

✦ 3rd Sunday of Easter ✦
April 15, 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 (Responsively)

Pastor: Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God.

People: Give me relief in my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Pastor: How long O men, will you turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

People: Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself; and the Lord will hear when I call to Him.

Pastor: Offer right sacrifices and trust in the Lord.

Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?"

People: Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord

Unison: I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #579) *The Church's One Foundation* (vs 1-4)

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Acts 3:12-19

Luke 24:36b-48

Desiree Hall

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #264) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
(vs. 1-3)

Message "Speaking the Truth in Love and Power"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response *Behold What Manner of Love*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

O Lord; we have all sinned, we have broken your law. We try to be good and find we cannot of our own strength. We confess that we have succumbed to temptations. We have been born into original sin and it is our sinful nature. We confess our lack and inability to fix our own situation. Please forgive us.

(Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

Dear people! Know that a great love has been lavished on you by the Father in heaven. Since we are unable to fix our own situation, He has sent His son Jesus Christ to save us and forgive us once and for all by His sacrifice. His love is so great that we are now called children of God. And that is exactly what you are! Amen! This is reason for rejoicing!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together Offering

Kay Shannon

Offertory *Shout to the Lord*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #310) *He Is Lord*

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

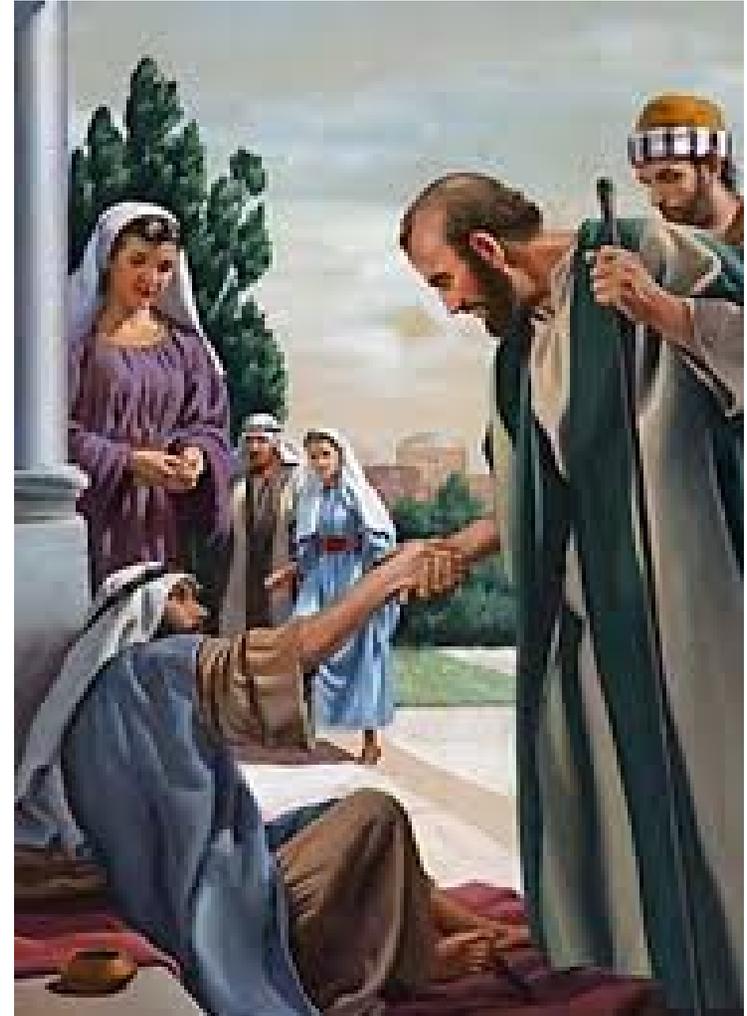
NOTES OF INTEREST

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.

Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
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Calendar for the Week:

Today:

10 A.M. Worship
10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School
Articles for May Messenger are due.

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study
Fri. 10 A.M. Noah's Ark Parent's Day

Next Sunday:

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, High School Youth Group or Adult Sunday School

April 22 – Nursery Helpers: Melissa Panush
Greeters: Pam Polcar, Margie Morrisey

Announcements:
Easter Offering for World Missions

During this month of Easter celebration, Trinity is accepting contributions for "World Mission Offering". This has been a long-standing practice in the Covenant churches because 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.

April Adult Sunday School

Today April 15 Mary Chase-Ziolek, Professor of Health Ministries and Nursing at North Park University and Seminary will be here teaching Part Two of Two class on "Faith and Food" and how the food we eat each day connects us intimately with others, creation and God. The class will explore dimensions of faith and food, looking at hospitality, stewardship and justice. This is Mary's first time teaching at Trinity so if you haven't attended the Adult Class before try to join us in welcoming her. This topic may be a first for the Adult Class so don't miss it!

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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 _____

On April 22 Greg Goetz will be back teaching our class and more information will be shared later on his topic.

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 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!

Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting month of subjects and teachers. The class starts at 11:30 and goes until 12:15-12:30.

Youth Group (ages K-6th grade)

Please note your calendar for the next Youth Group meet on April 22 – activities TBD.

Musichorale – Spring Concert

Our own Gloria Vitro, a Musichorale member, invites everyone to the Musichorale's 71st Spring Concert – "Celebrate Music! A Choral Tribute to Song". The community choir from the southside of Chicago began in 1947 as the Lindblom Alumni Accapella choir with 25 members. They have grown to include more than just alumni welcoming anyone who loves to sing. You won't want to miss their spring concert on TODAY, *April 15, 3:20 P.M.*, at Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 College Drive, Palos Heights. Contact Gloria for tickets at 708-261-3441.

Attention Graduates

If you have a graduate in your family this year, please let the church office know so we can publish it in the May Messenger.

May Messenger

If you have an article you'd like to contribute to the May Messenger, please send to the church office TODAY, April 15.

Special Church Business Meeting

There will be a special church business meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2018 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.

Confirmation Sunday

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

Serving Committee – May 2018 through April 2019

Please be sure to check the bulletin board, the May Messenger and your mail bin in the hall 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:
Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.



Special Offering Envelope

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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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