



TRINITY 8 March 2026

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a growing Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children in the sanctuary – their sounds are the sign of a growing church!

COVER ART: *Ginger Oakes*

Home Groups

College/Young Adult	Monday 7 PM	Theater Street Apartments
Fourth Point	Wednesday 5:30 PM	Teri & Bill Cober's Home
Thursday Group	Thursday 6:30 PM	Maura Foret's Home

Studies

Women's Bible Reading Group	Tuesday 10 AM	Family Center Classroom
Men's Bible Study	Wednesday 7 AM	La Madeleine Restaurant
Youth Choir & Bible Study	Thursday 4-6 PM	Family Center
Trinity Scholars	Saturday 9-11 AM	Family Center Classroom

Prayer

Morning Prayer Meeting	Friday 11 AM	Sanctuary (<i>Family Center</i>)
Prayer Group	Friday 3 PM	Library

Sundays

Communion Service	Sunday 10 AM	Sanctuary (<i>Family Center</i>)
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Church Directory Photos - Saturday, March 14 from 7 to 11 AM

Please sign up for a time slot to have your photo taken for our church directory and a video reading of one of the BCP Collects. We encourage everyone to participate!

Volunteers Needed! Come out to support the Opelousas Pregnancy Center's fundraising event on Saturday, March 14. There are several ways you can help out! Contact tericober@gmail.com to volunteer or to get more details.

	Old Testament	Responsive Reading	New Testament
<i>This Week</i>	Pat Briney	Diane Bartlett	Andreas Atwi
<i>Next Week</i>	Virginia Reinhardt	Eric Carlson	Donna Guillory

All stand and sing the **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**



Kyr - i - e Kyr - i - e ei - - le - i - son.

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Kyr - i - e Kyr - i - e ei - - le - i - son.

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Chri - ste Chri - ste ei - - le - i - son.

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Chri - ste Chri - ste ei - - le - i - son.

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Kyr - i - e Kyr - i - e ei - - le - i - son.

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Kyr - i - e Kyr - i - e ei - - le - i - son.

THE ACCLAMATION

Priest The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

People **We will repent and believe the good news.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All kneel or sit for **THE DECALOGUE**

God spoke these words and said:

- I. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- II. You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- III. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- IV. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- V. Honor your father and your mother.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- VI. You shall not murder.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- VII. You shall not commit adultery.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- VIII. You shall not steal.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- IX. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
- X. You shall not covet.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We take a moment of silence for repentance.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand for **THE NICENE CREED**

Deacon Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Women: Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

Men: He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Women: He speaks and listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive.
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe.

Men: Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ.
Ye blind, behold your Savior come
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

All sit for **THE WELCOME**

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 115

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

**Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”**

Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.

**Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.

**They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.**

They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.

**Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.**

O Israel, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

**O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.**

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

**The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;**

He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.

**May the Lord give you increase,
you and your children!**

May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!

**The heavens are the Lord's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.**

The dead do not praise the Lord,
nor do any who go down into silence.

**But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the Lord!**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Jesus, remember me,
When you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me,
When you come into your kingdom.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV'D DR. PETER JOHNSTON

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SERMON NOTES

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THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY



- + *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)*
- + *Use this QR Code to give from your phone.*
- + *Visitors should feel no obligation to give.*

All stand to sing

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit**

Priest Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

People **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

All sit or kneel

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

***All sing:* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us. (Repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Priest In the words that Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

+ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

+ *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal.*

+ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest.*

HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

**We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.**

**We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.**

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.**

**We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food, of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

All stand to sing **ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

Refrain: All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above.
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

Refrain

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
And we shall e'er his people be, All glory be to Christ!

Refrain

THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your Spirit.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Priest Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Isaiah 35 says that when God comes to save his people, “the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.” How does Jesus’ healing in Mark 7 fulfill this prophecy? What does this tell us about who Jesus is?
2. Psalm 115 says that those who worship idols become like them: mute, deaf, and unresponsive. In what ways can people today become spiritually “deaf” or “mute,” and how does Jesus begin to open us again to hear God and speak his praise?
3. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5 that “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.” Where have you seen Christ opening someone’s ears to hear truth or loosening their tongue to speak faith?
4. Jesus said, “Ephphatha—Be opened.” What is something in your life or in the life of someone you love that needs Christ’s opening touch today? Let’s bring those before him in prayer.

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