

Trinity Tidings

From the Interim Rector

Living in Ordinary Time Extraordinarily



The seasons of the church act as bookmarks for those of us who follow the Holy Calendar of the comings and goings of the year.

These seasons – Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost – all are special times, extraordinary times that celebrate the variety of experience of Christ's spiritual journey.

Green is the liturgical color for Ordinary Time

But now those seasons pass into memory. For the next five months we move through another kind of season, a season called Ordinary Time – the long green of the season after Pentecost. Ordinary time is not typical.

The word "ordinary" refers to the use of "ordinal" numbers by which the weeks are counted, such as the second Sunday after Pentecost. Ordinal numbers represent the position in sequential order, such as 1st, 2nd, etc.; They differ from cardinal numbers (1, 2, 3), which represent a quantity.

This is when we are not celebrating those special occasions, but are examining the day-to-day realities of our lives. This time is when we leave behind the mountaintops and walk each week on the valleys and the plains.

In the bright light of every day we find who we are and what we achieve when we are living in the here and now. In the day-to-day we discover the love of our families and friends when we are not looking for those special moments.

In the everyday we encounter the face that looks back at us in the mirror on mornings when the sun has yet to prove it's another day.

These are the days when we can prove the love of God to those around us because no particular season calls us to show only our brighter sides.

Here we find the true nature of God's love, when it's just part of our everyday way of living.

However, given the ongoing work of the Search Committee to find a new rector for TOTH, this season also is one of expectation. Please continue to pray for the Search Committee and the Vestry as they ponder the future of Trinity on the Hill.

Blessings.

Father Raymond

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Weekly Worship Schedule Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Choral Eucharist

Wednesday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm: Healing Service Both in St. Athanasius Chapel Friday

7:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom) www.latoth.org/digitalworship

~ Come Worship With Us! ~ All are Welcome

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

For more than two years, I have spent a great deal of time alone, usually going out only to run errands and to go to church. The isolation has helped me stay healthy and has provided hours of uninterrupted time for reading and reflecting. During my pandemic "staycation," I have read well over 200 books on topics ranging from fossils and sweetgrass, to tapestries for church kneelers and the ringing of cathedral bells, to women mystics and Celtic spirituality, along with Episcopal mysteries, anti-racist treatises, and good, old romance novels. I have been fortunate to read and study many of the non-



fiction books with my sister Susan, and we keep returning to ideas about living in harmony with the land around us and God's presence in our lives. In particular, the authors whom we have enjoyed most, talked about "thin spaces" – physical and emotional spaces where the veil between us and God is particularly delicate and permeable.

I have always known that, for me, northern New Mexico and southwestern Colorado are full of "thin spaces." Mountain tops and alpine meadows are among the geographic locations where I feel closest to God and to my relationship with Him. Surrounded by cool, clear air and the sound of breezes in pine, pinon, and aspen trees, I am most easily able to hear God's voice and discern His instructions for me.

Lately, the air around Los Alamos and Santa Fe has been anything but cool or clear, and I have often been awakened by the wind flinging tree limbs against my house. However, in the midst of this external turmoil and everything that has taken placed in our parish since March, 2020, Trinity on the Hill has remained an incredibly special "thin space" for me. There is an Episcopal church 5 minutes from my house, and I have worshipped there, but that is not where I meet God. I am happy to drive 90 minutes round trip to cross over the threshold of TOTH and relish a "thin space," surrounded by the presence of the Lord and the energy of the Holy Spirit, manifested in this building and my church family.

During the pandemic it was a blessing to be able to tune in to the weekly healing service, with Fr. Chris alone in the sanctuary, and a camera and computer transmitting his homilies and the images of the altar. I spent those Wednesdays worshipping with fellow viewers and also watching the light from the stained-glass windows as it moved across the screen behind the altar. The intensity and position of that colored light was different each week as the seasons passed and the world turned. For me, that light was a symbol of the everchanging but constant presence of the Lord, filtering through that "thin space" which is our sanctuary at TOTH.

Now those lonely Wednesday services have been transformed by the blessing of Fr. Raymond's leadership into a small community of worshipers who gather in the chapel for anointing, prayers, teachings about the saints of the church, the Eucharist, and socially distanced fellowship. The light shines through different windows, but it continues to permeate the physical and emotional "thin space" occupied by that faithful congregation!

In an even larger sense, our current search for a new rector is emphasizing and enhancing the image of TOTH as a "thin space," where we all can realize and answer God's call to us as His children and as a church family. I certainly would never classify the Covid pandemic as a blessing,

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FROM THE CO-JUNIOR WARDENS

Think of your favorite music and your favorite dance to that music. Does that take you back? Years? Decades? I think of college dances late at night, getting down to the Doobie Brothers and The Beatles. Can you still do it? Even a little? If so, maybe you'd be willing to try it again now. Maybe in the comfort of your own home. Only this time, think RAIN. Yes, turn it into a rain dance! What a gift it would be from Heaven above to receive an entire night and day of blissful, blessed rain. Let's believe that even the smallest dance performed in faith could produce God's loving raindrops in abundance. Amen!



Faith in Science has returned to Kelly Hall on Wednesday nights at 6 pm, and the turnout has been amazing! Many thanks to Mark Hartman for upgrading the wired internet cables in Kelly Hall and to Rick Rothrock for getting the video and sound system to work as well.

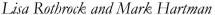
Feeling the need to volunteer to beautify Trinity on the Hill? We are looking for help with painting the lines along with curbs and Handicap Symbols in the parking lot, and supporting a Work Day on Saturday, July 23. More on those exciting activities will be coming via announcements at the pulpit, but for now, we request that you pray about whether you can help.

Work continues with getting the original Kelly Hall contractor/builder and outside engineers to see what can be done with the floor in Kelly Hall, as well the hallway outside the restrooms. This survey work is being done for free, and we will have this information for future reference if needed.

Our furnace is now fully functional and keeping a steady temperature. Many thanks to Mark Hartman, Brad Wright, and Leni Moore for working the issue of our new system.

We pray that this summer is full of exciting trips, excellent health, love, peace, and joy. Be

blessed, and may we all be focused on the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, even (especially?) in the midst of busyness and activities.

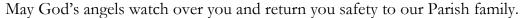




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A Prayer for Vacation

Here's a prayer for each of you to share as you begin each day of your travels this summer.



"O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve us as we travel this day; surround us with your loving care; protect us from every danger; and bring us in safety to our journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*."





JIM LIME, 1934—2020



Jim Lime passed away suddenly on the morning of June 5th, 2020, at the age of 85. This was during the time of the country's isolation because of the COVID pandemic, so his family was not able to have a memorial service until now. Jim Lime's memorial service will be held at TOTH on September 17th, 2022 at 10:30 am, with reception to follow in Kelly Hall.

Susan Lime

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but I think this time of separation has made us realize how much we need each other and our time together as a faithful, active worshipping community. In this space set aside from the noise and violence of the larger world, I can feel the Lord calling us to rethink who we are as members of Trinity on the Hill and how we want to grow in ministry, love, and fellowship with our new rector.

Please continue to pray for the search committee and the Vestry as we interview the candidates who have been sent to us by the Lord. Pray that we can all rest in this "thin space" of fellowship with Him and the Holy Spirit, and discern the best possible clergy leader for Trinity on the Hill! *Margaret Odell*

From the Editor:

Dear Friends,

I am taking a break from editing the *Trinity Tidings* in June because I will be on vacation, beginning June 29. I'm working on finding substitute office helpers to cover some of my hours. If you'd like to volunteer some time (e.g. a morning or an afternoon) to answer the phone and help out visitors to the office, please let me or Nancy know.

Father Raymond has included a prayer for vacation on page 4 of this edition. I pray you all have blessed and safe vacations in the coming months.

Best wishes, *Claire*

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Trinity on the Hill's Mission

The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in August. Submission deadline: Friday, July 29, 2022.

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

Dear TOTH Family,

At 6:00 pm June 14, 2022, I will be ordained to the sacred order of the priesthood (God willing and the people consenting!) at the Church of the Holy Faith, 311 E. Palace Avenue in Santa Fe. A reception will follow at the La Fonda Terraza. I pray some of you can join me for this joyous occasion, and if you cannot, the links to the livestream and the YouTube channel are below. Mostly, though, I ask for your prayers as I take vows and transition to the priesthood.



Traditionally, ordinations to the priesthood occur at the location of the priest's first "cure," the place where he or she will begin priestly ministry. I am beyond grateful to share that I have been offered, and accepted, a position as Assistant Rector at the Church of the Holy Faith beginning July 1st. I will be one of three priests on staff and will be focusing my ministry on pastoral care and outreach.

Accepting a cure at Church of the Holy Faith means I will be leaving my beloved home church of Trinity on the Hill. Although this transition began when Tom and I moved to Vienna in 2015, and continued when I served at both St. Bede's and Holy Faith during seminary and my diaconate, it will still be hard to officially transfer my membership. Our family first started attending worship services at TOTH in 1996. As you can imagine, we have received many, many blessings since then and have grown to love you all.

I keep you continually in my prayers in this exciting season of new leadership and new opportunities! May you be richly blessed, may you continue to stay strong in the faith, and may you continue to be a light on the hill in Los Alamos.

We will still live in Los Alamos. I also will be part of the Interfaith Alliance in my role as volunteer chaplain for the Los Alamos Police and Fire Department, having just completed my chaplaincy training as well. So I will still be active in the community and will likely see many of you around town (in Smith's).

If you find yourself in Santa Fe on a Tuesday evening, the Church of the Holy Faith has a beautiful Taizé service of healing and Eucharist at 6 p.m. And if you happen to be "off the Hill" and in the City Different on a Sunday, please join us for worship. I would love to see you!

You all remain with me in my heart and my prayers.

Deacon Lynn Finnegan

[Editor's note: the invitation to Lynn's ordination is on page 7.]



God Willing and the People Consenting

The Right Reverend Michael Buerkel Hunn

Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande

will ordain

Lynn Marie Finnegan

to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

on

Tuesday, the fourteenth of June
Two thousand and twenty-two
Six o'clock in the evening

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith
311 East Palace Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Reception Following

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy: White Stole

Live Stream at https://holyfaithchurchsf.org/services/sermons/

The link to our YouTube channel is

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9JPGSqeWs848DFYWMIPy9A



God Willing and the People Consenting

The Right Reverend Michael Buerkel Hunn

Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande

will ordain

Dana Jill Cacy Cline

to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

on

Sunday, the nineteenth of June Two thousand and twenty-two Three o'clock in the afternoon

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 240 Rio Grande Ave.

Raton, New Mexico 87740

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy are invited to vest and to lay hands: Red Stole.

Please RSVP: htecraton@gmail.com or 575-445-9884

Reception Following

Music offered by St. Paul's Peace, Las Vegas

St. James Episcopal Church, Taos, will Live Stream from their YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOk_duYvU9G9uu-kQz3T3eA

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR

When the search committee was formed last year, in the midst of the nationwide pandemic shutdown, we really had no idea what this might do to the pool of potential applications. Would we get a flood of applicants from churches that had been forced to close their doors permanently, or would we get no applicants at all because priests were reluctant to move in the face of such uncertainty? And then of course soaring housing costs added to the uncertainty. In the event, when our application window



closed at the beginning of May, we had two applications, with a third late application arriving a week or two later. One of our original applicants withdrew, having accepted a call at another church.

We have now had zoom interviews with our two remaining applicants. Both were quite likeable, and we have begun the process of bringing them in for in-person interviews with the Vestry. What will happen from this point on is that after the in-person interviews, the search committee will make its recommendation to the Vestry. If we recommend an applicant, the Vestry, if it agrees, will make an offer and, if it is accepted, we will have a new rector. If the search committee feels neither of the applicants is a good fit for us, or if the Vestry offer is not accepted, then we will reopen our listing and continue the process into the next hiring window in the fall.

I have been asked more than once what the search committee is looking for in a new rector. That is a hard question to answer because I'm not sure we really know yet. Our parish, like all parishes, is in a state of transition. We are just coming, haltingly, out of the pandemic shutdown, trying to restore as many of our old missions as we can as fast as pandemic spikes allow. We may wish we could go back to the comfortable old pre-pandemic days we remember, but we can't. The world is different than before the pandemic, and we need to accommodate to that.

The lab is bringing many new people into town, which offers opportunities if we can figure out how to make the most of them. It may well be that we need to find a rector who can take us in new directions to revitalize our missions. But what those new directions might be we don't know yet. The word we use in the Anglican tradition is "discernment". We are waiting for God to help us discern what we need, and that can be unsettling to those of us (like me) who pragmatically just want to get on with things.

And our applicants are also attempting to discern what they are called to do, and may be as uncertain of what they are seeking as we are. So this process of interviewing applicants is really a joint exploration between us and them to try and discern what new and interesting possibilities might emerge between us. It is a difficult and nebulous process, and the search committee at times feels the weight of the responsibility, yet it is also exciting to explore new possibilities. That is the best answer I can give to the question of what we are looking for. With God's help we will know it when we see it.

I know that many of you would like to know more about our applicants, who they are and where they come from. Please understand that we are all bound to keep that information confidential until such time as we can announce a new rector.

Bill Godwin,

Search Committee Chair

May 29, 2022 – Easter 7 (C) Jesus in America

A new national study, **Jesus in America**, was released in March 2022 in a partnership between The Episcopal Church and Ipsos. The research found that while the majority of Americans polled believe Jesus was an important spiritual figure and want equality in society, it also showed Christians are not necessarily practicing what Jesus taught, and Americans feel judged when talking about their beliefs.

The study also found that the global pandemic has negatively impacted participation in organized religion — or religious activity — and more people are finding spiritual fulfillment in nature. In addition, while the church has been a place of community and non-judgment, some Americans feel that churches that discuss racism and slavery are acting with the wrong intentions.

Research data showed:

- The majority of Americans (84%) believe Jesus is an important spiritual figure and want their children to grow up in a world where everyone is treated equally (86%).
- Christians describe themselves as being giving (57%), compassionate (56%), loving (55%), respectful (50%) and friendly (49%), while non-Christians associate Christians with characteristics like hypocrisy (50%), being judgmental (49%), self-righteousness (46%), and arrogance (32%).
- The COVID-19 pandemic has decreased participation in organized religion or religious activities for about 3 in 10 Americans (31%).
- Younger Americans are more likely to say they are not religious (Gen Z 24% and Millennials 28%) than their older counterparts (Gen X 18% and Baby Boomers 12%).
- Contrary to popular narrative, only 1 in 10 (11%) Americans believe that the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, were associated with organized religion. A majority, 63% of Americans, do not think the events are associated with religion, and 25% don't know/refused.

"We are encouraged that the research shows Americans still find Jesus compelling, but we also see that the behavior of many of his followers is a problem, and it's not just certain Christians: it's all Christians," said Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. "This is a wake-up call for us, and based on what we have learned, we are refocusing our efforts on being a church that looks and acts like Jesus and models its behavior on his teachings. In this process, we hope to ignite a revival of love that encourages all Americans to do a better job of loving their neighbors."

The **Jesus in America** study was a survey conducted using the probability-based KnowledgePanel. A total of 3,119 Americans, ages 18 and older, across a range of religions (Christian, non-Christian, atheist, and agnostic) participated in the study between November 22, 2021, and December 2, 2021. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. The study has a margin of error of +/- 2.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For more information and the full range of results from the Jesus in America study, visit https://www.episcopalchurch.org/jesus-in-america/.

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Los Alamos Pride 2022

June 11

All Ages LGBTQ+ Short Film Festival @ The Unitarian Church of Los Alamos 6-8pm

The Rainbow Show by Atomic Follies Cabaret @ The Little Theater (18+ Event) 8pm

Purchase tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/th e-atomic-follies-cabaret-june-11tickets-333032969577

Intergenerational Game Night @ Los Alamos Teen Center 5-9pm

June 12

June 13

Schedule of Eyents

Paint the Art Walk
Underpass by the
Co-op Market
5pm

June 14

Flag Day! Pride Flag Parade around Ashley Pond 5:30pm

The Atomic Follies
Cabaret performs
Tuesday at the Pond
6pm

June 15

All Ages Tie Dye
Event outside Los
Alamos Teen
Center
3-5pm

June 16

Pride on the Patio @
Pig & Fig (21+ Event)
Join us for casual
socializing and Pride
themed drinks!
6-8pm

June 17

Queer Sex Ed for Youth @ The Unitarian Church of Los Alamos 1:30-2:30pm

Pride Festival @ Central Park Square Lawn 4-7pm

June 18

Come see live roller derby! Derby Dames Rocky Horror Themed Pride Bout @ the Ice Rink 8pm

June 19

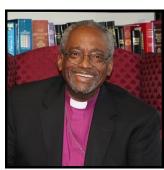
Pride Worship Service @ The Unitarian Church of Los Alamos 10:30am



JUNE 2022 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Server/other Acolytes	LR or LEM/LR	Prayers of the People	Media Team	Usher	Altar Guild
June 5	8:00	Richard Triplett	Joe Cox				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light
	10:30	Andy Light, Server, Peter Maginot, Crucifer Joshua Moore, TB River Yamada, TB	Marilyn Lisowski	Lisa Rothrock	Bill/Rick	D. Giovanielli	
June 12	8:00	Ben Schilling	Rozelle Wright				Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson
	10:30	Isabella Stephens	Lynn Godwin	Nancy Coombs	Bill/Nancy	Maggie Moore	
June 19	8:00	Joe Cox	Kay Dreamtrader				Renee Roybal Valarie Prestwood Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Susan Sprake, Server TBA, Crucifer, TBs, TBA	Isabella Stephens (Renee Roybal)	M. Lobato	Bill/Michelangelo	Linda Corliss	
June 26	8:00	Luke Favorite	Claire Singleton				Marybeth Stephens Jo Moore Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Mariah Stephens	Lynn Godwin (Susan Sprake)	Linda Light	Bill/Mark/Richard	Andy Light	

Presiding bishop calls Episcopalians to 'A Season of Prayer for Revival'



Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites Episcopalians everywhere to mark the season after Pentecost with 30 days of prayer leading up to and encompassing the 80th General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

"A Season of Prayer for Revival"—from June 12 through July 11—will feature daily prayers drawn from the Book of Common Prayer. Individuals can sign up online at: https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/season_of_prayer to receive the prayers and inspirational messages via email. The prayers will also be posted daily on social media accounts for The Episcopal Church and Forward Movement.

"As we move toward and adapt to a shorter, smaller General Convention, I invite every Episcopalian—whether you're in Baltimore or Alaska or Honduras, whether you're a deputy, a bishop, or a new member sitting in the pews—I invite all of us to pause each day just for a moment to pray for the expansive, reviving power of the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and minds," Curry said. "We are people of common prayer; may we embrace this season as an opportunity for us all to become a church that truly lives, looks, and loves like Jesus."

The 80th General Convention is scheduled for July 8-11.



Remaining Connected during COVID-19

Let's get something straight: Screen-Time Burnout is a real thing. But it's the safest way to stay connected, so let's use it to the best of our ability. Knowing this, however, we have expanded some in-person offerings for those who desire.

Tuesdays:

- Women Alive via Zoom at 8 am. Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday meeting outdoors at daylight.
- Zoom **Coffee Hour** at 10 am. Link sent out via email (<u>admin@latoth.org</u> for more information)

Wednesdays:

- Holy Eucharist, 7:30 am in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person service only.
- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person and Zoom service.

Thursdays:

- Holy Communion, 9:30 am at Sombrillo Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Service of Prayer for Healing, 10:15 am at Aspen Ridge Lodge

Fridays:

• **Morning Prayer** via Zoom at 7:30 am. Led by Deacon Lynn Finnegan. Zoom link sent via e-mail.

Sundays:

- Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 am, in person only (masks required).
- Choral Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 am, in person (masks currently required) and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth

Looking ahead: The 2022 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande will be held at the Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque, November 11-12, 2022.



These beautiful flowers were photographed by Father Raymond in the TOTH upper parking lot and the courtyard on June 8, 2022.



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