



+ 4th Sunday of Lent +
March 11, 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: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 his love endures forever.

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

Pastor: Some became fools through their rebellious ways
 and suffer affliction because of their iniquities.

They loathe all food
 and draw near the gates of death.

**People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
 and he saved them from their distress.**

**He sent out his word and healed them;
 he rescued them from the grave.**

**All: Give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
 and his wonderful deeds for mankind.**

**Let us sacrifice thank offerings
 and tell of his works with songs of joy.**

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #341) *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

◆Invocation

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

Children's Message

WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 107:1-9
 Ephesians 2:1-10
 John 9:35-38

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #368) *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**Message "The Living Word of God"
 Rev. Mark Westlind**

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #481) *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

**Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own
 sightlessness.**

**Being so sure that we "see,"
 we miss the truths you would teach us.**

With the bandage of your love, cure this blindness.

**Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,
 our own failures and our own faults.**

**Make our darkness known to us,
 and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace.**

**For it is only when we see ourselves clearly
 that we can worship you truly.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray...

Silence

Words of Assurance (Pastor):

Though we were dead through our sins,
 in great mercy, God has spoken a word of healing
 and made us alive together with Christ.
 Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *If You Love the Lord*

◆Doxology

◆Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆**Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #412) *Be Thou My Vision*

◆**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, Greg Goetz, Lois Jaderholm, Dorothy Karner, Elsie Koler, Carol Latimer, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, 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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Today's Scripture:

Psalm 107:1-9

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
- ²Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
³those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.
- ⁴Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
- ⁵They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.
- ⁶Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- ⁷He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.
- ⁸Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
⁹for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Ephesians 2:1-10

- ¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in

order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

John 9:35-38

- ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- ³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."
- ³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."
- ³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.



**Join Pastor Mark for
Maundy Thursday Service
March 29, 7 P.M.
Fireside Room**

Remembering a Loved One

Reserve Your Easter Lily

It has been the tradition at Trinity to adorn the chancel area on Easter Sunday with lilies. Please join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with a donation towards these flowers and a memorial to someone you love.

Place your order today for an Easter Lily by filling out the envelope insert and return to the church office.

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.

Please place your order by Palm Sunday, March 25.

New Phone Number

Linnea Wimpenny, 651-493-1780

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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: Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward

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. 6:30 P.M. Deacons meeting
- Tues. 7 P.M. Trustees and C.E. Board meetings
- Wed. 6 P.M. Lenten Journey – light supper
- Wed. 6:30 P.M. Lenten Journey - class
- Fri. 9:30 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool – Easter Bunny
- Sat. Happy St. Patrick's Day

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- 3-5 P.M. Youth Group – St. Patrick's themed gathering at Trinity

March 18 – Nursery Helpers: Carol Byland, Elizabeth Byland

Greeters: Mike & Jen Davies, Jake, Moira, Aven

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

Dr. Troy Martin is here this month teaching our class on the topic "Law and Emotion in the Bible and Our Society". Join us for this interesting topic and discussion.

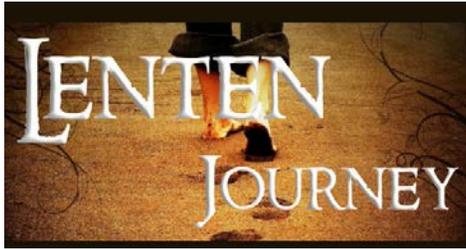
Lenten Journey

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.

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



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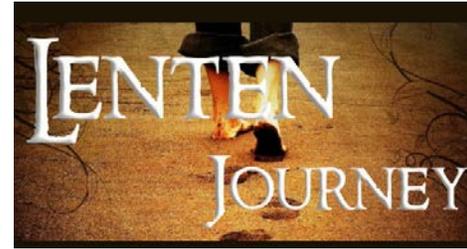
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