

## ✚ Second Sunday of Advent ✚

December 9, 2018 10:00 A.M.

### GATHERING IN WORSHIP

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

#### ◆Prelude

Lighting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle

Lau/Jin Family

#### ◆Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: Get ready, people of God!

The time of hope and peace is at hand.

**People: We are called to action rather than reaction.**

Pastor: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

**People: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.**

Pastor: Come, draw near to God in faith.

**People: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God. AMEN!**

◆**Hymns of Praise** (BH #195) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
(BH #75) *There is a Redeemer*

#### ◆Invocation

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

#### Children's Message

### WORD

#### Scripture Readings

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

#### Pastoral Prayer

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (BH #128) *Prepare the Way, O Zion*  
(vs. 1,2,4)

#### Message

**"Preparing the way to Peace"**  
Rev. Mark Westlind, Senior Pastor

### RESPONSE

◆**Hymn of Response** (BH #583) *Help Us Accept Each Other*

#### Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Refining God, it is not easy for us to admit we are not a blameless people.

We trust the promises of politicians, but have trouble believing the ones you have made.

We find ourselves captive to emotions and lusts which stun us, but doubt you can save us.

We prefer the shadowy streets of the world, rather than walking in your Light.

Forgive us, Faithful One.

May the Light of Christ show us your way;  
may the Love of Christ overflow from our lives to others;  
may the Life of Christ be our model as we seek to be your people.

(Silent Reflection)

#### Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

The Lord is merciful and forgiving, a great and compassionate savior. God rescues us from darkness and frees us from fear.

Like a refiner's fire, the Lord makes us shine with brilliance of the purest gold and silver. The one who began this work in us seeks to bring it to completion.

May the day of Christ find us flawless and without blame.

#### Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *Get All Excited*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

### SENDING

◆**Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #126) *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*  
(vs. 1,4,5)

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

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.

As a church family we extend our sympathy to Lorraine Weszely on the death of her sister-in-law Maryann Bara who entered the life eternal on Friday, November 30, 2018, in Indiana. Services were held on Saturday, December 8, in Valparaiso, IN. Peace be to Maryann's memory.




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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 Concert 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:**

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. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study  
Tues. 6:30 P.M. Deacons meeting  
Tues. 7 P.M. C.E. Board meeting  
Thurs. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers

#### **Next Sunday: Covenant 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. Children's Christmas Program  
11 A.M. Light refreshments, Peterson Hall  
4 P.M. Christmas Concert  
5 P.M. Chi-Tung Dinner, Peterson Hall

**December 16 – Nursery Helpers:** Heidi Weszely  
**Greeters:** Jim & Carol Strickland

### **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.

#### **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* today, 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 information see Gloria Vitro or call 708-361-3441.

**Note from the Treasurer**

**Financial Summary thru November 2018**

**EXPENSES VS. BUDGET**

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 235,377
Actual Expenses YTD	<u>\$ 225,653</u>
Cost Savings/(Overrun)	\$ 9,724

**GIVING VS. BUDGET**

Giving YTD	\$ 228,683
Budgeted Giving YTD	<u>\$ 179,352</u>
Giving Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 49,330

**ACTUAL INCOME VS.**

**EXPENSES**

Income YTD	\$ 228,683
Expenses YTD	<u>\$ 225,653</u>
Actual Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 3,029

**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 for 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:

### Malachi 3:1-4

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup>and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

### Luke 1:68-79

<sup>68</sup>"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup>He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David <sup>70</sup>(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), <sup>71</sup>salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—<sup>72</sup>to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath he swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup>to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup>And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, <sup>77</sup>to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven <sup>79</sup>to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

## 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, Noah's Ark Preschool 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!

Cost is \$7 adults; \$3 children under age 12

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



RSVP – Dinner Dec. 16

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

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

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