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Our Worship Today - Sunday, the 8th of April, 2018

Liturgy -- Divine Service 1 with Communion -- LSB page 151

The Message: "God's Proof"

is based on the Epistle reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The First Reading is **Acts 4:32-35**. Luke explains how some of the early Christians responded to hearing the Gospel. The apostles shared the good news and they gave everything to ensure that everyone was cared for. They displayed the love of Christ in word and deed. The Second Reading is **1 John 1:1-2:2**. John shares what it means to be a follower of Christ and to have the life of Christ in you. Those who claim to follow Christ and yet will not leave their past way of sinful living are lying to themselves about their salvation. God wants to forgive us and wants to wipe away all of our sins. Only by coming to him and acknowledging those sins are we given the life of Christ. The Gospel reading is **John 20:19-31**. The disciples believe the end has come. They lock themselves in a room and hope the Jewish leadership will forget about them now that Christ is dead. Christ appears to them and demonstrates that He had risen just as He said. Thomas was not there for Christ's appearance and doesn't believe what the other disciples say. He demands proof that Christ is alive. Christ appears again to the disciples and proves to them all that He is Lord of creation and triumphant over death.

Opening Hymn 459 Christ is arisen
Sermon Hymn 606 I lay my sins on Jesus
Distribution Hymn 470 O sons and daughters of the King
Closing Hymn 464 The strife is o'er, the battle done

The Lord's Supper: Scripture teaches us that the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper are truly Christ's Body and Blood given to us for the forgiveness of sins. It also teaches us that those who come together to share the Lord's Supper are joining in a common confession in Christ. As such, members of the LCMS who have been instructed on the Lord's Supper and who humbly seek His grace and mercy are invited to come and receive Holy Communion. Visitors to Trinity are asked to speak to the pastor prior to the service.

Week at a Glance

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Hope in the City / Tutoring

Announcements:

Dramatic Presentation of the Gospel of Mark will be this Saturday April 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., performed on the stage in the gymnasium at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Madisonville. For decades, scholars have increasingly placed The Gospel of Mark in an oral context, believing it to be a written document intended to be read aloud to an audience. Concordia Seminary's dramatic presentation of The Gospel of Mark is not simply a recitation of the text, nor is it a play based upon it. Instead, you will hear the text of Mark come alive as never before in an interpretation of the way in which it might have impacted those who first received it. Unlike the standard assessments of Mark's Gospel that understand it as the earliest, simplest and least sophisticated of the four Gospels, this presentation proceeds with the understanding that the Gospel of Mark is not only a later document, but that it provides a complex and sophisticated account of the life of Jesus, designed for rhetorical impact. The cast includes Concordia Seminary's faculty and pastors who will enthrall you with Mark's words, his images and his message of the rule and reign of God. Tickets are free and you can obtain them by computer at <https://gospel-of-mark-cincinnati.eventbrite.com>, or call Linda Schuster at 513-221-3187 and leave your name and phone number on the answering machine. As soon as she is able to, Linda will contact you with order information. See Pastor if interested in going.

Puzzle Day is this Saturday, April 14th at the Autism Services building of the Children's Home. Registration is now open for puzzle teams and spectators. Teams of 4 adults, teens, or family members compete to see who can complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest. Space is limited, so register today! Find the link on our website.

Last Week's Offering 04/01/18: Plate \$0, Envelopes \$0, Easter Flowers \$0, Mid-Week Services \$0, Total \$0, Needed \$2,767.

KEEP IN PRAYERS: All who are ill, infirm, shut in and all who are undergoing tests and treatments. May they experience God's continual care.

Tammy Smith	Verma Seim	Nolen Cosby
Godfrey Reiter	Lyn Stalford (Misty's Aunt)	Frieda Potzner
Irmgard Milkuhn	Penny Geist	Horst Scheffler
Frank Gehring	Lisa Davis	Rose Neumeister
	Joe Klevenger	Marilyn Reinking