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This Week at Trinity

Worship Assistants for Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist
Chalice Bearers: Donna Griffin, Patricia Henshall
Lector: Mary Donovan
Intercessor: David Marker
Usher: Brian Christiansen

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist
Chalice Bearers: Sara Woods, Ryan Zavacky
Lectors: Austin Turney, Karen Keim
Intercessor: Carol Hatton
Ushers: Steve King, Vera King, Glenn Davis, John Bullock
Verger: Brian Haupt
Acolytes: Caroline Schmidt, Claire Schmidt, Liam Nutt, Ari Myers-Arenth

6:00 p.m. - Rite I, Solemn High Mass
Chalice Bearers: Carl Edwards, Bianca Elliott
Lector: Nathan Roser
Greeter and Usher: Dave Eddington

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

The complete lectionary readings for Sunday, April 23, can be found at www.lectionarypage.net.

Hymns

Opening: #203, "O sons and daughters, let us sing" (*O filii et filiae*)
Sequence: #209, "We walk by faith, and not by sight" (*St. Botolph*)
Communion: #318, "Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face" (*Nyack*)
Closing: #205, "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!" (*Gelobt sei Gott*)
Hymns can be accessed at www.oremus.org/hymnal.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

April 23 Brown Bag Sermon

Kick off the Easter season by bringing your questions to Father Rob to answer during the sermon on Sunday, April 23 at all three services. Are you wrestling with something this Easter? Is there a question you have always wanted to ask a priest? This Sunday is a chance to have your questions asked and answered.

Announcements

Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, May 7, all college, postgraduate, and high-school graduates will be celebrated with prayers and gifts at the 10:30 a.m. service. Are you graduating this spring? Do you know someone who is? Please contact Father Rob (rb@trinitylawrence.org) or Mother Susan (st@trinitylawrence.org).

Baby Shower for the Willow Domestic Violence Center

On Sunday, May 7, Trinity will have its annual Willow Baby Shower. All donations will be blessed at the 10:30 a.m. service, and a baby shower/reception will follow in the parish hall, during coffee hour.

The Willow Domestic Violence Center gives care and shelter to hundreds of women and children each year. The Willow volunteer coordinator has provided a list of needed items: baby wash and lotion; nighttime/bedtime baby wash and lotion; wipes; diaper rash cream/ointment; baby sunscreen; size 6 diapers; sizes 2T/3T and 3T/4T pull-ups; size 6 diapers; infants'/kids' tummy medicine (gas relief, children's antacid, etc); Pedialyte; kids' allergy medicine.

This year, they do not need: diapers in other sizes; newborn/children's aspirin and fever meds; pacifiers; utensils/plates/bottles; bibs; blankets; teething; breast pumps; clothes; toys/stuffed animals; Little Swimmers.

Please place donations in the Willow tub in the parish hall, or you can bring them to the parish office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, contact Mother Susan (st@trinitylawrence.org).

The women and children at Willow will be grateful for the love reflected

in the gifts you give. Thank you for your generosity and care during this critical time in their lives.

An invitation to Women's Questioning Groups

Two groups of women are continuing to read and discuss the book [In Search of Belief](#) by Joan Chittister, her personal reflections on the meaning of the Apostles' Creed. There is no preparation involved; we just read aloud and discuss any thoughts or questions that are raised by the text. Because of this format, it is entirely possible to join in as we finish this book and discuss the next one we want to read. We welcome new members. One group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., and the other group meets the second and fourth Thursday at 1:30 p.m. For details, please contact Tudy Youngberg (tudy@sunflower.com; 785-218-2283) or Elaine Penny (785-760-1026).

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Parade and Celebration

On Saturday, April 22, Trinity will continue its tradition of marching in Lawrence's annual Earth Day parade. Gather with the Trinity Environmental Stewardship (TEST) group at 10:30 a.m. at Watson Park (7th & Kentucky); the parade starts at 11 a.m., proceeding east on 7th Street, then south on Massachusetts to South Park. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, and dress appropriately for the weather. Bring your friends, relatives, and even complete strangers! We need people to carry the posters you helped make at church on April 2, plus three two-person banners: the "Trinity Church" banner; the "Earth's Helping Hands" banner created at our booth last Earth Day; and a new "All Things in Life Are Connected" banner, to be completed at our booth in South Park on Saturday. Come to the TEST/Trinity booth (#45), 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and help design the new banner.

K2K BENEFIT DINNER

WHEN

April 22, 2017
Cocktails - 6:30pm
Dinner - 7:30pm

WHERE

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Taize Worship Service

On Sunday, April 30, a "Healing for Creation" Taize service will be held at 6 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church (1501 Massachusetts). With its prayers for all of God's creation, this service complements local Earth Day celebrations. This is the last Taize service for the 2016-2017 Taize season; services resume in September. If you have questions about Taize or would like to be on the Taize email reminder list, please contact Judith Galas, (judithgalas@gmail.com).

Words of Inspiration

From the Desk of Father Rob



Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'" (John 20:17).

In the passage from last Sunday's Gospel reading, Mary has gone back to the tomb, having seen it empty and told the disciples (most of whom didn't believe her), and on her second trip in the Gospel of John, encounters first angels and then Jesus. The first imperative words to any human being by the resurrected Christ are, notably enough, a prohibition: do not hold on to me.

These words seem harsh, even cold, and one might wonder why. Certainly Jesus had no problems being touched after the resurrection -- he encourages Thomas to do so later. I suspect, from a broader sense, that Jesus recognizes that Mary's understanding of events might just stop there: her friend and teacher who once was dead is now alive, and cling to that fact alone. In the process, Mary could miss that this isn't merely a pretty impressive miracle akin to what happened to her brother Lazarus, but the fulfillment of the grand plan of God for humanity set in place for countless centuries, even millennia: the salvation of the world, the destruction of death, and the creation of the Church.

We too might succumb to the same temptation: to get to Easter, proclaim "Christ has risen!" and then stop. Certainly church attendance falls off in the weeks to come, and I wonder if people think that they know what they need to know, and just cling to that. But we have to let Christ continue his work: to appear to others, to glorify God, and to establish the Church. This is the extant theme of the Easter season -- to move past the risen Jesus to the fully realized resurrected Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Rob+

Stewardship Message: Joyful Tithers, Part Three

Did you know that the General Convention of the Episcopal Church has advocated and encouraged the practice of tithing for over forty years? The first time the General Convention talked about the tithe was in 1976, when a resolution was passed defining proportional giving and recognizing the tithe of 10% as the "minimum standard of giving" for Episcopalians. In 1982 the General Convention passed a resolution that affirmed this, and at every General Convention since then, there has been at least one resolution passed about the tithe or some other aspect of stewardship. At the 2009 General Convention, the resolution was introduced by Ted Mollegen, deputy from the Diocese of Connecticut, with the following remarks, which were published in [Networking](#), the newsletter of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS):

"When I had my first really serious encounter with the tithe, I nearly panicked.

"Mentally I went through the classic resistance ideas like -- Is it before tax or after tax? Does it include the part of my income taxes that goes to help the needy? Does it include gifts to the United Way? And so on. Then I got a piece of paper and started making a list of things we could do without, but quickly I saw that my list consisted mostly of things that my wife and the kids could do without -- and that wasn't right.

"I mentally searched for a way to do tithing painlessly. To my surprise, I found a way. Each year at raise time, I would take part of my raise and give it to God.

"When I said to myself, 'I can do this -- I will do this,' the strangest thing happened. I didn't feel poorer, I felt richer. That doesn't work numerically, but it sure works spiritually. In my mind's eye, I suddenly could see a little bag of money, and now I had to figure out how best to use it for God's purposes. What a glorious feeling!

"The decision to tithe has enriched my life ever since."

Ted was right about the decision to tithe. The results are priceless.

--- Ann Elizabeth Bishop

News From Nepal

(Karin Feltman is a member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Lawrence, KS, who is currently living in Nepal as a full-time missionary, fighting human trafficking.)

Happy Easter, everyone!

It has been an eventful week here in Nepal. Please keep us and our current religious/political situation in your prayers. We have elections looming, and that always seems to stir the pot in terms of politics and

religion -- and this time has been no exception. There has been a mounting hostility against Christians and foreigners (Christians in particular, not necessarily tourists) in the past year, and it culminated this week in [a bombing at the Catholic church](#) one block from my house, and in a separate incident where [the leader of the Nepali Federation of Christian Churches was shot](#). The bomb at the Catholic church was placed in the priest's vehicle in the parking space below his living quarters. The blast and fire destroyed his truck, two motorcycles, and his apartment -- but he was not physically injured. The leader who was shot is also in stable condition and expected to recover.

These are jarring realities in stark contrast to the joy of Easter -- but I guess I can take comfort from the Scriptures that assure us that we don't need to be afraid of men, who can only hurt our bodies ... because we have been crucified and buried along with Christ, and are now alive in Him through his resurrection. What can man do to us that we need to be afraid of, when we have eternal life with Jesus?

TEST Tidbits: Earth Day 2017

Saturday, April 22, is Earth Day, and everywhere there will be ways for the public to participate in parades and family events. Lawrence's Earth Day will begin with a parade down Mass Street at 11 a.m., followed by booths of family-friendly activities and information all day in South Park. Your Trinity Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST) is proud to be representing our church to our greater community.

The day is a reminder that caring for the earth is everyone's job and that being an earth steward means that we take this to heart, reducing our "need to have" list, working hard in re-purposing and repairing items (purchasing items that can be repaired is key), and recycling everything possible, including garbage in compost bins.

There is a deeper level too. Our tagline says it very well: "Caring for the environment -- it's a Christian thing to do." We care for the environment because it is God's gift to us, and he has placed it into our hands.

Most all of us have all experienced awe and wonder at a shooting star on a clear, dark night, or visited the rolling hills of the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve. Perhaps, we have seen the prairie in the fall when the sky is bluer than blue and the Red Sumac bushes stand out against the white outcropping ridges, and the amber, gold, and green grasses rise and fall like an ocean wave in the wind -- no tree in sight. Or perhaps we have lifted a rock to observe a diverse community of creatures living underneath.

We can all thank God for creating such beauty for us to enjoy. When we add some science to this mix, we can wonder at the entirety of the universe in which we live, and we can better understand the thousands of ways our lives are connected to our local grassland wonder how that community under our rock may hold the next cure for disease as well as informing us that its health and our health are one and the same.

We are not separate from creation but are related to this living world, and all are interdependent.

Science helps us to go from awe to a deeper understanding and praise for the complexity of nature. Theology and science can work together, hand in hand, to make us better earth stewards.

It seems like a paradox that living in a time of great scientific strides, science itself is under-appreciated. There are endless theories as to why this is happening. One theory is that there has not been enough dialogue between scientists and policymakers. There is also the age-old problem of the long view vs. the short view, for example: job creation vs. environmental concerns. Science (with a long view) can reframe the problem so that it becomes, What can be done to create jobs that will be better for all those living in a particular environment instead of pitting one solution against the other?

There are no easy answers, but denying scientific input is not a way to creatively solve problems. The promotion of science will be the theme of many cities' Earth Day celebrations and for a large march in Washington D.C. Scientists and science advocates are concerned about proposed budget cuts to titans for scientific research such as NOAA and NASA (especially NASA's research on climate change) and the huge cuts to the EPA that has a mission to protect the citizens of this nation from unsafe chemicals, pollution, and toxins to keep us and the planet healthy.

The new budget will be under discussion in Congress soon. If you are concerned about the denial of science -- especially about climate change, please call and write your senators and representatives and tell them about your concerns.

We hope to see everyone at Earth Day in Lawrence's South Park, on Saturday, April 22. TEST will be participating to show our community that our loving God has created a beautiful home for us, and that we must learn all we can about how it works and resolve to protect it as a sacred trust.

If you want to know more about how the Episcopal Church views science and theology, please read [The Catechism of Creation \(episcopalscience.org\)](#).

"Caring for the environment -- it's a Christian thing to do!"

Ministry Opportunities

Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day for May through July is here. This edition emphasizes the Holy Spirit and courage and strength the Spirit will give us in our lives. The Spirit brings creative ways to express love in our lives and the lives of those around us. One phrase is "More Love, Less Hustle." Another emphasis is on thankfulness, especially for what we can do for others

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry

The Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry (TIFP) was open eight days in March 2017 and served 212 families (175 children, 372 adults), 251 senior adults, and 23 new patrons requesting food assistance. The total expense in March for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$1,128.55; and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$4,189.12. TIFP is grateful for all donations of money and food to provide food assistance to many people in Douglas County. This month, TIFP will be one of several food pantries to receive donations from the annual Boy Scout Food Drive on April 8. Also, this month the Harvesters Mobile Food Distribution will take place on Saturday, April 22, at First Baptist Church (1330 Kasold).

GIFT Cards: A Good Deal

Grocery Income for Trinity (GIFT) cards for all the Lawrence grocery stores are always available for sale in the parish hall between church services. A GIFT card you buy at church is treated like cash at the store: a \$50 card buys \$50 worth of groceries. And it results in a contribution to the church, because these grocers have agreed to give back to Trinity between 4% and 6% of the total amount that you spend with that store's GIFT card. It is an easy way to contribute to Trinity.

Prayer Chain

To add a person's name to the prayer list or to become a prayer chain member, please contact the parish office (prayers@trinitylawrence.org; 785-843-6166) or Carol Hatton, Prayer Chain coordinator (caroldonhatton@gmail.com).

The Prayer Chain prays daily for those who are ill, suffering, troubled, have died, or wish to offer praise and thanksgivings. Prayer Chain members find that their own private prayer life with God also deepens during this daily practice.

Pray for those who are ill:

Vashti, Diana, Mike, Brian, Glen, Audrey, Pete, Tara, Mrs. McDermott and family, Stephanie, Brandy, Melody

Prayer for those with special intentions:

Donna, Matt, Kay, Glenn, Tom, Kip and Ashley, Ray, Dianne and Bonnie, Matthew and Allison, Patti

Pray for those in the hospital:

Steve, George, Ginny, Terry, Mabel, Gavin, Kari, Jack, Linda, Ellen, Richard, Barbara, Teri, Alex

Pray for those who are departed:

Sharon Silversmith, Jim Erland, Rose Greaves, John Casson, Glenn, Clyde, Dave, Lucille

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Sunday, April 23

Brown Bag Sermon

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m., Adult Forum

10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m., Sunday School

11:30 a.m., Coffee Hour

6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Solemn High Mass

Monday, April 24

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park

9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer, Chapel

6:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting

7:00 p.m. TEST Meeting, Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 25

2:00 p.m., Food Pantry

6:30 p.m. Canterbury House

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park

6:00 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner

Thursday, April 27

10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures

7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 28

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park
2:00 p.m., Howell/Brewer Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 29

10:00 a.m., Organ Practice
10:00 a.m., Food Pantry
1:00 p.m., Howell/Brewer Wedding

Newsletter Information

The deadline for placing items in this newsletter is every Wednesday at 12 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to start receiving this newsletter each week, please contact Sheryl Poole (sp@trinitylawrence.org).

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