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This Week at Trinity

Worship Assistants for Sunday, July 23, 2017

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist

Chalice Bearer: Margaret Bearse

Lector: Diana Dyal

Intercessor: John Bullock

Usher: Doug Flessing

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

Chalice Bearers: Janine Cox, Glenna Kleinkauf

Lectors: Barbara Cook, Dru Sampson, Sandra Wiechert

Ushers: David Severance, Vashti Winterburg, Dave Griffin, Gail Griffin

Vergers: David Severance

Acolytes: Alex Baldwin, Ellie Seybold, JJ Siquah, Lauren Seybold

Readings

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Hymns

Opening: #365, "Come, thou almighty King" (*Moscow*)

Sequence: #302, "Father, we thank thee who hast planted" (*Rendez à Dieu*)

Communion: #337 (v.1-2), "And now, O Father, mindful of the love" (*Unde et memores*)

Closing: #392, "Come, we that love the Lord" (*Vineyard Haven*)

Hymns can be accessed at hymnary.org.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Altar Flowers

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

Words of Inspiration

From the Desk of Father Rob



It is obvious in the New Testament that the early Church began to struggle with theological issues from the very start. Beyond questions about how to live as a Christian, questions about Christ's own identity, the existence of the Holy Spirit, and the very nature of the Trinity arose.

Out of centuries of debate and conflict, the Church composed several creeds, statements of belief that could form the foundation of Christian understanding of the Trinitarian God. Two of these -- the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed -- are used regularly in our worship. Like a picnic basket that is opened and its contents explored, these two creeds deserve to be carefully unpacked and enjoyed.

At our Adult Forum we will be doing just that: examining these two creeds in detail and discovering what they entail. The Adult Forum meets every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Jackson Kemper Room (the large room downstairs in the parish hall). Everyone is invited to attend.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Rob+

Stewardship Message: Changed Lives

I want to tell you something from observation. I have never met anyone who tithed who did not tend to be happy about the fact that he did. He was not just happy about tithing ... but about a lot of other things.

I've never met anybody who tithed very long, who gave it up.

I have never met anyone who tithed who did not say at some time it has been extremely difficult.

Generous people seem to be the happy ones. Miserly people seem to be the unhappy ones. The critical spirit is with those who are not giving people. Just look around you and you can tell.

--- [Stewardship Nuggets](#) (compiled by Herb Miller)

TEST Tidbits: Albedo Effect

Scientists have developed a way to rate the amount of solar energy that is either absorbed or reflected from any surface. Values on the albedo ratio go from zero to one. A surface with a zero is a dark one that absorbs 100% of

the sun's energy; while a value of one is an incredibly bright surface that reflects 100% of the sun's energy back into space. For example a black T-shirt with an albedo of 0.1 is 10% reflective and 90% absorbent. How does this reflecting or absorbing value help us in understanding our changing climate?

We know that the earth has two poles, the North Pole and the South Pole. The South Pole is located on the continent of Antarctica. The average temperature is a minus 76 degrees F. Even on a summer day, the average temperature is about a minus 22 degrees F. It is also has a very dry climate and is considered a desert. It stays cold and encounters little melting.

In contrast, the North Pole is not on land, but over an ocean. The North Pole also receives warmer air from Russia and Canada. The average January temperature on the North Pole is somewhere between minus 40 degrees F and plus 32 degrees F. In the summer, the average temperature is a plus 14 degrees F to a balmy plus 50 degrees F. The frequent snows freeze and form ice in the winter. In the summer, the snow melts, causing pools of darker water that absorb more heat from the sun. Open ocean water has an albedo rating of .0.6, which means that 94% of the heat energy from the sun is absorbed. Thus, when the pools crack the ice and expose the even darker ocean, more heat is absorbed.

At the same time, air pollution dusts the snow with gray or black soot that will absorb more heat. As the heat is absorbed, the ice melts faster.

Due to ever-increasing greenhouse gasses being released into the atmosphere (burning of fossil fuels being the primary cause), the climate is warming. Of course, warming up the climate means that spring comes earlier and the onset of winter is pushed further back. More melting is the result.

A paper by researchers from the University of Exeter claims that they have discovered that as global temperatures rise, the blanket of greenhouse gases covering the earth is concentrated, causing even more warming. Thus the overall temperature rise seems to be speeding up. In effect, they believe that global warming is causing more global warming.

We do know that the sea ice is melting and that the level of the oceans is also rising. It is not a speedy effect, but it seems to be relentless in growing and getting into a cycle that feeds upon itself. Coastlines are even now being affected. (Loss of land and huge future expenses in infrastructure will be needed as time goes on.) In the meantime, as ice melts, darker water is able to absorb more heat.

Our coral reefs are dying because of increased temperatures, and fish numbers are affected. The process is causing climate scientists to raise alarm bells.

The takeaway is the usual plea for us to become good Earth Stewards ourselves, to educate others about the causes and effects of climate change (especially our elected officials), and to advocate for the health of the planet and for our own health.

Information for this article was from [Popular Science Magazine \(6 April 2017\)](#), www.beyondpenguins.ehe.osu.edu, and www.windows2universe.org.

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

Ministry Opportunities

Join Trinity Treasures

Trinity Treasures invites anyone who is interested in crafts and needle arts to come join us at our weekly meetings Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon in the parish hall, where we create items to sell at our annual sale in conjunction with the Ploughman's Lunch in November. The profits from this sale are distributed to various worthy causes throughout Douglas County. Sometimes we work on our own projects, sometimes we have something we work on as a group, but mostly we just enjoy each other's company. Not that crafty? Come anyway -- we'd love to get to know you better, and we can probably find something for you to do!

Wish List from Willow Domestic Violence Shelter

If you can help with any of the following items, please contact Mother

Susan Terry (st@episcopalchurch.org; 785-843-6166).



LINK Service

Trinity, working with St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, served 95 people 118 meals on July 18. And we had fun! This is a great fellowship opportunity as well as a chance to serve others. The next service date will be Tuesday, September 19.

Forward Day by Day

[Forward Day by Day](#) for August through October is here. The author for August is Scott Claassen, a priest who, for one year, minimized his carbon footprint and bicycled 11,500 miles engaging people in discussion about climate change and care for God and neighbor. In September the author is Sophronia Scott, a writer and teacher of creative writing who is a member of Austin Turney's former church in Newtown, CT. In October the author is Eileen O'Brien, who is campus missionary for the University of Houston. For those who prefer a large-print version of Forward, they are on the desk in the parish library

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry

The food pantry was open eight days in June 2017 and served 271 families (271 children, 461 adults, 38 senior adults) requesting food assistance. Each bag of food given to a family has a retail value of \$19.76. In June, the total expense for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$2,823.17, and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$5,354.96. TIFP is grateful for all donations of money and food to provide assistance to many people in Douglas County. This month's Harvesters Mobile Food Distribution is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 1 p.m. 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, Father George Klasinski, Arnold, Emily, Julia, Mari

Prayer for those with special intentions:

Roy, Krin and her mother, Dennis, Deborah, Kathleen, Donna, Katherine, for all those traveling, Joe, Emily, Patti, Edith, Chris, Abby

Pray for those in the hospital:
Larry, Glen, Kim, JoAnn, Jim, Bill, Barbara, Sheryl, Bill

Pray for those who are departed:
Peg Low, Sheldon and Virginia Cohen, Bobby

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Sunday, July 23

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

Monday, July 24

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level
9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m., TEST Meeting

Tuesday, July 25

2:00 p.m., Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 26

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level
6:30 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner
7:30 p.m., Christian Classics

Thursday, July 27

10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures

Friday, July 28

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Kansas Union parking garage, top level

Saturday, July 29

10:00 a.m., Food Pantry
10:00 a.m., Organ Practice

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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