



*March, 2017*  
**Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity**  
*Christ-centered, Biblically grounded, worshiping in the Anglican Tradition*



**Newsletter**

*The 40 Days of Lent: Preparing for Easter*  
*A Season of Special Devotion & Discipline*



The season of the Church Year that we know as *Lent* begins with *Ash Wednesday* (this year on March 1) and ends with a celebration known as the *Great Vigil of Easter*, which takes place on the eve of Easter Sunday (Saturday, April 16 this year). Lent was the one of the first seasons of the Church Year to be observed by the early Christians. It is a season of penitence, fasting, devotion and discipline in preparation for the *Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord* (Easter). These 40 days were also used by the early Church as a time of final preparation of those wishing to be baptized into the Faith. It was traditional for baptisms in the Early Church to take place at the *Great Vigil of Easter* on Easter Eve. Those who were being baptized would take their first Communion with their new church family on this first celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

As us modern Christians did not invent back-sliding, Lent was also a time for the restoration of those who had "departed from the faith." It was a time, and still is, for renewal and recommitment for all the Faithful.

You may notice that there are more than 40 days in Lent. Sundays are not counted among the penitential days of Lent. Sundays are always "Little Easters," and therefore every Sunday is considered an Easter celebration and not a penitential day of Lent.

Why did the first Christians decide on 40 days? Forty is a biblical number symbolizing a span of time sufficient to accomplish what needs to be accomplished. For instance, Jesus' own preparation for ministry was by a fast of 40 days in the Judean wilderness. I am sure you can think of other biblical references to a span of 40.

Ash Wednesday (March 1) sets the tone for the Lenten Season. At our Ash Wednesday liturgy, ashes are placed on the forehead of each of us with the words, "*Remember, O Mortal, you are but dust; and to dust you shall return.*" This leads us to consider our weakness and mortality, and to ponder the meaning of life as well as the meaning of death. It is not intended to be morbid, only realistic. On Ash Wednesday, we reflect on our utter dependence on God's saving grace that has come to us through Christ. We contemplate our need for what God has done for us and what we celebrate on Easter 40 days hence. **Father Rob**

*Ash Wednesday, March 1*

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the penitential season of Lent. The reference to ashes comes from the ceremony of placing ashes on the forehead in the shape of the cross as a sign of penitence. This custom was introduced by Gregory I, Bishop of Rome from to 590 A.D. to 604 A.D. It was enacted as a universal practice in all of Western Christendom by the Synod of Benevento in 1091 A.D. Lutherans, Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Anglicans and others observe this special day.

*A Visit from Our Missionaries*  
**Fr. Johann and Louise Vanderbajl**  
**Sunday, March 5**

Fr Johann will preach at the 10 AM service and speak at the Adult Forum. Following Adult Forum and Sunday School, we will have a **covered-dish luncheon** in their honor.

*A Breath Prayer*

With a breath prayer, the words accompany the normal rhythm of your breathing. It's often helpful to write down the breath prayer on a piece of paper and post it in a place where you will see it throughout the day as a reminder.

Example- As you breathe in: *Let my light...*

As you breathe out: *Shine...*

—Matthew 5:16

## *Lay Ministries in March*

2017	March 1 Ash Wednesday	March 5 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	March 12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	March 19 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	March 26 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	April 2 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Paula Wahl	Sandra Sanders	Jerry Nault	Mike Sanders	Rosemarie Martin	Paula Wahl
<b>Ushers / Greeters</b>	Wayne Lowe Richard Mayson Jason Nault	Susan Penberthy Bobbie Roddy Margaret Williams	Joseph Anson Bill Bargeloh Judy Chemin	Deborah Kurilla Donna Lariscey Wayne Lowe	Richard Mayson Jason Nault Susan Penberthy	Bobbie Roddy Monte Steedley Sue James
<b>Presenting Bread/Wine</b>	Dan & Leslie Wells	Bill & Brenda Bargeloh	Mitch & Carolyn Carter	Jennifer Chapman Judy Chemin	Mike & Jackie Fekula	Terri Fulmer Ginger Hackett
<b>Prayer Team</b>	Rosemarie M. Margaret W.	Ginger Hackett Monique Taylor	Nancy Hartley Wayne Lowe	Rosemarie Martin Margaret W.	Ginger Hackett Monique Taylor	Nancy Hartley Wayne Lowe
<b>Lector-OT</b>	Annette Morris	Jason Nault	Mike Sanders	Sandra Sanders	Margaret W.	Jackie Fekula
<b>Lector-NT</b>	Avery Shapiro	JoEllen Barbare	Brenda Bargeloh	Mitch Carter	Judy Chemin	Betty Croy
<b>Altar Guild [week of]</b>	Rosemarie Martin JoEllen Barbare	Virginia Folk Marguerite P.	Ginger Hackett Monique Taylor Terry Nault	Betty Croy Donna Lariscey	Annette Morris Myrle Wilson	Rosemarie Martin JoEllen Barbare
<b>Acolyte Guild</b>	Kevin Warning	Jackie Fekula	Oke Iwuji	Avery Shapiro	Sandra Sanders	Kate Wells

### *St Anselm of Canterbury.*



Born in Italy about 1033. In 1060 he entered the Benedictine monastery of Bec in Normandy and studied under Stephen Lanfranc, who became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1070. Anselm succeeded Lanfranc both as prior of Bec and as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. In that office he was a devout teacher and reformer. He fought for the rights of the Church with King William II and Henry I and was twice exiled from his see. Anselm has been called "the most luminous and penetrating intellect between St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas". He wrote a number of important texts on the faith and is famous for the saying "Faith seeks Understanding. Anselm died on April 11, 1109.

**A Prayer of Anselm:** My God, I pray that I may so know you and love you that I may rejoice in you. And if I may not do so fully in this life let me go steadily on to the day when I come to that fullness. Let me receive that which you promised through your truth, that my joy may be full

### *Being Loving and Receptive to Those with Whom We Differ*

An excerpt from Timothy Keller's book, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Reason*.

...within Christianity- robust, orthodox Christianity- there are rich resources that can make its followers agents for peace on earth. Christianity has within itself remarkable power to explain and expunge the divisive tendencies within the human heart.

Christianity provides a firm basis for respecting people of other faiths... Most people in our culture believe that, if there is a God, we can relate to Him and go to heaven through leading a good life... Christianity teaches the very opposite. In Christianity, Jesus does not tell us how to live in order to merit salvation. Rather, he comes to forgive and save us through his life and death in our place. God's grace does not come to people who morally outperform others, but to those who recognize their failure to perform and acknowledge their need for a savior... Most religions and philosophies of life assume that one's spiritual status depends on one's religious attainments. This naturally leads adherents to feel superior to those who don't believe and behave as they do. The Christian Gospel, in any case, should not have that effect.

It is common to say that "fundamentalism" leads to violence, yet, all of us have fundamental faith commitments that we think are superior to those of others. The real question, then, is which fundamentals will lead their believers to be the most loving and receptive to those with whom they differ? ...

Why would [early Christianity] lead to behavior that was so open to others? It was because [early Christians] had within their belief system the strongest possible resource for practicing sacrificial service, generosity, and peace-making. At the very heart of their view of reality was a man who died for his enemies, praying for their forgiveness. Reflection on this could only lead to a radically different way of dealing with those who were different from them.

We cannot skip lightly over the fact that there have been injustices done by the church in the name of Christ, yet neither can we deny that the force of Christianity's most fundamental beliefs can be a powerful impetus for peace-making in our troubled world. (Keller, pp. 18-21)

## *Open Letter from Your Sunday School Teachers*

Dear children and teens of Holy Trinity,  
Here are a few important things we want you to know:

**Jesus loves you!** John 3:16

**God knows you!** Psalm 139, Jerimiah 9:11

**You're a sheep of God's fold!** Luke 12  
"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the Kingdom." You are not alone, and you belong to a special, gentle, group of people who love God. The Lord is your Shepherd.

**You are unique!** Jeramiah 1:5  
You are unique, one of a kind, and very special to God, your family, your school, this community, and this church!

**You are not alone! God will NEVER leave you!**  
Isaiah 41:10; Proverbs 18:24; 1Peter 5:7;  
Matthew 28:20; 1John 4:13; Ps 23:4

God bless you all! We love you! ... Your teachers.

### *The Spiritual Formation of Our Children*

I want to express my appreciation for the dedication and effort of the teachers involved in our Sunday morning children's programs. This includes both Children's Church during worship and Sunday School following worship. They are Tracy, Amy, Doris, Nancy, Margaret, Dianne, and, of course, Kimber who faithfully tends the nursery on Sundays and Wednesdays. We also need to acknowledge Betty and Terry who shepherd our children on Wednesday evenings. My thanks to them as they pass on the Faith to the next generation of saints.

*Father Rob*



### *Vacation Bible School- 2017*

We are in need of a person who feels called to organize and ramrod our VBS this year. If that is you, please speak to Father Rob.



## *Parish Lenten Study for this Year "The Lamb of God"*

### **Week 1:**

**Wednesday evening, March 8**

John 1:29; Leviticus 4:32-35

*Behold, The Lamb of God*

The Hebrew concept of sacrifice.

### **Week 2**

**Wednesday evening, March 15**

Isaiah 53

*The Lamb Who Takes Our Place*

The Suffering Servant who bears our sin.

The cost of God's mercy extended to you.

### **Week 3**

**Wednesday evening, March 22**

1Pet 1:18-19; Mk 10:44-45; 1Cor 6:19-20

*The Lamb Who Redeems Us from Slavery.*

What Christian Freedom is all about.

### **Week 4**

**Wednesday evening, March 29**

1Cor 5:7; Exodus 12:3-14; Matt 26:26-30

*The Passover Lamb of Whom We Partake.*

The Passover Lamb and the Last Supper.

### **Week 5**

**Wednesday evening, April 5**

Revelation 5:1-14

*The Triumphant Lamb We Worship*

Loving and worshipping Jesus, The Lamb of God.

## *Our Website Has a New Look*

Check it out at

[www.ACHTNA.org](http://www.ACHTNA.org)

## *Holy Trinity Teen Beach Retreat*

**Saint Christopher Confernece Center,  
Seabrook Island, SC**

Friday after school through Sunday afternoon

**March 31 through April 2**

**Registration Cost: Trinity Teens-\$35 (before  
Mar. 5), \$50 (after March 5), Guest-\$70**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Upcoming Events</i>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Jan 30 – Mar 23	Megiddo Job Training Session		<b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Service</b> <i>Nursery available</i>		<b>GAFCON</b> <b>Gathering-</b> <b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	<b>9:00 to 10:20am</b> Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Mar 31 – Apr 2	Holy Trinity Teen Beach Retreat		<b>No Fellowship</b> <b>Supper &amp; Bible</b> <b>Study</b>		<b>7:00 pm</b> Friday Night at the movies	
Apr 13	Maundy Thurs. Service, 7:00 pm					
Apr 14	Stations of the Cross, noon					
Apr 14	Good Fri. Liturgy, 7:00 pm					
Apr 15	Great Vigil of Easter, 7:00 pm					
Apr 16	Easter					
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Eucharist <b>10:00 am</b> Eucharist <b>11:20 am</b> Coffee <b>11:30 am</b> Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i> <b>Covered-Dish Luncheon</b> <i>honoring our</i> <b>Missionaries, Fr. Johann</b> <b>and Louise Vanderbijl</b>		<b>10:00-11:30am</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>6:00 pm</b> Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>Nursery available</i>		<b>7:00 pm</b> Friday Night at the movies	<b>9:00 to 10:20am</b> Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Service of Prayer & Praise
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Eucharist <b>10:00 am</b> Eucharist <b>11:20 am</b> Coffee <b>11:30 am</b> Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		<b>10:00-11:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>6:00 pm</b> Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>Nursery available</i>		<b>7:00 pm</b> Friday Night at the movies	<b>9:00 to 10:20am</b> Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Eucharist <b>10:00 am</b> Eucharist <b>11:20 am</b> Coffee <b>11:30 am</b> Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		<b>10:00-11:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>6:00 pm</b> Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>Nursery available</i>	<b>Diocesan</b> <b>Clergy-Spouse</b> <b>Retreat</b>	<b>Diocesan Synod</b>	<b>Diocesan Synod</b>  <b>9:00 to 10:20am</b> Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Service of Prayer & Praise
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Eucharist <b>10:00 am</b> Eucharist <b>11:20 am</b> Coffee <b>11:30 am</b> Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		<b>10:00-11:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>6:00 pm</b> Fellowship Supper & Bible Study <i>Nursery available</i>		<b>7:00 pm</b> Friday Night at the movies	

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