

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 15, 2018

**Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!**

Prelude  
Announcements  
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal  
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal  
The Ten Commandments

**Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!**

Opening Hymn....."All Creatures of Our God and King".....#64  
Liturgical Reading....."Christian Conduct".....#685  
Hymn Response....."In the Name of the Lord".....#90  
Prayer of the Day .....Bulletin  
Passing of the Peace

**Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Scripture Readings  
Special Music  
The Gospel. ....Luke 24:36b-48  
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"  
The Sermon: .....Pastor Nate

**Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Offering Hymn:....."Nearer, My God, to Thee".....#393  
Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620  
Apostles' Creed .....Inside cover of hymnal  
The Lord's Prayer  
Closing Hymn....."Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".....#354  
Benediction

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: April 15<sup>th</sup> thru April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Today:	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Schedule
	9:00 a.m.	Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Romsdal
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m.	Worship at Romsdal
Wed:	1:30 p.m.	Trinity Women meet at JoAnn Lappegard's
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	7:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle meets at Lands
	7:30 p.m.	Trinity/Romsdal Choir at Trinity
Thurs:	2:00 p.m.	Mary Circle meets at Lands
Sat:	10:30 a.m.	Bridal Shower at Trinity
Sun:	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Worship Schedule
	9:00 a.m.	Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Trinity
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m.	Worship at Trinity

A Bridal Shower honoring Cayce Johnson will be held at Trinity this coming Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Next Sunday prior to Worship at Trinity, young musicians will be sharing their talents for the Prelude music. Please come early so that you can hear them play.

On April 29<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. Parish Worship Service at Lands featuring Teen Challenge, there will be a pot-luck noon dinner. Last names starting with: **A-H** bring a salad, **I-S** bring a hotdish, **T-Z** bring a dessert. Bread & Drink will be provided.

Attention Lands Ladies: Please make reservations with Ella Grimsrud for the May 5<sup>th</sup> Girlfriend Salad Luncheon, beginning at 11:30. The cost is five dollars, to be paid at the door. No cost for children under age 5. See you there!

**Today's Readings**

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**Prayer of the Day**

Save me, O God, by Your name; vindicate me by Your might. Hear my prayer, and listen to the words of my mouth. Surely You are my help, and the One who sustains me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

(Psalm 54:1-2,4)

**First Reading: Acts 8:3-25**

**3** But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. **4** Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. **5** Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. **6** When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. **7** For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. **8** So there was great joy in that city. **9** Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, **10** and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." **11** They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. **12** But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. **13** Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

**14** When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. **15** When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, **16** because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. **18** When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money **19** and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." **20** Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! **21** You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. **22** Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. **23** For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin." **24** Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." **25** After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

**3** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. **4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. **7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48**

**36b** Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **37** They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. **38** He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." **40** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. **41** And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate it in their presence. **44** He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." **45** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things."

Next week's texts:

Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 3:8-15  
John 10:11-18



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