

**✦ 2nd Sunday of Easter ✦**  
**April 8, 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: How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

People: **It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard**

Pastor: Running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes

People: **It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion**

Unison: **For there The Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore.**

**◆Hymn of Praise** (BH #56) *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs. 1,2,5)

**◆Invocation**

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

**Children's Message**

**WORD**

**Scripture Readings**

John 20:19-31

1 John 1:1-10, 2:1-2

**◆Gloria Patri** (BH #109)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**◆Hymn of Preparation** *Peace I Give to Thee*

**Message** "How To Live With One Another"  
Rev. Mark Westlind

**RESPONSE**

**◆Hymn of Response** *Oh Happy Day*

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

**Our dear and Most Holy Lord, we recognize your glory and honor as we humbly bow before you, We come before you with thankfulness and gratefulness that you have saved us. We acknowledge that you love us and that we have not done anything to deserve your mercy. We are completely filled with gratitude and awestruck that you hear our pleas and prayers and respond with grace. We admit that we are a selfish people. We are wrapped up in our own pursuits and concerns. We confess that we have sinned against you by not loving our neighbor as we should. Please help us to be selfless and more Christ-like in our behavior. O Lord, hear our confession and our contriteness of heart today.**

(Silent reflection)

**Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):**

Hear the truth from the word of God as given to the Apostle John: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Sisters and Brothers, rejoice this morning! Your sins are forgiven! This is a promise from God!

**Passing of the Peace**

**Life Together**

**Offering**

Offertory

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING**

**◆Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #226) *What Wondrous Love is This*

**◆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:** Char Dunk-Sladek, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Priscilla and Rich Swanson on the death of Priscilla's sister Dorothy Stima who entered the life eternal on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at home in Lake Stevens, Washintgon. Visitation is Friday, April 13 and the funeral is Saturday, April 14 in Monroe, Washington. Peace be to Dorothy's memory.

My Peace I  
give unto you  
John 14:27

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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  
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary  
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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
- 3-5 P.M.     Youth Group at Trinity

**This Week:**

- Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M.        Noah's Ark Preschool
- Tues.       9:30 A.M.    Women's Bible Study
- Tues.       6:30 P.M.    Deacons meeting
- Tues.       7 P.M.        Trustees and C.E. Board meetings
- Thurs.      11 A.M.        Pryme Tymers

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- Articles for May Messenger are due.

**April 15 – Nursery Helpers:** Rita Grijalva, Cathy Gardner  
**Greeters:** Grace Viner, Barb Bailey

**Announcements:**

**Easter Offering for World Missions**

Easter Sunday has been "World Mission Offering Sunday" for Trinity and all Covenant Churches. This has been a long-standing practice in the "Covenant" 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**

On April 8 and 15 Mary Chase-Ziolek, Professor of Health Ministries and Nursing at North Park University and Seminary will be here teaching 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!

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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-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

The Youth Group will meet **today**, April 8 from 3-5 P.M. and have a baseball opening day theme. We'll be playing Home Run Derby and other baseball themed games and activities. Please note your calendar we will also meet on April 22 – activities TBD.

### **Musichorale – Spring Concert**

Our own Gloria Vitro, a Musichorale member, invites everyone to the Musichorale's 71<sup>st</sup> 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 *Sunday, 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 by next Sunday, 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.

## Today's Scripture:

### John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### 1 John 1:1-10,2:1-2

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete.

**5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

**8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not

in us. **2** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.



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