

Sunday April 7 through Sunday April 14

- Pastor Robert speaks to us today about loving the Lord by faith alone.
- Parsonage Study Group will be meeting on Monday evening at 6:30.
- The NOW Team will be meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday evening.
- Wednesday evening at 6 the Bible Study group will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Choir will be meeting at 7 Wednesday evening.
- Thursday afternoon at 3 pm, please come help stuff Easter Eggs in the Fellowship Hall.
- Next Sunday morning, the choir will perform *Praise to the Lamb*.
- The Easter Egg hunt will begin at 2 pm after the Easter Cantata.
- The Administrative Board will meet next Sunday evening at 7 pm.



This WEEK at Trinity

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Sunday April 7

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
5:00 pm—UMYF

Monday April 8

6:30 pm—Parsonage Study Group
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesday April 9

11:00 am—Ugly Mug Study Group
7:00 pm—NOW Team Meeting

Wednesday April 10

6:00 pm—Bible Study
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday April 11

3:00 pm—Stuffing of the Easter Eggs

Friday April 12

9:00 am—MEOC

Saturday April 13

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday April 14

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
EASTER CANTATA
2:00 pm—Easter Egg Hunt
5:00 pm—UMYF
7:00 pm—Administrative Board Meeting

The Work of the People

Every week we come to worship. We open our bulletin. Herein we discover our order of service. We call the order in which we worship God liturgy. The word liturgy means "the work of the people."

We ask, "What must I do to enter the Kingdom of God?" Others ask, "What is God's will for my life?" Liturgy teaches us the way to enter the Kingdom of God. Liturgy leads us on a journey that teaches us the way to enter God's presence. The way leads us to encounter the truth of God's love as revealed through Jesus Christ. Our hearts, souls, and minds break forth as a living sacrifice of praise once we learn the way and discover the truth .

Friends, we are created in God's image. God wills us faith, hope, love, joy, and peace. When we leave things to our loved ones, we make a Will. The "Will" freely offers treasure to loved ones. How much more will God Will us if we who are evil bequeath treasured gifts?

The Apostle Paul spoke of God's will. Paul had a rich and privileged Hebrew Life. He had worked his way up to what we call a PhD in religion. Then Paul encountered Christ Jesus. He looked back across his many accomplishments. He reflected on his countless trophies and plaques of recognition for his achievements. Then he proclaimed that he counted all of it rubbish. The translators of the King James Bible call it "dung."

Paul discovers life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Indeed, he watches and waits for the Second Coming of Christ Jesus. He longs to depart his physical body to be fully present with the Lord. Yet, the way of faith gives him hope that presses him forward to attain the resurrection like that of Christ Jesus.

His faith in the power of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection "wills" him hope. Now, no one hopes for what may be seen. Hope presses Paul forward to live as if Christ is fully present. Because of this great Hope, he will say things like "Make my joy complete."

Those who lack ears to hear and eyes to see will insist that Paul is arrogant, controlled by his ego, or self-centered. No! Paul's joy comes from daily receiving the unconditional love of God. Like God, he longs for his neighbors to accept God's will. Paul's joy shall be made complete when everyone comes to faith in the Way of Christ Jesus. He hungers and thirsts for all peoples to proclaim the Truth of God's love. He desires that everyone come together as One Body with Christ Jesus as the Head!

Friends, our bulletin offers an order of worship. It teaches us the motions. It writes words on our heart and minds. The bulletin is like a compass and road map. It teaches survival skills for life in the wilderness. We live in the wilderness the Bible calls the World. Jesus taught us live in the world constantly praying , "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Those who receive God's "Will" enter the wilderness as Ambassadors to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

We are the Church! We are many members of One Body. Jesus Christ is the head, heart, and soul of our body. The Church is the bride of the King of Kings. We are His Kingdom. We are His bride. We bring the Kingdom of God near by being One in Christ.

Let us be the bride that submits to her husband! (Ephesians 5) Let us submit on to another! Submitting one to another shall never make a member of Christ body a slave. Submitting one to another makes us One as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are ONE! This is the work of the people of God! Our groom is coming! He is preparing a place for us. Yes, an eternal home in heaven! (John 14) Let us open our dowry chest! God has filled it with wedding clothes. Let us take off the clothing of sin, self-righteousness, physical sacrifices, and fear! Let us put on our Spiritual Wedding garments of faith, hope, and love. How awesome it is to live life in the joy of the Lord? Let us press on! We are running a race. We run through life as living sacrifices of praise! By this, they will know God's love!

One in Christ,

Robert