

✚ 3rd Sunday of Lent ✚

March 4, 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)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #299) *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
(v. 1-3) (Azmone tune)

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 107:17-22

John 2:13-22

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #433) *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*
(v. 1,3,4,)

Message "The Foolishness and Scandal of the Cross"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #407) *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls,
at this mid-point in the Lenten journey,
look deep within our hearts and our lives,
and clear away all that holds us back.
May our minds, spirits and bodies
be a Temple that is open to Your presence:
and may our words and our actions
be transparent to Your love and truth.
We pray that this church community,
will be purified in its life and mission,
so that all that we do in and from here
may reveal Your Gospel to others.
In a moment of silence we sit before You,
and name those things for which
we seek Your cleansing and healing,
so that we may be more faithful disciples.

(BH #360) *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Silence

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

Friends of Jesus, we are made clean
by the words he has spoken to us.
There is room in our lives and in our community
for the Holy One to dwell. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

(BH #494) *O Let Your Joy Now Be Filled with Gladness* (v. 1)

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

- ◆ Affirmation of Faith (BH #878)
- ◆ Words of Institution
- ◆ Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #333) *Tu Has Vinido a la Orilla*

◆ **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, Dorothy Karner, Elsie Koler, Carol Latimer, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

Thank you to Carol Byland, Carol Strickland and Paul Kozak for the special music this morning.

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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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

This Week:

- Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study
- Tues. 4:30 P.M. Ronald McDonald House supper
- Wed. 6 P.M. Lenten Journey – light supper
- Wed. 6:30 P.M. Lenten Journey - class
- Thur. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers
- Fri. 7 P.M. Family Night – Beggar's Pizza,
3524 Ridge Road, Lansing

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March 11 – Nursery Helpers: Pam Polcar, Madeline Ford

Greeters: Gary & Linda Kozak, Paul

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

In March, Dr. Troy Martin will be returning to teach our class on the topic "Law and Emotion in the Bible and Our Society". Join us for this interesting topic and discussion.

Lenten Journey

Join Pastor Mark's new class that looks deeper into a centering prayer life, a contemplative life, if you will. The class starts with a light meal at 6 P.M. on Wednesday evenings followed by class from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. The Lenten Journey will run through March 28.

To RSVP for the next class, please fill out the flyer and place in the offering plate.

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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Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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Youth Group (ages K-6th grade)

On Sunday March 18, The Youth Group will meet at Trinity from 3-5 P.M. The get together will be St. Patrick's Day themed and will involve music, games, snacks and lots of fun. Please RSVP to the church office at office@trinitycovoaklawn.org or 708-422-5111.

Today's Scripture:

Psalm 107:17-22

Some became fools through their rebellious ways
and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

¹⁸They loathed all food

and drew near the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

and he saved them from their distress.

²⁰He sent out his word and healed them;

he rescued them from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

²²Let them sacrifice thank offerings

and tell of his works with songs of joy.

John 2:13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

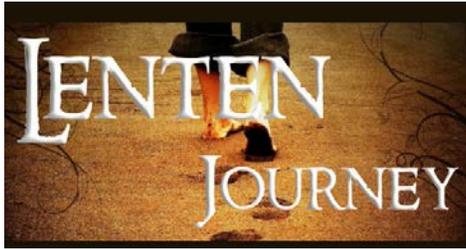
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.¹⁹For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



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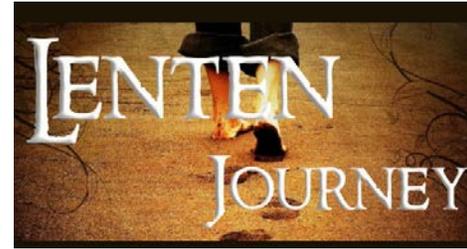
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Family Night



All are welcome for a time of fellowship, organ music and pizza!

Friday, March 9, 7 P.M.

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(formerly known as Pizza & Pipes),
3524 Ridge Road,
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Request a song and sing-a-long!

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Place your order today for an Easter Lily by filling out the form below. You are invited to take your flowers with you following the Easter Sunday service or you can donate your flowers to be given to a shut-in.

The deadline to order is Palm Sunday, March 25.



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