

April 7, 2013
Second Sunday of Easter
10:45 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come the Almighty.*
Revelation 1:8

*In the beginning: God; in the end: God; in the midst of life: God. These are less statements about time
and place than they are statements of hope and trust.*
William Loader

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Life Together

Please sign the red attendance pad at the end of the pew and pass it along the row.

Choral Introit from Psalm 150 Kent A. Newbury

*Call to Worship

This is the good news—
the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn #24 *Praise the Lord, His Glories Show*

*Invocation

THE WORD

Scripture Readings

New Testament

Epistle

Acts 5:27-32 (p.889)

Revelation 1:4-8 (p.994)

Choral Anthem

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

R. Vaughn Williams

*Gospel Reading
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

John 20:19-31 (p.883)

Time with Children

Children through fifth grade are dismissed for classes.

Sermon

Christy Bouris

RESPONSE

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer
Mission of the Church

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Of the Father's Love Begotten

A.C. Prudentius

*Response (246)

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Call and Invitation

Confession of Sin and Words of Assurance

*Affirmation of Faith (Hymnal 878)

*Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Peace I Give To You

Larry Visser

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn 676

Go My Children

*Charge

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

Following the Postlude and during the coffee hour, a Stephen Minister will be available near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Ours is an open table. All who love and follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to share the bread and cup. At the conclusion of the service ushers will be at the exit doors to receive the regular monthly offering following communion for the Community Mission Fund.

Our thanks to Scott and Greta Bailey, sanctuary greeters, Carl Balsam, Dick Johnson, Elvida Johnson, Dwight Samuelson, Sue Samuelson, ushers; Mary Johnson, Scripture reader; Kurt and Mary Beth Kovacic, Paul Christmas and Nadia Jimenez, coffee hosts; Nancy Magill (piano), Dominic and Dimitri German (baritones) and Stephen Braun (tenor).

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Welcome!

Please join us in the narthex immediately following worship for coffee and conversation.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For children, Rotation Sunday School: *The Covenant: The Early Church as the Body of Christ*. For adults, *Exploring Covenant Affirmations* will be led by Kurt Peterson in the Upper Room and *The Story* will meet in Room 203
- 10:45 a.m. Worship.
- 12 noon Junior High Video Scavenger Hunt
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leader meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision. Trudy DeWaters—Elderly care and memory issues
- 7:00 p.m. High League

MONDAY—APRIL 8

- Drop-off begins for donations to our Rummage Sale. Please, as much as possible, mark your bags or boxes with content before leaving them on the stage.
- 3:30 p.m. Junior High Merge

TUESDAY—APRIL 9

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:45 a.m. Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson
- 7:00 p.m. Mens Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Board meeting

WEDNESDAY—APRIL 10

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Music—for children age 4 through third grade
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner. All are welcome. Cost: \$3.50/adult; \$2.50/child or \$10/family.
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Singing, Skits and Scripture in the Upper Room. All are welcome.
- 6:45 p.m. Programs for all ages, ending at 7:45 p.m. Explorers (ages 2-3); Voyagers (ages 4-kindergarten); Pathfinders (grades 1-2); Trailblazers (grades 3-5); Junior High
- 6:45 p.m. Life & Faith Conversations.
- 6:45 p.m. The Story in Room 203
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY—APRIL 11

- 8:30 a.m. Leisure Class Breakfast at the Bistro (Covenant Village of Northbrook). All are invited to attend. Contact: Sam Paravonian
- 12:30 p.m. Quilters, Knitters, Etc. meet at the home of Gladys Johnson. Bring a sandwich. Please RVSP.
- 1:00 p.m. Womens Bible Study—We are studying "*Discerning the Voice of God*", by Priscilla Shirer. All are welcome. Contact: Claire Macfarland.

FRIDAY—APRIL 12

- 6:30 p.m. The Marriage Course

SATURDAY—APRIL 13

- 8:00 a.m. Mens Fellowship

SUNDAY—APRIL 14

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. Rotation Sunday School: *The Covenant: The Early Church as the Body of Christ*. For adults, *Exploring Covenant Affirmations* will be led by Kurt Peterson in the Upper Room and *The Story* will meet in Room 203
- 10:45 a.m. Worship. Installation of Christy Bouris
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. High League

ADVANCE CALENDAR

Fridays, now through May 17, 6:30-9 p.m. Second offering of **The Marriage Course**. Sign up on the church website to attend or volunteer to help.

Saturday, April 20. **Rummage Sale**. Donations may be dropped off on the stage beginning Monday, April 8. Volunteers are needed to help with an array of tasks related to preparing for the sale to the day of the sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex— your help is much appreciated!

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. Our church in partnership with the Winnetka Interfaith Council will host a community forum: "**Bullying: The 3 B's, the Bully, the Bullied, the Bystander.**" Presenters are Dr. Linda Yonke, superintendent of New Trier School District and Dr. Mark Smaller, an adult/child psychoanalyst practicing in the area. These experts will offer advice on strategies and prevention in schools as well as on the internet. A time for discussion will follow. This event is open to the community including children and guests. Please consider joining us as we together address this growing problem.

July 13-20, 2013. **Intergenerational Mission Trip** to Covenant Mountain Mission in Jonesville, Virginia. Registration deadline: May 1. Questions, contact Jeff Johnson.

Delegates for the Central Conference Annual meeting needed! This year's meeting will be held in Dolton, Illinois on April 26 & 27. If interested in representing our church in this way, please contact the church office.

Delegates also needed for the Evangelical Covenant Church Annual meeting, held June 27-30 in Detroit, Michigan. Contact the church office.

A Caring Companion. Wonderful anytime. Essential sometimes. Need a companion, someone to talk to, to listen, to pray with, to be supportive, to just be with? Consider a Stephen Minister. Ours is a loving and strictly confidential ministry designed to provide companionship in difficult times. Contact one of our pastors who can answer questions and/or direct you to a Stephen Ministry leader.

The Story: A journey together into the story of God's love, continues Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. *The Story* is scripture condensed into 31 accessible chapters, allowing the stories, poems and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Materials will be provided. All are welcome.

Texts for next week: Acts 9:1-6, 7-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
8 A.M.—3 P.M.**

If you are donating items to the Rummage Sale, please SORT as much as possible. For
Please LABEL all bags and boxes. For example, children's books, shoes, baby clothes, etc.
Please bring hanging clothes on hangers
When dropping off items at church, please leave in appropriate, designated areas. Look for
Individual saran-wrapped baked goods needed for the bake sale portion of our Rummage Sale.
Volunteers needed! Sign up on the board in the narthex today!

Thank you for your participation in this all-church fundraising event which supports missions!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Julie Baccash, who died on Saturday, March 30. A memorial service was held yesterday.

Larger print copies of the morning hymns are available on the table in the back of the church near the sound booth. Children's bulletins are also available in the narthex. Please help yourself as needed.

Our church participates in the "every member subscription plan" for the **Covenant Companion**, meaning that we provide subscriptions to the magazine for each member family at a reduced rate of \$18. We ask families who are able to please reimburse the church for the cost of your subscription. Checks can be made payable to Winnetka Covenant Church with "Covenant Companion" noted on the check and left in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Thank you.

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Joshua Smith, Organist
The Stephen Ministers

*Our mission is to be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel,
worshiping together in love, nurturing people in the faith, serving others as Christian disciples,
and building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.*

At Winnetka Covenant Church:

We hold grace as our highest value.
We practice honest, open, direct communication.
We speak the truth in love and listen in love.
We believe the best about each other, valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.
We allow room for mistakes, acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.