuck & Don's and Spikes' Feed, Seed & Pet Supply



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### Do you like Christmas music?

We are looking at offering a Christmas Concert From Around the World on Friday, December 7, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

I need volunteers to help me on a Planning Committee.

Stay tuned for a time when we will meet soon. Fr. Rob



### Contemporary Ensemble and Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays in Oct

Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsals 6:30 pm

Sr. Choir Rehearsals 7:30 pm





Special Blessings to all our  
October Birthday Trinitarians!

11 – Annabelle Hoag	19 – Alexander Stewart
14 – Kate Hansen	22 – Peter Andersen
14 – Nancy Lloyd	23 – Elliot Robinson
19 – Cindy Dols-Finn	28 – Michael Greene

SERVICE

DICK ANDERSON

As I write this newsletter for October, and if the weather holds out, we had our fall clean-up and the Sunday School kids have cleaned up River Place Park. Thanks so much kids. It's a project that the Sunday School has been doing for the last couple of years. October 6th we have the blessing of the animals and blood drive.

Thanks in advance for all the help. Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather.

Blessings to all,  
Dick Anderson

Altar Guild

Gail Weber  
612-850-4250

Meals on Wheels

Call or see  
Cheryl Ecklund  
763-443-8637

Senior Choir  
and Contemporary  
Ensemble Singers  
and Musicians

Call or see  
Bea Bastyr  
763.441.4068

Chalice  
Bearers  
Acolytes

Contact the Church office

Feed My Starving  
Children

Entire parish  
Contact the Church Office

#### Women's Group

Call or see  
Linda Krieger  
763-441-7072

#### Men's Group

Call or see  
Ben Bastyr  
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#### Feast Days in October

- 4 - Francis of Assisi
- 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist
- 23 - St. James of Jerusalem
- 29 - St. Simon and St. Jude,  
Apostles
- 31 - Vigil of All Saints



Looking Ahead to November:

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| 11/4  | <b>All Saints' Sunday</b>  |
| 11/21 | Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist,<br>7:00pm                                |
| 12/7  | Christmas Around the<br>World, Special Christmas<br>Concert, 7:00pm. |



## **Reclaiming Jesus—**

### **A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis**

We are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and

in our churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.

It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else—nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography. Our identity in Christ pre- cedes every other identity.

When politics undermines our theology, we must examine that politics. The church's role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. The government's role is to serve the common good by protecting justice and peace. When that role is undermined by political leadership, faith leaders must stand up and speak out. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state."

It is often the duty of Christian leaders, especially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries—and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God.

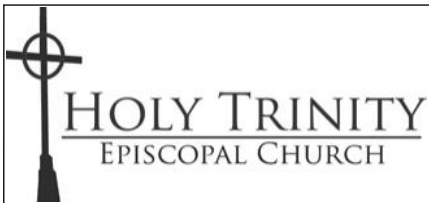
Jesus is Lord. That is our foundational

confession. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar was not— nor any other political ruler since. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Our faith is personal but never private, meant not only for heaven but for this earth.

Applying what "Jesus is Lord" means today is the message we commend as elders to our churches. We pray that we, as followers of Jesus, will find the depth of faith to match the danger of our political crisis.

The present crisis calls us to go deeper— deeper into our relationship to God; into our relationships with each other, especially across racial, ethic, and national lines; and into our relationships with the most vulnerable, who are at greatest risk. We need to recover the power of confessing our faith. Lament, repent, and then repair. If Jesus is Lord, there is always space for grace. We believe it is time to speak and to act in faith and conscience, not because of politics, but be- cause we are disciples of Jesus Christ—to whom be all authority, honor, and glory. He is the light in our darkness. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Signed: Bishop Carroll A. Baltimore, Rev. Dr. Peter Borgdorff, Dr. Amos Brown, Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Dr. Tony Campolo, Dr. Iva Carruthers, Bishop Michael Curry, Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, Dr. Cynthia Hale, Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm, Rev. Dr. Joel Hunter, Rev. Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, Bishop Vashti McKenzie, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Dr. John Perkins, Bishop Lawrence Reddick, Fr. Richard Rohr, Dr. Ron Sider, Rev. Jim Wallis, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Bishop Will Willimon



## Ministry Rota

If you are unable to fill your volunteer position, please make your own substitution and leave word with the office. Thank you!

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>October 7, 2018</u>	<u>October 14, 2018</u>	<u>October 21, 2018</u>	<u>October 28, 2018</u>
Greeter:	Marilyn Bina	Deb Krogman	Ginny Anderson	Shar Baughman
Child Care:	Alex Stewart	Alex Stewart	Alex Stewart	Alex Stewart
Usher:	Gary Wedl	Dick Anderson	Ben Bastyr	Larry Brugger
Acolyte:	Deb Krogman	Wiltie Russell	Jon Lloyd	Matt Krieger
1st Reader:	Larry Brugger	Carl Newberg	Jane Lindenfesler	Marion Marshall
2nd Reader:	Gail Weber	Kate Hansen	Ken Schultz	Daryl Herrmann
Prayers:	Mary Brugger	Sherrill Newberg	Linda Krieger	Mary Dare
Chalice 1:	Molly Liberto	Scott Svoboda	Julie Raitz	Kate Hansen
Chalice 2:	Marion Marshall	Linda Krieger	Jane Lindenfesler	Mary Brugger
Counter:	Deb Krogman	Molly Liberto	Linda Krieger	Jennifer Warner
Coffee:	Sue & Jeff Nagorski	Ann Wedl & Jane Lindenfesler	Linda & Dan Krieger	Paula & Steve Hall

### **Our Mission Statement**



**Holy Trinity is a diverse, multi-cultural, growing, dynamic faith community rich in liturgy and music that serves Christ in all persons.**

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH			HTEC VESTRY MEMBERS		
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Youth	Molly Liberto	763-742-2692	Vestry Clerk	Joyce LeClaire	763-263-7740 C





October 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 11:00am-1:30pm Complimentary Lunch/Blessing of the Animals/ Blood Drive
7 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Adult Forum on Reclaiming Jesus during Coffee Fellowship	8	9	10	11	12	13 Krieger Wedding Duluth, 4:00pm
14 Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost	15	16	17	18 St Luke, Evangelist	19	20 9:00am Women's Group Meeting
Fr. Alan Tilson, Guest Priest and Preacher						
21 Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost	22	23 St James of Jerusalem	24	25	26	27
Finance Committee and Vestry Meeting follows in the church						
28 Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost	29 St Simon & St Jude, Apostles (transferred)	30	31 Vigil of All Saints (White for vigil)			
The North Star Boys' Choir in Worship						

