

Dear Friends at Historic Trinity,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am writing to thank you for your continued prayers and support, as well as to give a brief picture of how the early days of vicarage have been. Stacey and I have officially settled into a pleasant life here in Raleigh. The people at Our Savior have been very welcoming and kind, and my days are filled with learning. I am surprised daily by new opportunities for growth and formation as I prepare to enter the Office of the Ministry.

I am happy to say that I am keeping busy. Our Savior has two services on Sunday mornings, and I assist with both. In between services, I teach a Bible Class for the high school youth. We are currently making our way through the book of Acts. I preach one Sunday each month. On Tuesday mornings, Pastor Martin and I teach a Bible Study that examines the appointed texts for the upcoming Sunday. Every Wednesday evening, I lead a service of Evening Prayer. At each of these services, I preach a short sermon on the upcoming Sunday's Old Testament reading. After these Wednesday services, there is a "book club" that is open to all members of the congregation. We just finished reading and discussing *Helena* by Evelyn Waugh. On occasional Thursdays, I lead a Bible study breakfast for seniors. On Saturday mornings, I teach confirmation. Every other Saturday evening, I "run" a men's group. The hours between are spent visiting members, talking theology, and preparing for whatever is coming next.

There are many joys that come along with these kinds of up-close-and-personal experiences in the parish. Yesterday, I attended my first "Winkel" gathering. It was encouraging to hear brothers building one another up in the faith. It was a joy to study the Scriptures together, and to learn what life is like in neighboring parishes. Each week, it is a joy to delve into the Scriptures as I prepare to preach. Among these many joys, one of the greatest is the privilege to befriend and care for the saints that God has brought into this place. I am always honored to visit and encourage the people at Our Savior with prayer and God's Word.

Clearly, there are many things to be grateful for as I continue my formation on the way to ordination (which is approaching with

alarming swiftness). Among those things that I treasure and am humbled to receive are your continual support and your prayers. Thanks be to God that He provides for me through your care and generosity! You remind me that God is the great giver of all good things. As the Psalmist say, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity." Above all other things, thanks be to God that He sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die for our sins. He forgives all our iniquity. Thanks be to God that he raised this same Jesus for our justification, and that in Jesus, we may walk in newness of life.

Blessings in Jesus Christ,  
Henry Eising

