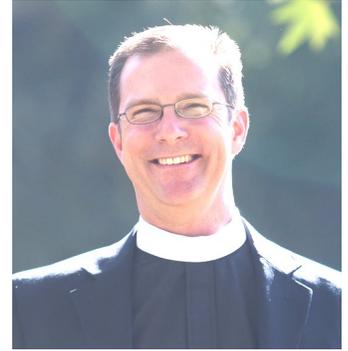


Growing as Disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, learning, fellowship and outreach

## **Pentecost Power**

*“And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.” 1979 BCP, 374*



On June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, one of the key feasts of the year, along with Christmas, Easter, and All Saints’ Day. It is the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. On that day, we will pray the text above from Eucharistic Prayer D, found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, a prayer based on the ancient Eucharistic prayer of St. Basil (born 329AD). As with so many prayers in our liturgy, it is dense and rich, filled with wisdom and insight in just a few words, and in one sentence gives us two powerful reasons why Pentecost is so important.

**The Holy Spirit empowers us, first, to “complete his [Jesus] work in the world.”** It is by the Spirit that we are equipped to continue Jesus’ saving mission. “‘As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (John 20:21-22). We are sent as Jesus was sent. Jesus lived in absolute obedience to and dependence upon the Father. That is what we are sent to do and how we are sent to do it.

To be sent means that we no longer live “for ourselves, but for him.” We live for His mission. Faithfully joining in His work is what defines our lives as disciples. And not only do we do His will, being obedient to His way of life, but we do so in His strength, staying connected to Him and abiding in Him, so that we work with His strength and grace. As Jesus said, “Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5). The Holy Spirit gives us the desire and the equipping to join in the very mission of Jesus.

**Second, the Holy Spirit transforms us from the inside out.** We not only do Jesus’ work, but we become like Jesus as the Holy Spirit “brings to fulfillment the sanctification of all.” To be sanctified is to be made holy, to be made like Jesus. As we faithfully and obediently abide in Jesus, the Holy Spirit roots out our sinful self-centeredness and makes all the blessings of God to dwell within us.

But it is a slow, life-long work. And like all growth, it varies. Sometimes we grow quickly and with great strides. Sometimes it feels joyful and powerful. Sometimes, though, it is slow, deep, painful, and even lonely. Why? Because God is doing “infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.” (Ephesians 3:20). As CS Lewis once remarked, we need to realize that God is not giving our cottage a little touch up, but is knocking down walls and building a mansion for Himself out of our lives. It is a long, thorough, deep, and beautiful work that makes us like Jesus from the inside out.

As you hear this prayer on Pentecost, I pray that you not only hear it with insight, but that you know and experience the reality of this prayer. The Holy Spirit is Jesus’ gift to you and me, to make us like Himself and to enable us to continue His saving work in the world. No wonder we celebrate!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alex +', written in a cursive style.

## The Martyrs of Lyons, 177

Early this month, we celebrate one of my favorite witnesses to the Christian faith in the early Church. The feast of the martyrs of Lyons is celebrated on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the story of Blandina and her companions.

Lyon (What is now present-day France) was a growing city that brought in many Christians. They were linguistically separated but fit in culturally. They were quickly oppressed and were not allowed in bathhouses or public squares, as they were seen as atheists and haters of humanity.



Because the Christians refused to worship Roman gods and civil idols, they began to see persecution. It started with forms of torture and interrogation. Before long, mobs of civilians would attack Christians and killed several.

In the city of Lyons at this time was a woman named Blandina. She was a slave woman that professed the Christian faith along with her fellow slaves and her master. The group was captured by a mob and faced the same violence of so many other Christians at the time.

The civilians began beating Blandina, but she continued to pray through the whole thing and persevered to the point that the beaters grew too tired to continue. So they decided to tie Blandina and her companions up for the animals to eat. However, none of the starved animals would go near any of them.

Enraged, the civilians sent her and her group before the governor. The governor would sentence them all to death by being thrown to wild animals during gladiatorial games. Everyone in Blandina's group, except for her and a 15 year old boy named, Attalus, died. Blandina and Attalus survived the torture until the last day of the games (these games could last anywhere from a couple weeks to 100 days). Exhausted from the torture, Attalus gave up his spirit while praying.

Blandina was the only one that remained in her group. To finally get rid of her, the people tied her in a net and let loose a bull. Blandina died for her faith in the gladiatorial games on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 177AD.

These brave men and women did not let society dictate their faith in Jesus Christ. They remained faithful to the very end, even when it meant a gruesome death. It was the faith of people like Blandina and her companions that allowed Christianity to be what it is today. When we face trials and tribulations, we look at these examples and know that we can endure, for through Christ all things are possible.

Blessings,

Fr. Spencer Stubblefield



# TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Trinity Preschool is proud to announce the  
Pre – K graduates of 2022!

Another successful year it was! 23 total Graduates! The families were able to enjoy a slideshow of the school year—it was adorable! In the slideshow, it told us what each student wanted to be. We had lots of doctors, spiderman, a dad and even a minion. Our students sang songs and were excited to receive their certificates. The church was filled with happy preschool families and friends. A huge thank you to Fr. Karl and Fr. Spencer for all their help in setting up.



**Cute Story:** When going into Fellowship Hall to practice graduation, the students were wondering where “the man” was. I learned quickly that they were wanting to know where Fr. Karl was, because they assumed he lived there! So adorable! No Fr. Karl does not live in the church. I sent a quick message to Fr. Karl and he happily waved to the children from his window as we returned to the preschool side!

Our Summer session will begin in June! I am looking forward to water days, outside play, gardening in our yard, and so much more. A lot of our graduates will be leaving us for the summer, and new students will join. It is always bittersweet, but we have been so blessed by being a part of their preschool journey.

I pray everyone has a wonderful start of the summer. I can’t wait to share with you in the next church messenger about the fun things that Trinity preschool is doing!

Be blessed and stay safe!

Much Love, Ms. Jennifer – Director



## GRADUATES

Come honor our High School Graduates on Sunday, June 5th at the 10 a.m. service. We want to show them how proud we are of their accomplishments.

# In The Parish Family

## Sympathy to...

the Hall Family on the death of Bob, on May 13th.

## Congratulations to...

our High School graduates: Gianna Landucci and Thomas Smith  
Our Trinity Preschool graduates

## RED RED RED



Pentecost is celebrated on Sunday, June 5th. Traditionally, we all wear **red** clothes to church that day. Find something **red** to wear and let's enjoy the celebration together.

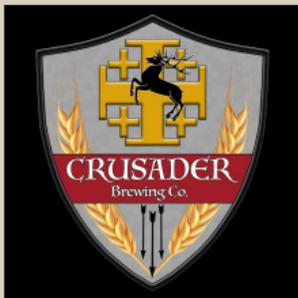
## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, our church office closes at noon each Friday. If you need something from Tara on a certain Friday, please make arrangements ahead of time and she will help you.

## TAKING A SUMMER BREAK



## MEN'S GATHERING



Crusader Brewing Co.  
5880 District Blvd, Suite 18  
(right in the middle)  
661-859-6040

For more info call/text:  
Will Adams 760-889-0436  
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**TRINITY CRUSADERS**  
**4th Thursday of each month**  
**4:30PM—6:00PM**

**Grab a beer or soft drink and unwind with the men of Trinity. Invite your friends and enjoy some fellowship before calling it a day.**

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Addie Coburn  
Kristin Garcia  
Joy Rose  
Justin Steward

Steve Landucci

Marguerite Biklian  
Jim White

Dorothy Fitzgerald

Mary Kerber  
Grace Smith  
Ethan Thompson

Dennis Gibson

Don Steward

Garrett Ming

Gigi Fotis-Smith  
Conner Nommensen

Mark Smith

Eric Dyer

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

### TRINITY STATS

#### Financial

<u>April 2022</u>	Month	Year-to-date
Operating Income	\$52,629	\$189,353
Operating Expense	\$40,214	\$176,604
Building Debt Payment	\$9,800	\$39,200

Ages to Ages II (collected in April): \$7,430

### NO LADIES BROWN BAG LUNCH SOCIAL



We will NOT be meeting during the Summer. We'll gather again in September.



**TRINITY**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Our Vision is to be followers of Jesus in the Anglican tradition, connected through discipleship groups, with every member engaged in traditional Worship, in-depth Bible Study, Parish Ministry, and local and global Mission Outreach.*

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Sunday Morning

8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Holy Communion  
Livestream at 10 a.m.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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