



**TRINITY** *8 February 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:** *Aili King*

### *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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**2026 Lenten Devotional** ~ Please sign-up to write a brief personal reflection for one of the passages in the devotional. Email your reflections to [lisa@trinitylafayette.com](mailto:lisa@trinitylafayette.com) by Monday, February 16.

**Ash Wednesday Service** ~ February 18 at 6:00 PM. Please join us for this special service which ushers in the beginning of the Lenten season.

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

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

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.**

**Jehovah, great I Am! By earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.**

**Though nature's strength decay, and earth and hell withstand,  
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way at his command.**

**The watery deep I pass, With Jesus in my view,  
And through the howling wilderness, my way pursue.**

**The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;  
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.**

**There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.**

**There dwells the Lord our king, the Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant over the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.**

**On Zion's sacred height, His kingdom he maintains  
And glorious with his saints in light, forever reigns.**

**The whole triumphant host, give thanks to God on high.**

**"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.**

**Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays:**

**All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise!**

## **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.**

## **THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

*Priest* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

*People* **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

*Priest* This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it:

*People* **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

*Priest* On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*All kneel or sit for* **THE PRAYERS**

*Deacon* We pray to thee, Lord Christ.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our bishops and clergy, and all congregations of the faithful, that they may preach the pure Word of God and duly minister the sacraments, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our elected officials and all public institutions, that they may govern according to thy truth, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know the peace of God, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who do not believe, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, and be born again to new life, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those requesting prayer: \_\_\_\_\_, and others we now name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves and all who have died, that by faith in Christ we may be delivered on the Day of Judgment, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

## **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.**

## **IT'S GOOD TO THANK THE LORD (PSALM 92)**

**It's good to thank the Lord, to praise Your name, Most High!  
To show Your love at dawn, Your faithfulness all night!  
The ten-stringed lyre with sweet-voice lute and rippling harp  
Your praise inspire.**

**Your deeds, Lord, made me glad. I'll joy in what You've done.  
How great Your doings, Lord! How deep Your thoughts each one!  
Fools won't be shown; the stupid can't accept this truth,  
To him unknown!**

**Though sinners grow like weeds, ill-doers blossom may,  
They're doomed to be destroyed. You, Lord, exalted stay.  
Lord, Your foes fall. See! How Your foes, vain evil men,  
Are scattered all!**

**You've raised, like ox, my horn, poured fresh oil on my head.  
You made me see the spies and hear what plotters said.  
Like thriving palm, the righteous grows, like cedars tall  
On Lebanon.**

**Those planted by the Lord shall in God's courts be seen,  
When old they'll still bear fruit and flourish fresh and green,  
And loud proclaim how upright is the Lord, my Rock;  
No wrong in Him!**

*All sit for* **THE WELCOME**

## **COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 2:5-17

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 92:1-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.  
**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

**The stupid man cannot know;  
the fool cannot understand this:**

that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish,  
**they are doomed to destruction forever;  
but you, O Lord, are on high forever.**

For behold, your enemies, O Lord,  
for behold, your enemies shall perish;  
all evildoers shall be scattered.

**But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;  
you have poured over me fresh oil.**

My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;  
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

**The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.

**They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,**

to declare that the Lord is upright;  
**he is my rock, and there is no  
unrighteousness in him.**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT

## 1 Corinthians 3:3-15

For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for* **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;**

**At Thy speaking it was done.**

**For created light we thank Thee,**

**While Thine ordered seasons run.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,**

**Praise to Thee who light dost send!**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**God the Father, light-creator,**

**To Thee laud and honor be.**

**To Thee, Light of Light begotten,**

**Praise be sung eternally.**

**Holy Spirit, light-revealer,**

**Glory, glory be to Thee.**

**Mortals, angels, now and ever**

**Praise the holy Trinity!**

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

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

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

And Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

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**SERMON NOTES**

**MR. ERIC CARLSON**

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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.

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.*

## **I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quench'd, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world's Light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of life I'll walk,  
Till trav'ling days are done.

## **MY JESUS I LOVE THEE**

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.**

**My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

## **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* **REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART**

**Rejoice ye pure in heart!**

**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**Your glorious banner wave on high,**

**The cross of Christ your king.**

*Refrain:*     **Rejoice, rejoice,  
                  Rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Bright youth and snow-crowned age  
Strong men and maidens meek,  
Raise high your free, exulting song  
God's wondrous praises speak (*Refrain*)**

**With all the angel choirs,  
With all the saints of earth,  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
True rapture, noblest mirth. (*Refrain*)**

**Still lift your standard high,  
Still march in firm array,  
As warriors through the darkness toil,  
Till dawns the golden day. (*Refrain*)**

*Slower*   **At last the march shall end,  
                  The wearied ones shall rest  
                  The pilgrims find their Father's home  
                  Jerusalem the blest. (*Refrain*)**

**Praise Him who reigns on high  
The Lord whom we adore  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
One God for evermore. (*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* And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: 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. Perennial plants and flowers offer distinct advantages over annuals: They return year after year without replanting. They have lower long-term costs. They require less weeding and watering due to their deeper root system. They also help prevent soil erosion. Explore how these benefits match those of the Kingdom of God.
2. The Kingdom of God starts out insignificant and small. Despite great growth, it always retains its humility. People who come from humble stock often lose their onetime meekness along the way to success. How does this inform how churches should grow?
3. Life is a miracle that science can neither replicate nor explain. Likewise, spiritual growth is both wonderful and mysterious. Describe what it has been like for you or those you have known.
4. Pray for the growth of the Kingdom of God both in Lafayette and within our own church community. Seek God's face in giving us the wisdom, vision, compassion, and humility we will need.

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