

### Special Prayers for Today

Lord, bless us to hear Your voice so that we might know the truth; prayers for Glenn and Peggy Bates as they celebrate 30 years of marriage on April 30; prayers for the health concerns of Jo Barrington, Lorna Biermann, Marilyn Britton, Al and Merle Casolari, Bruce Cody, Sonya Cohn, Larry Goetz (father of Kimberly Garvue), Morgan Grillot, Ted and Dot Hasselbring, Pam Hilberer, Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Joelle Knoles,, Jeannie Lascelles, Sara Opperman, Roger Schumacher (brother of Arlene Lyons), and Aaron Shipman; prayers for the church expansion and renovation. Amen.

### Sunday Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Mark and Sheavie Reagan in celebration of Lettie Lynn’s baptism.

### At Worship Last Week

Saturday: 203 Sunday: 117, 136.....456  
Adult Studies: 141 ..... 141  
Offerings for the Lord’s Kingdom Work: .....\$15,476.25  
April 2018 Automatic Contributions .....\$7860.00

### Sunday Bible Study 9:35-10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the School Campus Parish Center, 515 S. MacArthur. Directions are as follows: From the Church to get to Trinity Lutheran School and thus our Parish Hall, head south on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, then go west on Edwards Street, and turn right (north) on MacArthur Blvd. The school/parish center will be on your left. From the parking lot you’ll see doors to the school. Enter there and the Parish Center is on your right. *\*Childcare is available for Adult Bible Study.*

**Grades Pre-K-Grade 8:** Today in Sunday School, the children will study the efforts Abraham made to ensure that his son Isaac would marry a person who loved God in the account of "Isaac and Rebekah." As a family discuss, "Why is it important to marry someone who shares your Christian faith? What are the blessings of sharing your beliefs with your spouse?"

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class:** “Ask the Pastor” This week we will answer some of the questions submitted to the pastors in previous classes and see how the Bible addresses these current issues. Sunday morning in the Parish Center beginning at 9:35am. We’d love to see you there!

### “Test The Spirits”

Rev. Paul Hemenway

1 John 4:1-11

There \_\_\_\_\_ truth in the world.

- There are many messages out there that want to promote themselves as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We shouldn’t try and \_\_\_\_\_ the truth to suit our needs.
- When we are connected to Christ we are connected to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Christians believe that there are truths that govern life and they come from \_\_\_\_\_.

- The truths God has written into the Creation are real. And we don’t break them. They will break \_\_\_\_\_ if we fail to follow them.

All things in the world, including peace, love, justice and truth answer to \_\_\_\_\_.

When the One who makes the rules says we need to stay connected to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to receive His blessings, then we’d better listen to Him!

No other \_\_\_\_\_ can do what He does for us!

- Everyone who is of the truth listens to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God because that is where we find the truth.

What does the Truth of Christ mean for us? It means He and His truth can and \_\_\_\_\_ change us.

- It keeps us \_\_\_\_\_ in the right foundation.
- It frees us from being \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.
- It means a \_\_\_\_\_ that can’t be found in anything or anyone else.

God believes we can handle the truth! He is real. He loves us. And He is \_\_\_\_\_ than any problem we will ever face!

- He is not \_\_\_\_\_ truth, He is THE truth!

When you are faced with the temptation of the messages of the world, run them through the Word of God and see how they \_\_\_\_\_ up.

You are called today by the Truth of God on two legs, Jesus Christ, to listen to Him, hear Him, be forgiven by Him, be saved by Him and changed to live as a \_\_\_\_\_ and restored child of God.



### Worship Services:

Sermon

“Test The Spirits”

Rev. Paul Hemenway

### Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center

Liturgy 151

Divine Service Setting Four

Holy Communion

Hymns: 478, 474 (st. 1, 2, 3, 5),

680, 477

### Sunday Services

8:00am-Parish Center

Liturgy 151

Hymns: 478, 474 (st. 1, 2, 3, 5), 477

Primary Choir and

Junior High Ensemble:

*Go Into The World*

10:30am-Parish Center

Liturgy 151

Hymns: 478, 474 (st. 1, 2, 3, 5), 477

Adult Choir:

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is (709)*

### Scriptures for Today

1st Reading:	Acts 8:26-40	(p. 917)
Psalm:	Ps.150	(p. 526)
Epistle:	1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)	(p. 1023)
Gospel	John 15:1-8	(p. 901)

## Those Serving This Week

### Communion Assistants

Saturday

Ted Haberman

Sunday

Non-Communion Service

### Ushers

Saturday

Wayne Harshaw, Phil McFadden,  
Rick Nance

Sunday 8am

Al Casolari, Kevin Cranford, Lynn Friday,  
Bill Miller, and Barry Nass

Sunday 10:30am

Paul Hartman, Alan Krofchick,  
Cliff Krueger, Chris Nickols,  
Adam Strong

### Musicians

Saturday

Lisa Krueger

Sunday

Laura Fliege

### Altar Committee

Saturday

Sonya Cohn, Donna Harshaw

Sunday

Non-Communion Sunday



## A Warm Welcome to our Visitors and Members!

- We would like to know who our visitors are, so either before or after the service, please sign the Visitor Register in the Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary.
- Personal Assistive Listening Devices for persons with hearing problems are available from an usher.
- The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Trinity, moved by God's love, to support this ministry. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you.
- If at any time during the service it becomes difficult for you to stand, by all means take a seat, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and He understands our weaknesses and frailties, too. God bless you!



## Our Practice in Participating in the Lord's Supper

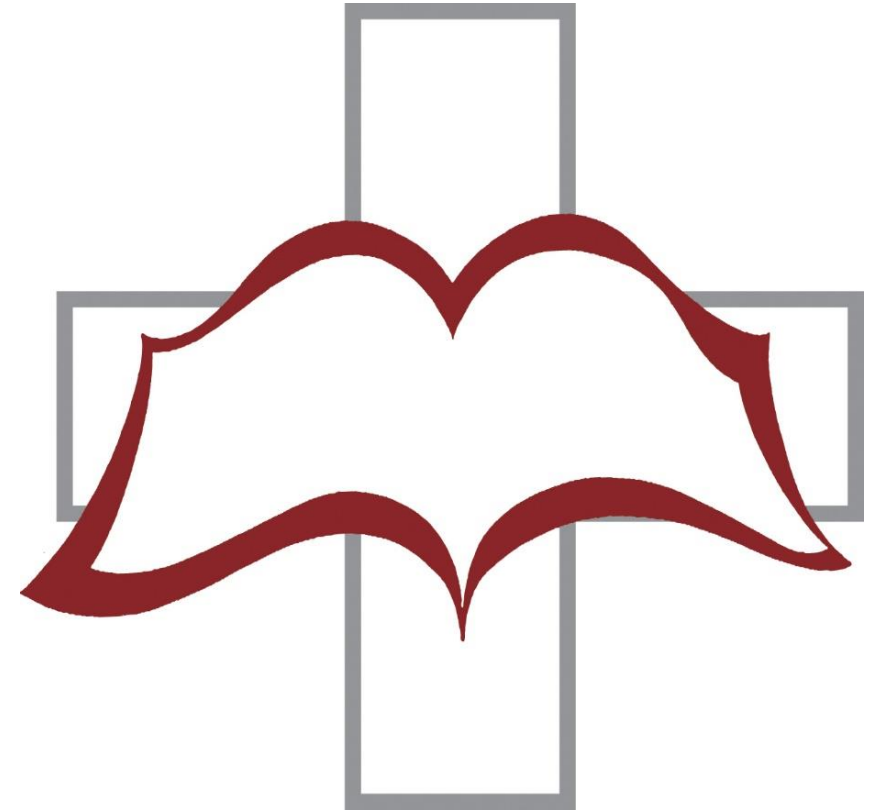
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through this blessing, we are also strengthened to live in faithfulness to Christ, lead more Godly lives and have a deeper love for one another. Those communing are publicly professing that they believe these things to be true and are also giving witness that they are in agreement with the teaching of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

St. Paul tells us that those who take Communion without proper instruction take it to their great harm (I Corinthians 11:29). We don't want that for anyone; therefore, we ask that anyone holding a different Christian confession or belief about the Lord's Supper refrain from Communion. If you are not Communing with us today, we encourage you to come forward with those in your aisle to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your presence by crossing your hands on the rail (or in front of your body for Saturday night worshipers). If you have questions about our Communion policy or our beliefs please feel free to speak to one of the pastors after the service or indicate on an attendance card that you would like to be contacted. May God bless us all as we worship Him in His house today!

\*Upon request, we offer a gluten free communion wafer. Please ask an usher for assistance.

*Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. The Truth is...God gives us talents and abilities as individuals that we are to use to serve one another.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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