

# ✦ First Sunday of Advent ✦

December 2, 2018 10:00 A.M.

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.*

### ◆Prelude

### ◆Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You I trust, O my God.

People: **Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Pastor: No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame.

People: **Show me Your ways O Lord, teach me Your paths.**

Unison: **Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God and my savior, and my hope is in You all day long.**

◆Hymns of Praise (#135) *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
(vs. 1,3,4)

(#120) *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1,4)

### ◆Invocation

**The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)**

## WORD

### Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

### Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (#51) *We Will Glorify*

Message "Keeping the main thing, the main thing"  
Rev. Mark Westlind, Senior Pastor

## RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (#271) *Rejoice! The Lord is King* (vs 1,2,4)

### Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

O Lord, our iniquity is great and our daily affronts to You are never-ending. We confess that we think more of ourselves than of You. Remember not the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. We confess them to you today. We also confess our sins of today. We ask that you would instruct us in your ways. Teach us and humble us with what is right.

(Silent Reflection)

### Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Pastor: The Lord has heard our plea and our confession. He forgives us and promises to teach us in His ways and in humility. For His sake, and the sake of His Holy name, he forgives us and gives us His ways; ways that are faithful and loving. He helps us to keep His covenant.

Unison: **Our thanks and praise are lavished upon You, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer!**

### Passing of the Peace

### Life Together

### Offering

Offertory *What a Mighty God We Serve*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

### Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

◆ Affirmation of Faith (BH #878)

◆ Words of Institution

◆ Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (#750) *Soon and Very Soon*

### ◆Benediction

### Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

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Rev. Mark Westlind.....Senior Pastor  
Stuart Seale .....Director of Music and Worship  
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists  
Christina Palazzolo.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool  
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary  
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## Advent at Trinity

### Trinity Children's Christmas Program

On Sunday December 16, the Kingdom Kids and Noah's Ark Preschool will present their Christmas Program during worship. After worship join us in fellowship and light refreshments in Peterson Hall.

### Christmas Program and Dinner

On Sunday, December 16, at 4 PM. join us for Christmas celebration at Trinity's annual Christmas concert in the Sanctuary, followed by our traditional Chi-Tung dinner served at 5 P.M. in Peterson Hall. (See insert)

### Christmas Eve Service

Monday Christmas Eve Service of Candles and Carols at 7 P.M.

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### WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Calendar for the Week:

**Today: Communion Sunday**

**9:00 A.M.** Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room  
10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade  
10 A.M. Worship  
11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class

### **This Week:**

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool  
Tues. 10:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study – Brunch at Barbara Johnson's house, 9712 S. Kolmar Ave.  
Fri. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

### **Next Sunday: World Relief Offering Sunday**

**9:00 A.M.** Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room  
10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade  
10 A.M. Worship  
11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class

**December 9 – Nursery Helpers:** Grace Persson, Carol Strickland  
**Greeters:** Clarence & Dolores Rosengren

### NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Marjorie Cassady, Ember Lou Eigenbauer (Diana Eigenbauer's great granddaughter), Chloe Johnson, Char Dunk-Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Doris Wallace.

### Announcements:

#### Adult Sunday School - Class starts at 9:00 A.M.

The December Adult Class will be led by our own Greg Goetz and his topic is "Monasticism". It is never too late to increase your knowledge, so please join us in the Fireside Room.

#### Women's Bible Study

On Tuesday, December 4, at 10:30 A.M., Barbara Johnson will host a brunch for the ladies at her house, 9712 S. Kolmar Avenue. On December 11 study will resume at Trinity in the Fireside Room at 9:30 A.M. with bakery at 9 A.M.

### **Chorale Tower Concert**

The Tower Chorale and music director Patrick Godon present Vivaldi's Gloria! and Christmas Carols old and new on Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday, December 2, at 3 P.M., at Christian Reformed Church, 5140 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Tickets are \$23 Adults and \$20 Seniors/Students. See Barbara Mateer for tickets.

### **Musichorale Christmas Concert**

The Musichorale, a Chicago community choir under the musical direction of Sarah Silhan-Koehler, will present their annual Noel Concert – *Joyous Noel* on Sunday, December 9, at 3:20 P.M. at Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 College Dr., Palos Heights. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door. For ticket reservations see Gloria Vitro or call 708-361-3441.

### **Living Nativity**

Celebrate the Christmas Story at the Living Nativity (with live animals) at Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10400 S. Kostner, Oak Lawn. Join us on Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15, from 6:30-7:30P.M. After the performance, kids of all ages will be able to pet the animals, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Kids are also welcome to participate – we provide costumes, just dress from the weather.

### **Noah's Ark Preschool – Christmas Toy Drive**

Noah's Ark Preschool will be collecting toys for children (infants through age 14) for Worth Township now through Sunday, December 9. Please consider dropping off a toy by the collection box out in the Narthex by the Christmas Tree. Your donations are truly appreciated.

### **Coats and Outer Wear for Families in Need**

Covenant Women will sponsor the annual Coat and Outer Wear Project for Worth Township during this Christmas season. New and gently-used clean coats/jackets and new outer wear such as scarves, mittens, gloves, hats and boots for children are needed. Coats can be brought to the overflow room and placed on the table; hats and mittens can be placed on the Christmas tree or in the boxes below the tree in the Narthex through Sunday, December 23. Your donation will bring warmth, joy and the spirit of Christmas this holiday to all of those less fortunate. Thank you for your support and donations.

### **Worth Township Youth Commission Events:**

11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip, Office: 708-371-2900  
[youthcommission@worthtownship.com](mailto:youthcommission@worthtownship.com).

### **Christmas Care Program**

Families in need may come to Worth Township and fill out an application form for toys for their children (infants to age 14) now through December 12, from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Bring in your application form along with your driver's license/State I.D., a birth certificate for each child and a copy of your current utility bill. Applicants will need to pick up their items the week of December 17 through December 21 by appointment.

**Santa's Room** - Come see Santa at Worth Township. Children accompanied by an adult may visit Santa December 3 through 14, Monday-Friday, from 3:30-5:30 P.M. and 6:30-8:30 P.M. There is no charge but a donation of a new toy/canned goods for the Christmas Care Program/Food Pantry would be appreciated. Don't forget to bring your camera! Please enter the building at the west entrance.

### **Coat Drive**

Worth Township Youth Commission has begun accepting new and gently-used, cleaned coats for their annual coat drive now through January 31 until all items have found a new home. Residents in need of a winter coat are welcome to come to the building during normal business hours and choose a coat. Residents can check back as often as needed throughout the season as donations come in daily.

## Today's Scripture:

### Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. <sup>15</sup> "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior."

### Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>34</sup> "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

## Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church



### Christmas Concert and Carols Sing-A-Long

*Sunday, December 16*

*Program 4 P.M.*

*Dinner 5 P.M.*

The Trinity Church family invites you and your family to join us for Christmas music celebration on Sunday, December 16, at 4 P.M. Our annual holiday program will feature Christmas selections performed by a jazz trio (piano, bass, drums), Nate and Heather Van Der Male, and Scott Grobstein, the Kingdom Kids and more special guests! Following the program at 5 P.M. our traditional Chi-Tung dinner will be served in Peterson Hall.

Help us spread holiday cheer by inviting your family and friends!

RSVP below or call the church office 708-422-5111.



RSVP – Dinner Dec. 16

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_