



September 2016

Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity

Christ-centered, Biblically grounded, worshipping in the Anglican Tradition



Newsletter

News from Gambela

Holy Trinity's primary foreign missions focus is the Anglican mission in Gambela, Ethiopia, the school established there to train pastors for that region, and its dean and his wife, Fr. Johann and Louise Vanderbijl. Here is an excerpt from Father Johann's newsletter.



With views of lions, spectacular thunderstorms, and the long awaited arrival of a new faculty member and his family, it is hard to know exactly where to begin. Perhaps Maria von Trapp's wisdom is best. "Let's start at the very beginning..."

We arrived back in Addis from a quick medical trip to Cape Town, South Africa... And there we met up with Tekle Belachew, a dear and very learned friend who was flying down to teach African Church History (I) and (II) – Early and Modern. The beginning of our second year – yup, we have one year behind us already! – was a very good beginning. We had all our students present – 1st years, 2nd years, and part-timers... all rearing to go. Many of our students expressed surprise when told that Africa played a huge role in shaping Christendom, as we know it.

After Tekle left, I started teaching four courses to both 1st and 2nd year students. Theological English (I) and (III), African Traditional Religion/Philosophy, and the Intertestamental Period. While I was teaching one year, Louise read one of our more difficult prescribed books with the other year... this is working so well that we will continue doing this even after that particular course is ended. Most folks here don't read well, so Louise demonstrates how to read and study, using dictionaries and other reference books when there are difficult words or concepts. The students love it and so does Louise!

Chris, Suzy, Abigail, and Matthew Wilson arrived on August 22, together with another Chris, also from the UK – a seminary student who is doing practical work here – and the Rev Roger Kay from Addis. Roger taught our students how to do cultural research as a project, while Chris (not the faculty Chris) led morning devotions.

...The renovation of the old classroom is now complete and the 2nd year students moved in this past Friday. Chris Wilson will start teaching his subjects on Monday... one week before the arrival of two lecturers from the US, Clark and Carol Smith, who will be teaching on the book of Ezekiel.

Louise and I are both doing exceptionally well in every way... I have a rather heavy teaching load, but I am as content as a warthog in a mud hole. Our students are amazing and eager to learn... what more could a teacher ask for?

Oh yes, the lions... +Grant [Bishop over this region] saw two lions on two separate trips not too far from Gambela. So there is life out there after all! Speaking about +Grant, he is down with malaria now too... seems we like to take turns getting sick here... but please pray for him.

The Rev. Dr. Johann W H van der Bijl, Dean
St Frumentius' Anglican Theological College

Renovated classroom building



One of Tekle's classes



The Wilsons



The Daughters of the Holy Cross

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is composed of women who have committed our lives to the work and service of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray daily for our church, its clergy, the Order and others in need. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we reach out to those who do not know Jesus and share His message of salvation through word and deed. We equip ourselves with the powerful sword of truth as contained in the Holy Bible. We wear our cross as a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice and our need for Him to be in our daily lives, and we become encouraged and strengthened in community with our sisters.

The Order provides a community in which members can fulfill a lifetime vow to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Order's four-fold vow consists of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism. We expect and assist each member to earnestly develop and practice each of these areas.

We invite the Holy Spirit to guide us and welcome you to be guided by that same Spirit as you determine if you are called to be part of the Order.

In November, the Talitha Koum chapter at Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity will send out invitations to all the women of our church who are not Daughters. We would like everyone to consider and pray about going through the discernment process to become a daughter now before November. Going through the discernment process allows you to decide if you want to become a member. It is my hope that each woman in our church will pray about going through the discernment process.



September Lay Ministries

If you are unable to perform the ministry as listed, please find a substitute in advance. Contact Fr. Rob if necessary.

2016	September 4 16th Sunday after Pentecost	September 11 17th Sunday after Pentecost	September 18 18th Sunday after Pentecost	September 25 19th Sunday after Pentecost	October 2 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Euch. Min.	Paula Wahl	Bill Bargeloh	Jerry Nault	Mike Holley	Mike Sanders
Ushers / Greeters	Margaret Williams Joseph Anson Bill Bargeloh	Judy Chemin Mike Holley Deborah Kurilla	Donna Lariscey Wayne Lowe Richard Mayson	Jason Nault Susan Penberthy Bobbie Roddy	Mark Watkins Monte Steedley Sue James
Presenting Bread/Wine	Phyllis Kirkland Deborah Kurilla	Wayne & Lora Lamberth	Jason & Kimber Nault	Darren & Bonnie Newman	Susan Penberthy Tracy Perdue
Lector-OT	Billy Hane	Sue James	Wayne Lowe	Richard Mayson	Chloe Nault
Lector-NT	Marylin Poston	Mike Sanders	Avery Shapiro	Sandra Sanders	Jami Warning
Prayer Team	Ginger Hackett Monique Taylor	Nancy Hartley Wayne Lowe	Rosemarie Monique Taylor	Ginger Hackett Nancy Hartley	Wayne Lowe Rosemarie
Altar Guild [week of]	Annette Morris Myrle Wilson	Rosemarie Myrle Wilson	Rosemarie JoEllen Barbare	Virginia Folk Marguerite Prescott	Ginger Hackett Monique Taylor
Acolyte Guild	Jack Wells	Kate Wells	Caroline Crowder	Oke Iwuji	Avery Shapiro

Sabbath Worship

We spend three hours each Sunday morning worshipping our Lord and communing at His Table. Considering our eternal relationship with God, this is probably the most important three hours of our week.

In the tradition of the universal Church through the ages, Lord's Day worship here at Holy Trinity has a distinct shape that is familiar throughout God's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church:

- **Processing into the Presence of the Lord:** We ceremonially express coming into the Lord's presence with joy and singing. Note the procession takes us from the font toward the altar reminding us of our Christian pilgrimage.
- **Celebrating Forgiveness:** We quickly move to partaking of God's great gift of forgiveness. Forgiveness of sins is that divine gift made possible in Christ and His work on the Cross. It lies at the heart of our reconciliation with God and with each other. God promises to forgive all that we bring to Him in repentance, and this is what we do each Sunday morning.
- **Praising God and Giving Thanks:** Forgiven and reconciled, we can now move unencumbered into praising God and giving Him thanks. We do this following the Litany of Confession using the ancient hymn known as the *Gloria in Excelsis*, or another song of praise. Thanksgiving is the thread that binds together all the parts of our liturgy. We even call our worship *Holy Eucharist* from the Biblical Greek word *Eucharisto*, which means *Thanksgiving*. Everything else we do in our Sunday liturgy circles back to this central idea of honoring God in praise of thanksgiving.
- **Hearing God Speak:** We spend a great deal of time on Sundays hearing God speak to us through Scripture and the proclamation of the Gospel by the Preacher. The systematic reading of God's Word on the Lord's Day is something we inherited from the Synagogue worship of Jesus' day, and the words of our liturgy give us even more Scripture. We then respond to God's Word through prayer, song, and the affirmation of our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

- **The Shalom of the Lord:** "The Peace of the Lord be always with you!" This expresses the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ and is a requisite for doing what we are about to do next, come to the Lord's Table.
- **Holy Communion:** The Holy Eucharist in a real sense takes us out of time, space and the routines of our lives, and lifts us up into the throne room of God (to use the imagery of Isaiah 6). As Isaiah was lifted up, we too are spiritually brought into the presence of the Almighty. We express this in the singing of the Sanctus from Isaiah 6. As the disciples before us, we are invited to the Lord's Table in the reciting of the Institution Narrative from Luke 22. Holy Communion is for us a dress rehearsal for eternally taking our place at the great Banquet Table of the Lamb. As we come to the Lord's Table and reach across the altar rail, we are reaching into eternity. God reaches back and blesses us with His presence in the Body and Blood, the Bread and Wine.
- **Being Sent Back into the World to Love and Serve the Lord:** This is expressed in our closing benediction, processional and dismissal. "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!"



This is only a brief sketch of our Sabbath worship. A deeper exposition is in the *Instructed Eucharist* that is available here at Holy Trinity. All who have been through Catechism classes are familiar with this very informative document. If you would like a copy, please let me know.
Father Rob

Why is the 1st day of the week, Sunday, our Sabbath and not Saturday, the 7th day?

Sunday, the first day of the week, is the Day of Jesus' Resurrection. On Sundays we celebrate new life and God making us a Resurrection People. Sundays for us the 1st day of a new creation. They are little Easters. We cannot help but keep our Sabbath on Sunday and celebrate who we are in Christ.

A Time of Praise and Prayer

Saturday evenings, September 10th and 24th

You are invited to join us for this service focused solely on being in the presence of God, praising Him in music, and offering up prayers for our church, community and each other.

 ***We are looking for a keyboardist to help with Sunday music-*** If you are that person or you know someone who is, let us know.



**Alpha on Wednesdays
Come and See!**

When people spread fear and division, when evil, injustice and oppression thrive, no political revolution, program or platform will save us, but only a people transformed by grace and light, and a bold and sustained outbreak of gentleness.
Steve Garnaas-Holmes

September, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Upcoming Events</i>				1	2	3
Sep 12 – Nov 4 Megiddo Job Training Sessions Oct 2 Talitha Koum Chapter DHC Gathering Oct 6-8 Clergy Retreat and Diocesan Synod, Raleigh Oct 8 & 22 Service of Prayer & Praise				Life Line Health Screening	7:00 pm Friday Night at the movies	9:00 to 10:20am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i> No DHC Gathering	Labor Day	NO Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper ALPHA Topic: Christianity: Boring, Irrelevant? <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night at the movies	9:00 to 10:20am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:00 pm Service of Prayer & Praise
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bishop's Visit 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist Covered-Dish Luncheon <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper ALPHA Topic: Who Is Jesus? <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night at the movies	9:00 to 10:20am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i> <u>No Vestry meeting</u>		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper ALPHA Topic: Why Did Jesus Die? <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night at the movies	9:00 to 10:20am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:00 pm Service of Praise & Prayer
25	26	27	28	29	30	
19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper ALPHA Topic: How Can I be Sure of My Faith? <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night at the movies	

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