



MARK TIMES

May 27, 2018 + The Holy Trinity



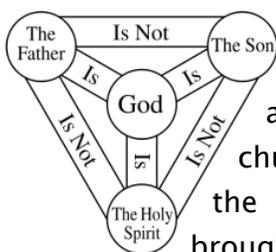
From Your Pastor...

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Since it's been three years, it's time to follow through on my half-hearted promises/threats to have us recite the **Athanasian Creed** during the liturgy (the celebrating you hear is from Tom P., who always looks forward to it!).



This Creed had the name of the famous bishop & theologian Athanasius of Alexander attached to it in the 6th century, although it is now widely accepted that Athanasius was not actually the author.

It was written to reinforce the teachings of the Council of Nicaea, which affirmed that the persons of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) were equal and uncreated. This was in response to the heresy of Arianism which declared that Jesus was subordinate to the Father.



The Athanasian Creed has always been accepted as authoritative by Lutheran churches, and the one time of the year it was traditionally brought out was Trinity Sunday,

because more than half of the document is dedicated to addressing the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

The text of the three creeds can be conveniently found here: http://www.lolbaxter.org/cms/files/ELCA_Creeds.pdf



Pastor Brian

Photos for the Directory



TODAY, SUNDAY, May 27 is the last day to get your photo taken for the new church directory. Charlie D. will be taking the photos in the far back corner of the **Parish Hall**. Come downstairs for a couple of minutes so we can keep our directory up to date, especially for all of the new folks we've had coming to St. Mark!

Children's Chapel



Beginning **NEXT Sunday** & continuing through the summer, **children ages 10 years old and younger** will be invited to their own **liturgy** in the **chapel** immediately following the Gospel reading. They will rejoin the adults during the Sharing of Peace.

Our Children's Chapel worship leaders (Melanie R. & others) will lead the children through the same parts of the service that the adults will be doing, only done at the children's level to help them engage more actively. They will participate in **songs, prayers, a children's Creed** and a **simple lesson from the day's Scripture readings**.

Parents are welcome to attend too!



New Member Classes & Welcome

Pastor Brian will lead **classes for new members/inquirers** on **Sunday, June 3 and June 10** during the Education Hour. The classes are intended as an introduction/reminder about key aspects of Lutheranism and an introduction to St. Mark. **Newer and older members are welcome to attend!**

We will hold a long-overdue **Welcome of New Members rite** on **Sunday, June 24** for those who have joined our congregation over the past year or so.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 5/28		Office Closed – Memorial Day
Friday		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	6:00PM	Shine Worship – Chapel
Sunday, 6/3	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	New Member class

Offerings for May 20, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	74
General Fund Donations	\$3,955
Coffee Fund	\$31
C. Guenther Mem. Parking Lot	\$240
C. Guenther Mem. Choirs	\$30
Charles Guenther Memorials	\$50
David Newton Memorials	\$25

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
4/29–5/5	\$2,572	\$10,134.60	-\$7,562.60
5/6–5/12	\$4,928	\$122.08	\$4,805.92
5/13–5/19	\$2,219	\$3,582.38	-\$1,363.38
5/20–5/26	\$3,955	\$3,397.54	\$557.46
YTD	\$62,339.44	\$67,501.90	-\$5,162.46

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

THANKS to everyone who donated food and who helped in so many ways to make this year's Food Drive so successful for our food pantry. Special thanks to Keith Kniepkamp for his leadership & coordination!

**Blood Pressure Checks**

Our Faith Community Nurse, **June Benedick**, will do blood pressure checks during the coffee hour **TODAY, May 27**. June is also in the church office from **9:00AM to 11:45AM** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

**LOOKING AHEAD****Sunday, June 3, 2018****LESSONS:**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

WORSHIP SERVERS**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison**Assisting Minister:** Greg M.**Acolyte:** Braden V.**Crucifer:** Frank D.**Chalice Bearer:** Braden V.**Lector:** Andrea M.**Ushers:** Rick Crosby & Nancy Guenther**For the Food Pantry**

Our May spotlight for the food pantry is personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, female hygiene, etc). Drop donations in the church Welcome Area or in the office during the day.

**Musicians Needed**

Starting next week, the choirs are on hiatus for the summer. We would love to have **guest musicians share your talents** during the offering. To sign up, please see Jill Thompson.

**Summer Sack Lunch Program**

We will meet at Turkey Hill Grange on **Mondays at 9AM** starting on **June 4** to pack lunches. **Rice krispie treats makers** are needed. See Peggy A. for info.

**Assembly Voting Members**

We are still looking for one adult male and female willing to serve as voting members to the **Central/Southern Illinois Synod assembly in Champaign** on **June 7–9**. Registration & banquet are paid for by the church; hotel is on your own. Let Pr. Brian know ASAP if you are interested.

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