

✦ 4th Sunday of Easter ✦
April 22, 2018 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude

◆**Call to Worship (In Unison)**

We gather together to worship God,
the Shepherd of our souls.

The one who has created us,
who sustains us,
who redeems us,
who walks beside us in good times and bad,
and who calls us to follow.
This is our God!
Let's worship Him together!

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #576) *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

◆Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

WORD

Scripture Readings

Brooklyn Raines

John 10:11-18
1 John 3:16-24

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #283) *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Message "The Joy of Being Loved and Known"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response *Bring Them In*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

We grumble and complain about our daily lot in life. We read the newspapers, watch the broadcast news and moan about the evil which flourishes in the world. We turn our backs on the needs of the poor or give only a cursory acknowledgment of their plight. We throw our hands up in the air and act as though we are defeated. And we cry, "Why isn't God taking care of all this?"

Forgive us, patient Lord. Forgive our arrogance, our ignorance, our pettiness. Forgive us when we could have done something to help someone else, but chose instead to turn away. Forgive us when we, by our attitudes and language, our thoughts and actions, have gone against your will. You are with us, Lord. You lead us daily in right paths and offer to us the bread of life. You stand with us in times of trial and in the presence of those whom we fear, giving us your abundant love. And then you offer to us a place in your eternal home. How can we doubt your presence? Help us to trust you. Help us to praise you and remember that you have called us to be your witnesses and workers in this world. Give us strength and courage, joy and peace for all the work that you have for us to do. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us, his sheep, we pray. AMEN.

(Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration. Go forth and share this Good News. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together Offering

Offertory *He Is Able*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆**Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #413) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

◆**Benediction**

Postlude

◆**Indicates those who are able should stand.**

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marjorie Cassady, Char Dunk-Sladek, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Carol Noren in memory of David, Adelle and Gustav Albert Noren.

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“I Am the Good Shepherd”



“I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”

Calendar for the Week:

Today:

- 9 A.M.** Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room
- 10 A.M. Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:15 A.M. Special Church Business meeting, Peterson Hall
- 3-5 P.M. Youth Group at Trinity
- NOTE:** NO Confirmation Class or High School Youth Group after worship

This Week:

- Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study
- Thurs. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers

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April 29 – Nursery Helpers: Pat Klutcharch, Marcia Lellos
Greeters: Joel & Nancy Mondry

Announcements:

Easter Offering for World Missions

During the month of April – Easter celebration, Trinity is accepting your Easter contributions towards “World Mission Offering”. This is a long-standing practice in the Covenant churches as we have always been “mission friends”. Please use the enclosed envelope for your gift for World Missions, which enables our missionaries to do the work God has called them to do. Your gift is appreciated.

Special Church Business Meeting

Today, there will be a special church business meeting in Peterson Hall after worship. We will be meeting to discuss the organization of a search committee for our new pastor and the direction the committee would like to take with its search. We would also ask you to consider the use of Trinity’s investments to support the committee’s vision and hiring goals.

All are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting. Be assured your input in all of our decisions is valued by the church board.

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Youth Group (ages K-6th grade)

Trinity's Youth Group will meet today from 3-5 P.M. in Peterson Hall – activities TBD.

Adult Sunday School

On April 29 we will welcome back Deborah Penny, Assoc. Director of Contextual and Life Long Learning, North Park Seminary, who will share her experiences co-teaching at Statesville. The article in the November 2016 Covenant Companion about the writings of inmates and the class she taught is a glimpse into the lives of those incarcerated. Be sure to attend! Join us in the Fireside Room from 11:30 A.M. until 12:15-12:30 P.M.

Elizabeth Pierre, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at North Park Seminary, will be leading our Adult class on May 13 and 20. Elizabeth was featured in The Covenant Companion's March-April 2018 issue writing on "When trauma gets personal" and will share what we can do to help survivors, a very timely topic for this age. This will be the first time Elizabeth will be teaching here so give her a warm welcome and attend her class.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is May 6, 2018. Trinity's confirmand is Maddie Ford, and 1st Year Students are Ariel Kurzweil, Brooklyn Raines and Satta Raines.

Serving Committee – May 2018 through April 2019

Please be sure to check your mail bin in the hall, the bulletin board, and the May Messenger for the new Serving Committee list beginning May 2018 through April 2019. The new list is also posted in the kitchen and there are extra copies in the office.

Today's Scripture:

John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.



Special Offering Envelope

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EASTER OFFERING FOR WORLD MISSIONS

Please use this envelope for your gift for World Missions. The monies we give will enable “our” missionaries to do the work God has called them to do. Your gift is appreciated.

THANK YOU.

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