

✦ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany ✦
January 28, 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: With all your heart, thank the LORD
in the assembly of his people.

**People: In all he does he is faithful and just;
all his commands are dependable.
They last for all time;
they were given in truth and righteousness.**

Pastor: He set his people free
and made an eternal covenant with them.

**People: Holy and mighty is he!
The way to become wise is to honor the Lord;
he gives sound judgment to all who obey his
commands. He is to be praised forever.**

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #283) *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Job 40:6-14

Mark 1:21-28

Acts 1:8, 2:17-21

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #1) *Rise, Shine, You People!*

Message

**"Living With Power"
Rev. Mark Westlind**

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #395) *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

**Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Time for personal reflection and confession.

Words of Assurance (Pastor):

Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy are being cast out. New life is offered to you in Jesus Christ. Rejoice! Be Glad! For God's love is poured out to you this day. AMEN.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory (Green hymnal #656) *Something Beautiful*

◆Doxology

◆Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆**Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #265) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

◆**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: Greg Goetz, Britta Johnson, Dorothy Karner, Carol Latimer, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

New Email:

Edna Garcia, ednalgarcia@yahoo.com

**ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 11:15 A.M.
PETERSON HALL**



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
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

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Acts 1:8, 2:17-21

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
¹⁷“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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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 _____

Calendar for the Week:

Today: Special Offering for “sister” church – Access Covenant Church, Houston, Texas

- 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

This Week:

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

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- 12:15 P.M. Jr. High & High Schoolers gathering, Lee's house, 3901 W. 108th Place, Chicago.

Feb. 4 – Nursery Helpers: Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil
Greeters: (TBD)

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

In February, we welcome back Dr. Carol Noren who is teaching class on the topic of four familiar biblical narratives with a slightly different perspective: not exactly feminist, but taking a closer look at overlooked aspects of stories featuring women. February 4 class: (Genesis 2 & 3) All About Eve: Blaming the Woman; February 11: (Exodus 1) Subversive Women Save the Day; February 18: (Ruth) What's A Woman Without a Man? and February 25: (Luke 10:38-42) Sister Acts: Cooperation or Competition? Join us at 11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room to explore these narratives, it's guaranteed to be interesting.

Annual Reports

Please prepare and send your Annual Report to the church office by Sunday, February 11. Please send vial email to office@trinitycovoaklawn.org or drop in the box on the table in the church office. Thank you.

Attention!

Jr. High and High Schoolers

Jr. High and Higher Schoolers (7th grade and up to 12th grade) are invited to an afternoon of fun and games on Sunday, February 4, at 12:15 P.M. at the Lee's house, 3901 W. 108th Place, Chicago. We'll start the afternoon with a pizza lunch and movie (Resurrection of Gavin Stone) followed by Carpetball Tournament.

Hope you can join us for this social event! If you have any questions, please see Kellie Lee or contact the church office 708-422-5111.

Covenant Point Men's Retreat 2018

7pm Friday, March 2 - 10am Sunday, March 4

Invite some friends out for a weekend of fun, fellowship, excellent food, meaningful conversations, and life-giving worship. Recreation opportunities include a broomball tournament, afternoon jam session (bring your own instrument), snowshoeing, cross country skiing on our groomed ski trails, sauna and polar bear dip, or just card games and conversations in the dining hall. We are excited to announce that this year's speaker will be Danny Martinez, new Superintendent of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church! This retreat typically fills up, so if you plan on attending please register soon*. We're excited for you to join us!

Full Retreat: \$140 (\$120 Earlybird)

Fri Night - Sat Dinner: \$120 (\$100 Earlybird)

Sat Only (No Lodging): \$80 (\$70 Earlybird)

Full Retreat, Commuter (No Lodging): \$100 (\$90 Earlybird)

Pastor Rate, Full Retreat: \$70

Pastor Rate, Saturday Evening Departure: \$60

***Earlybird Discount applies if registered or postmarked by February 16, 2018.**

Covenant Point Bible Camp, 358 W. Hagerman Lake Rd., Iron River, MI 49935, www.cpbcc.com/retreats, registrar@cpbcc.com, 906-265-2117.

Camp Registration

Reminder - Early bird registration for Summer Camp is due Sunday, February 25 (a \$35 discount!) See Kellie Lee for information.

Today's Scripture:

Job 40:6-14

⁶Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm: ⁷"Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁸"Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself? ⁹Do you have an arm like God's, and can your voice thunder like his? ¹⁰Then adorn yourself with glory and splendor, and clothe yourself in honor and majesty. ¹¹Unleash the fury of your wrath, look at all who are proud and bring them low, ¹²look at all who are proud and humble them, crush the wicked where they stand. ¹³Bury them all in the dust together; shroud their faces in the grave. ¹⁴Then I myself will admit to you that your own right hand can save you.

Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

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Sunday. They are led by Pastor Ted Law.

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Youth Group Sunday, February 11

Come join the festivities on Sunday, February 11, from 3-5 P.M., in Peterson Hall when the Youth Group (ages K through 6th grade) gathers for an afternoon of fun. There'll be music, games, activities and snacks. Games may include Pin the Arrow on Cupid, Valentine's Day Bingo and an Indoor Snowball Fight!

To RSVP fill out the tear off below and place in the offering plate today.



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RSVP – Youth Group, February 11

Name _____

Attending _____