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CHRIST THE JUDGE

By Josh Nix, Minister of Youth & Young Adults

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The idea of what happens to me when I die is daunting for most of us. Maybe this consumes your thoughts, but maybe you just push it aside because it terrifies you to think about it. Now I'm going to ask you to think about it. What happens to you when you get to heaven and meet Jesus and he says, "How do you plead?" That question is incredibly daunting to me.

God has appointed Christ as the judge in our lives. We confess this in the Apostles' Creed, "He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead." Jesus confirms this in John chapter five when he says, "the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgement to the Son." So there it is, Christ is going to judge you. He confirms the worry we have: we will be judged.

This is comforting actually because now we know who's courtroom we're in. And because we know that, we can live our lives aimed at the moment when we stand before that judge, Jesus Christ and hopefully we hear the words, "not guilty." This is good because now every judge you have in your life, whether it be your father in sports, your spouse, your boss, your pastor. Whoever it may be, can take a back seat to the ultimate judge named Jesus. We live in a day and time where people say, "Only God can judge me" and guess what, you're right! And it is going to happen.

However, we miss the point of the kind of judge Jesus is. Ask any lawyer, every judge is different. Jesus says this about the kind of judge he is: "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged >>



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>> but has crossed over from death to life” (John 5:24). Let’s be real here, Jesus is a terrible judge. And this is what I mean by that: Jesus let’s guilty people go free all the time. Now Jesus is telling us something important here. Plead Jesus. Just plead Jesus. Don’t write up your own resume, don’t plead your case, don’t even plead the fifth, just plead Jesus. Plead everything he is in his life in place of your life and you will receive eternal life. Jesus sets up a really crazy courtroom. He’s not only the judge, but he’s your defense attorney too and as long as you plead him, you’ll go free.

This isn’t just a feel good piece about you. I challenge you to let the implications of this truth to be profound in your life because they are profound and they are practical. Knowing what the verdict will be in the end as you live the story today, changes how you live the story. At least it should. Especially when you know the verdict is going to be found in your favor.

How do people who are acquitted feel? How do people who know the verdict live their lives? These three things mark their lives: 1) Freedom 2) Humility 3) Joy. I think that God doesn’t ask us, “How do we plead?” but rather, “How have you used the joy I have given you?” You might answer “I’ve done a lot!” or you may just say, “Well.... I haven’t done much.” I like to think it’s like when a parent picks up their kid from preschool and the kid is running out the door all excited to see mom or dad and the first thing parents ask is, “What did you do at school today?” Their kid will do one of two things, they pull out a piece of paper with drawings and macaroni glued on it saying, “Look!” or they drop their head and say something like, “I got in trouble for hitting Billy.” And the parent’s reaction no matter what is this, “Well, I still love ya” and they put you in the car and take you home. The same thing happens with Jesus when he asks us, “What have you done with your joy?” and we’ll either say, “I did this!” or we drop our heads and say, “I kinda messed it all up.” And Jesus’ reaction to us no matter what is this, “Well, I still love ya, let’s go home.”

So my challenge to you is to live in the freedom Jesus has given you through his death on the cross, to be humble because Jesus did all this for you and all we have to do is plead him. And lastly, live joyfully. Be filled with joy knowing you are set free, and bring that joy to others.

TRINITY FINANCIALS

By the Numbers—Year to Date

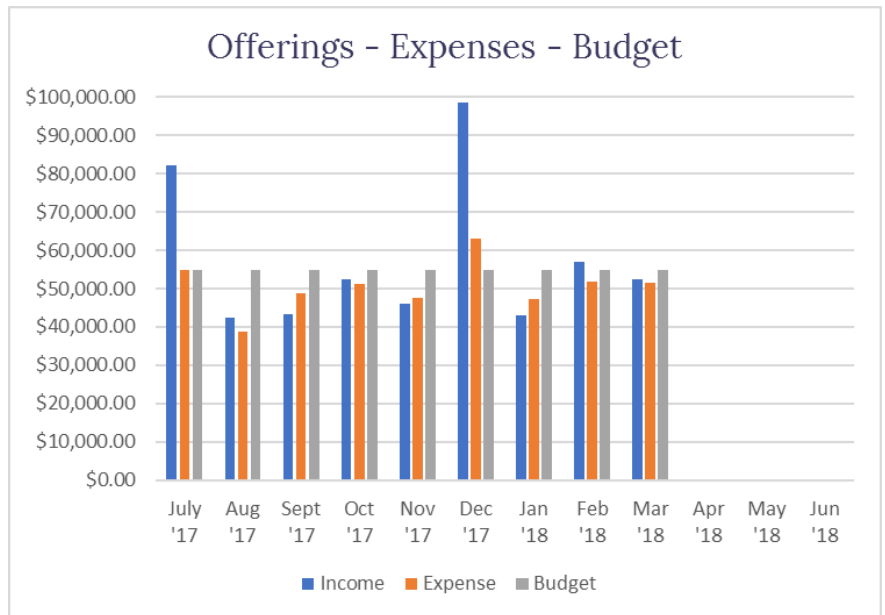
July 1, 2017–March 31, 2018

Budget \$493,330

Giving to General Fund \$446,967

Expenses \$455,043

Restricted/ Designated Gifts \$70,375



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ELDERS UPDATE

The Board of Elders has been working on the transition with the staff to prepare for a new pastor. They have a plan in action to address the ministry of Pastoral Care when Pastor Bruce retires at the end of the month. The Board of Elders is also studying Greg Finke's Book "Joining Jesus Show Me How". The Board is also looking at how to make our facility more safe and secure by investigating a number of options and recommendations from law enforcement and fire departments.

Thank you

John Goldhammer

THANKS

Thanks a million!!!! Many of you have received your Memory book from the 100th Anniversary Celebrations. The 100th Anniversary Committee would like to express our thanks to Carol Warren, Annette Burkhart, Jackie Landerville, Sharon Jackson, Warren Schumacher, and all those people who contributed pictures. They did a wonderful job of compiling pictures and deciding on formats for each page. Thanks to Warren Schumacher for writing the history. It is a wonderful keepsake for a great year in Trinity's history!!

CHECK OUT THIS LAST MONTH!



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

By Josh Nix, Minister of Youth & Young Adults

May is quite an exciting month for the student ministries. Mainly because the first weekend in May is Confirmation Sunday. I love confirmation! There is just something about students coming up in front of the congregation professing their love of Jesus and faith in what He has done. Confirmation at its core is an affirmation of their baptism. All eight of our confirmands are saying that they believe what happened on the day of their baptisms is still true today. The sins washed away, the filling of the Holy Spirit, sealed for the day of redemption, all of that is true. Confirmation is an amazing time in a child's life. We've met throughout the year to talk about all sorts of things. All of it looking at giving them the tools to handle their faith beyond their parents. Parents are without a doubt the #1 faith influencers in their lives, but there comes a point when they take their faith up on their own. It's not mom or dad's, grandma or grandpa's, not even their pastors or youth leader's, but their own. And that is exactly what these confirmands are doing. Please make sure to congratulate our confirmands on May 6th and beyond. They are Kyla Anderson, Natalie Calma, Keenan Frye, Riley Hill, Martin Johnson, Devlin Reberry, Carly Reese, and Rebecca Warren. I can personally



assure you that each and every one of them have been instructed, challenged, dialogued with teachers and peers, and they all have stepped up to own their faith.

Other than confirmation Sunday, we are cruising through youth group on Wednesday and High School Bible study on Monday nights. Life really is wonderful here at Trinity for our students. If you ever want to get involved or just check out all the crazy, awesome things we're doing, please come talk to me.

Pray with us and for us as we continue to change the lives of students at Trinity and the community around us.

Upcoming Things:

May 6: Confirmation

June 25-29: VBS

**July 8-15: New Orleans
HS Mission Trip**

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY By René Barringer

Partnering with parents to guide children towards a HEART for God.

Trinity's annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg hunt was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day memorable for the children, youth and adults.

Trinity's 2017-18 Sunday school year is wrapping up this month. Many of you were able to witness the children and their love for the Lord during our youth led service on April 29th. We are blessed to have an amazing group of adults committed to helping these children grow and developed a closer relationship with God. If you would like to join Trinity Sunday school ministry beginning in September, please contact Rene Barringer 971-235-9568 or children@trinityhillsboro.org.

2018 Vacation Bible School—An fun adventure is planned for Trinity's VBS during the week of June 25-29 from 9a.m.-12p.m. We are looking for many volunteers to lead the stations and groups, donate supplies, help with decorations and much more. If you would like to help please call or email; Rene Barringer (971)235-9568, children@trinityhillsboro.com, or Sandy Wilson (503) 214-0046, swilson@trinityhillsboro.com. You may also sign up to help at VBS table in the narthex. VBS Registration is available online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinityhillsboro2018>.

**Upcoming Events/
Announcements:**

May 3 & 17: JAM 6:30-8pm

May 21: Last Sunday school

June 25-29: VBS



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PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Sady's 3's class has been having a wonderful year in Preschool! The children are growing and learning and becoming more independent all the time! We have had fun learning about healthy eating and food choices with our grocery store unit. The children had fun playing "grocery store" while pretending to shop in our preschool using fruits and vegetables and even including the exchange of play money with a cashier. They had a great time identifying the different fruits and vegetables, even having taste tests on the different produce. We ended this unit with a trip to New Seasons Market in Hillsboro, where we were escorted around the store and even "behind the scenes" in the big refrigerators just beyond the swinging doors. This was an exciting adventure and it included many yummy samples along the way! Mrs. Sady and Mrs. Wolf are amazed at how quickly the Preschool year is passing by! We feel very bonded to our sweet class and will miss them dearly. What a blessed job we have pouring the love of Jesus into the hearts of these precious children!

Thank you for purchasing plants from our preschool fundraiser. Your orders were available to pick up on Thursday, May 3rd from 1:30-6pm outside the east end of the building. If you are unable to pick them up during these hours they will be thirstily waiting in room 208.



"Building a strong foundation by sharing the faith, hope, and love of Jesus that touches the lives of children and families forever."



Thank you to everyone, including our amazing prayer sponsors, who prayed for the preschool and children this year. The last day of school is on May 23rd (4's) and 24th (3's).

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is enrolling for the 2018-19 school year. Brochures and registration forms are available at the information center and on the preschool page at www.trinityhillsboro.org.

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.

"See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to everyone else." - 1 Thessalonians 5:15

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- Allyson Giard | 18- Gordon Garlock |
| 2- Christopher Johns | Sela Gillespie |
| 3- Kathy McCowan | Dane Haga |
| Matt Merten | Nikolaus Reitzug |
| Tim Thompson | 19- Mackenzie Hill |
| Lynn Voigt | Jennifer Mack |
| 4- Annette Burkhart | Carol Rumsch |
| Barb Tanke | 20- Emma Martinez |
| 5- Elizabeth Joachim | 22- John Jackson |
| Mike McCowan | Selena Wolkenhauer |
| 6- Derek Freudenthal | 23- James Byrd |
| Layne McNeely | 24- Elizabeth Dobbin |
| Adam Reese | Gregg Goldhammer |
| 8- Claudia Coulter | Bill Rice |
| Wyatt Dilley | Jan Thompson |
| Darius Warren | 25- Kylie Hert |
| Brad Zenger | 26- Joshua Christopher |
| 9- Maggie Bierly | Nora Gerig |
| Parker Eakin | Cathy Heinrich |
| Beth King | 27- Elizabeth Calma |
| Alexandria McGann | 28- Harrison Gerlach |
| 10- Lana Hunt | Walt Muhly |
| Karen Massey | 29- Abby Fischer |
| Sarah Massey | TJ Garner |
| Delores Wellner | Tanner Schauer |
| 12- Nathan Burkhart | Kathy Shutt |
| Julie Huffman | Sharrie Van Dyke |
| Gerri Muhly | Karen Walker |
| 13- Oliver Carr | Wilbur Whited |
| Dylan Flint | 30- Jason Colter |
| Sean Jackson | Brody Reese |
| Sharon Maasdam | Anabelle Warren |
| 14- Jane Kurth | 31- Maxine Erdman |
| 15- Ron Dobbin | Mason Lane |
| Jamie Naylor | Cooper Newman |
| 17- Alex Merten | Nathan Newman |
| Richard Pies | Carol Warren |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- John & Judy Korynasz
- 12- Paul & Mary Andersen
- 13- Ryan & Jenny McIvor
- 14- Jeff Wolkenhauer & Jeanie Schwenk
- 16- Duane & Carol Freudenthal
- 17- Douglas & Jeri Reese
- 18- Craig & Shannon Lien
- 23- Richard & Luella Koch
- 26- Lance & Karen Kenyon
- 27- Thomas & Paula Fowles



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SERVICE ROSTER FOR MAY 2018

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Altar Guild	Carol Freudenthal Duane Freudenthal Sue Gruber		Carol Freudenthal Duane Freudenthal Sue Gruber	
Chair Team	Pat Ott Steve Finnegan Paul Andersen Ken Bellamy Darrell Brown Naomi Brown	Greg Stoner John Bierly Paul VanDomelen	Mike Schamp Mark Newman Scott White Rod Stephens	Larry Henson Martin Granum Annette Granum Bruce Rumsch
Children's Message	Stacey Buck	Cyndi Biamont	Bethany Ramse	Polly Merten
Counters	Astri Bragstad Harold Baesler Roger Langbehn George Waldron	Bette Holscher Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Carol Flemmer Helen Infausto Crystal Nunnenkamp Doug Nunnenkamp	John Duvall Todd Humphrey Annette Michelsen
Flowers	Confirmation From Bernhardt's and Warren's	Jerry Maasdam	Freudenthal Anniversary	Anabelle's 5th B-Day Wayne and Carol Warren
Elders 8AM	John Goldhammer Ben Manny	Paul Anderson	John Goldhammer Paul Anderson	Ben Manny
Elders 10:30AM	Don Suhrbier Dave Buck Elizabeth Hofrichter Doug Nunnenkamp Zach Anderson Rodney Langbehn	Rodney Langbehn	Karen Kenyon Dave Holscher Joe Noffsinger Don Suhrbier Zach Anderson Joash Farlow	Zach Anderson
Lector	Jerry Maasdam	Victor Johnson	Martin Johnson	Tom Nygren
Organist	Carol Freudenthal	Carol Freudenthal	Diane Gatke	Diane Gatke
Ushers 8AM	Tom Nygren George Waldron John Goldhammer John Everingham	Tom Nygren Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke Victor Johnson	Tom Nygren George Waldron John Goldhammer John Everingham	Tom Nygren Victor Johnson Nick VanDyke Ken Bellamy
Head Usher 10:30AM	Greg Young	Greg Young	Greg Young	Greg Young

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30AM Staff Meeting 4PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM Elders Meeting 7PM Scouts/CC	2 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters 10AM Library Ministry 7AM BSA Committee/206 7PM Youth Group/CC	3 9AM Exercise/CC 4PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM JAM/CC	4 6PM HSO Rehearsal/ CC	5 8AM Beekeepers/206
6 Blood Pressure Screenings Confirmation Sunday Prayer Teams 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Adult hour 10:30am Contemp. Worship	7 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Cub Scouts/210 6PM HSBS 6:30pm MMT/CC	8 9:30AM Staff Meeting 11AM Sr. Lunch/Games 4PM Basketball/CC 7PM Joy Circle/212 7PM Scouts/CC	9 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters 7PM Youth Group/CC	10 9AM Exercise/CC 4PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM Council/lib	11 6PM HSO/CC	12
13 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Adult hour 10:30am Contemp. Worship	14 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Girl Scouts/210 6PM HSBS 6:30pm MMT/CC	15 Tidings Articles Due 9:30AM Staff Meeting 2PM Prayer Shawl/lib 4PM Basketball/CC 7PM Scouts/CC	16 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters 7PM Youth Group/CC	17 9AM Exercise/CC 4PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM JAM/CC	18 7PM Dancing W/Ivan	19 1PM Sports Outreach NW BBQ Fundraiser
20 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Adult hour 10:30am Contemp. Worship 1PM Quilters	21 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Agape Circle/104 6PM Cub Scouts/210 6PM HSBS 6:30pm MMT/CC 7PM Monday Eves	22 9:30AM Staff Meeting 2PM Prayer Shawl/lib 7PM Scouts/CC	23 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters 10AM Library Ministry 7AM BSA Committee/206 7PM Youth Group/CC	24 9AM Exercise/CC 3PM HomePlate/kit 6:30PM Stephens Leader/lib 7PM Stephens Ministers/lib	25	26 11AM-9PM Private Event/Chapel, Narthex
27 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Adult hour 10:30am Contemp. Worship	28 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Girl Scouts/210 6PM HSBS 6:30pm MMT/CC	29 9AM Tidings Assembly 9:30AM Staff Meeting 7PM Scouts/CC	30 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters 7PM Youth Group/CC	31 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Optimist Teacher Appreciation/CC		

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