

**✦ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany ✦**  
**January 27, 2019 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)**

**Unison:** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert

**People:** Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and the news about Him spread through the whole countryside.

Pastor: He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised Him.

**People:** The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

Pastor Alicia: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners"

Pastor: "and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed,"

**Unison:** "To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**People:** then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him

Pastor: And He began by saying to them:

**Unison:** "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing".

◆**Hymn of Praise** (BH #46) *Let Us With Gladsome Mind* (vs. 1-3,5)

◆**Invocation**

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

**Kingdom Kids** *How Great is the Love  
You Will be Saved*

**WORD**

**Scripture Readings**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10      Psalm 19:7-11  
I Thessalonians 1:4-7, I Thessalonians 2:19-20

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

**Pastoral Prayer**

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (BH #608) *God of Grace and Glory* (vs. 1,3,4)

**Message**      "A Serious and Joyful Calling"  
Rev. Mark Westlund, Senior Pastor

**RESPONSE**

◆**Hymn of Response** (BH #685) *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Lord, we worship and adore you. We come before you in need of confession. We want to get closer to you. We know that our sinful nature keeps us from you. We confess that we have not considered everyone else more than we consider ourselves. Please forgive us for our self-centered attitudes; for our tunnel vision. Please allow us to see the needs of others and help us to reach out to those in need. We thank you in advance for hearing our plea.**

(Silent Reflection)

**Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)**

People of God, the Lord your God loves you. He does because He has sent His Son into the world NOT to condemn, but to save. The Father desires a close and intimate relationship with each and every one of us. Rest in the confidence that He forgives us of all our sins and shortcomings. Your sins are forgiven. He will open you up to others and help in reaching those in need. And additionally, your Father in heaven wants to nurture and teach you in His ways so as to forever hold you fast to the hope of eternal life!

**Passing of the Peace  
Life Together**

**Offering**

Offertory      *10,000 Reasons*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING**

◆**Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #11) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

◆**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:** Svea Agner, Bernie Bara (Lorraine Weszely's brother), Marjorie Cassady, Lori Cavallone, Ember Lou Eigenbauer Diana Eigenbauer's great-granddaughter), Chloe Johnson, Lorraine Sorensen, Doris Wallace.

Thank you to Peter Sjoblom, Assistant Superintendent for the Central Conference, for performing the Installation Service today for Pastor Alicia.



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Rev. Mark Westlind.....	Senior Pastor
Pastor Alicia Reese.....	Associate 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
Joe Michalowicz.....	Custodian

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**Calendar for the Week:**

**Today:**

- 9 A.M. Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room
- 10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 10 A.M. Worship/Installation Service for Pastor Alicia Reese
- 11 A.M. Reception for Pastor Alicia, Peterson Hall

Note: No Confirmation Class

**This Week:**

- Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study, Fireside Room

**Next Sunday: 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 / Camp Rally Day representatives from  
Covenant Point and Covenant Harbor
- 11 A.M. Let’s Do Lunch – Taco Bar, Peterson Hall

Note: No Confirmation Class

**February 3 – Nursery Helper:** Diane Panush

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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!

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Installation Service and Reception  
for Pastor Alicia Reese**

Today Pastor Alicia Reese will be installed as the Associate Pastor at Trinity during our worship service at 10 A.M. We welcome Peter Sjoblom, Assistant Superintendent for the Central Conference, who will perform the installation service together with Pastor Mark.

You are invited to a reception of cake and coffee in Peterson Hall following the worship service in celebration of this milestone in the life of our church, and to honor Pastor Alicia.

## **Announcements:**

### **Meet with Pastor Alicia**

Pastor Alicia would like to take time to meet with everyone at Trinity in her first couple months. Pastor Alicia has allotted 30-minute time slots in January and continuing through Thursday, February 7, with various time slots throughout the day. Please sign up as individuals and/or families as you would like. Pastor Alicia is happy to meet at the church, your home, or even your work!

There are three options for you to signup:

1. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex.
2. Call the church office at 708-422-5111.
3. Go to our website [www.trinitycovoaklawn.org](http://www.trinitycovoaklawn.org), click on the tab About, Associate Pastor, Meet with Pastor Alicia Form.

### **Notes from Treasurer**

- 2018 Contribution statements are in your mail box.

#### **Financial Summary thru December 2018**

Preliminary

##### **EXPENSES VS. BUDGET**

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 267,100
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ <u>247,918</u>
Cost Savings/(Overrun)	\$ 19,182

##### **GIVING VS. BUDGET**

Giving YTD	\$ 289,914
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ <u>216,000</u>
Giving Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 73,914

##### **ACTUAL INCOME VS.**

##### **EXPENSES**

Income YTD	\$ 289,914
Expenses YTD	\$ <u>247,918</u>
Actual Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 41,996

### **Adult Sunday School - Class starts at 9:00 A.M., Fireside Room**

Patricia Petersen will conclude her January class with the final topic: January 27: Zephaniah 2:4-15 "The Nations will be punished" and Zephaniah 3:1-20 "Judah and Other Nations will turn to the Lord".

For the month of February, Dr. Carol Noren will lead the class on the theme "Gifted People of God." Authentic gifts of the Holy Spirit glorify God, not the recipient of the gift. They fulfill God's purpose and equip a person to answer God's call, and contribute to the common good. Through studying the lives of various people in the Old and New Testaments, I hope those in the class will be enabled to recognize their own gifts and use them at Trinity Covenant Church and beyond.

### **Members and Friends Profile Sheet**

The Board of Deacons is continuing the process of developing a population profile of our church. Please take a moment to complete the profile sheet if you haven't done so already. The form is on the table in the Narthex and in the church office. Please return your profile sheet to Priscilla Swanson or the church office. Thank you.

Deacon Board

### **Annual Reports Due**

In preparation for the Annual Church Business meeting on Sunday, February 24, please prepare your 2018 annual report and send/drop off to the church office **by Sunday, February 10**. Your report can be emailed: [office@trinitycovoaklawn.org](mailto:office@trinitycovoaklawn.org) or place in the box on the table in the church office. Thank you.

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

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

**Coat Drive** – The coat drive will be ending on Thursday, January 31. Residents in need of a winter coat are welcome to come to the Township to choose a coat during normal business hours.

## ORDER OF SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Alicia Reese

Trinity Covenant Church

### CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear friends in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit you have called Alicia Reese to be your pastor. By this act you have indicated your confidence in her to be the shepherd of this congregation. I charge you to receive the Word of God through her in all meekness, joy and love. Support her in the labors which will be hers in the service of God. Remember always that she is God's servants and that you, as God's stewards, are to supply her needs in a way that will be pleasing to God and an honor to your congregation. In all things show her your love; esteem her highly for her calling as your pastor and accept her as your spiritual leader.

If these are your intentions, please support Pastor Alicia and the continuing ministry of this church by standing and responding to the following questions:

Will you receive Alicia Reese to be your pastor, recognizing her place in spiritual leadership and receiving the Word of God through her? If this is your promise, answer "we will."

***PEOPLE: We will.***

Will you commit to supplying her needs in a way that will be pleasing to God and will you encourage her and share with her in the work of Christ in this church? If this is your promise, answer "we will."

***PEOPLE: We will.***

### CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

Dear Sister in Christ: Hear the Word of God as directed to ministers of the church of Jesus Christ.

Be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have followed. Have nothing to do with godless and silly myths. Train yourself in godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

**I Timothy 4:6b-8**

Take heed to yourself and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you a guardian, to feed the church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood.

**Acts 20:28**

God by his Holy Spirit calls men and women to serve him and his church according to the gifts that he has given to them. We read in the Scriptures, "And these were his gifts: some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip God's people for work in his service to the building up of the body of Christ."

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

Alicia, this congregation, guided by the Holy Spirit, have chosen you to be their pastor. Your calling is to, "be urgent in season and out of season; convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching" (**2 Timothy 4:2**). In all sincerity, preach the Word, administer the sacraments in accordance with the Scriptures, comfort and counsel the sick

and sorrowful, and instruct all to live up to their Kingdom call found in Christ for the edification of the global church. Are you willing to assume this responsibility in the strength and wisdom that God has given you?

***PASTOR: By the grace of God, I am.***

In assuming your responsibility as the pastor of this congregation, will you affirm your loyalty to the global church and promise to support the work of the Evangelical Covenant Church and the Central Conference?

***PASTOR: By the grace of God, I will.***

#### **A LITURGY AFFIRMING OUR MUTUAL MINISTRIES**

Let us celebrate life in the name of Jesus Christ.

**We rejoice in our life together as the church.**

As pastor, I am summoned by God to be a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I believe that your call to me to be your pastor was also led by the Holy Spirit.

**As congregation, we believe that our call and your acceptance were guided by God. We will continue to receive and accept you as our pastor. We will continue to work together with you in response to our communal calling found in Christ.**

As pastor, I will devote myself to the faithful preaching of God's Word and leading of heartfelt worship.

**As congregation, we will come prepared to worship and to respond to the Word of God and the promptings of the Holy Spirit.**

As pastor, I will administer the holy sacraments in accordance with Scripture.

**As congregation, we will share in the sacraments in response to our Lord's invitation – not because we must but because we may.**

As pastor, I will give leadership to: making and deepening disciples, enacting fruitful organizational structures, modeling intentional evangelism, encouraging sacrificial and generous living and giving, and by creating space for active participation in ministries of compassion, mercy and justice, that we all may walk with Jesus in transformational ways – inviting others to join in on this Kingdom adventure.

**As congregation, we accept our active role in fulfilling the Great Commission as well as the Great Commandments – to love God and to love our neighbors.**

As pastor, I will give myself to the administration of the church's life and ministry. I will work in cooperation with other pastors and leadership, prayerfully discerning together how to effectively live out our mission.

**As congregation, we affirm that we are all called to ministry. We claim our ownership of the church's mission. We will be good stewards of our gifts and resources – trusting The Lord with our time, talents and treasures.**

As pastor, I will work to establish and maintain caring relationships within the whole church community, offering pastoral care in acute crisis and long-term sorrow, as well as celebrating the joyous sacred moments in each of your lives.

**As congregation, we will strive to be a compelling Christian community, responsive to the needs of others, willing to share with you in the ministry of care.**

As pastor, I will seek to be a balanced person. I will endeavor to take care of myself.

**As congregation, we will support you in this task and seek to develop similar disciplines in our lives.**

As pastor, I accept my role as “an example to the believers.” In all my duties, I will set balanced priorities with regard to family, my collegial relationships, my participation in the world of the larger church, my ministerial standing, and my life in the surrounding community.

**As congregation, we will encourage you in this and commit ourselves to live whole and balanced lives in devotion to Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, let us present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual act of worship.

**By the grace of God we will. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Amen.**

## **INSTALLATION PRAYER**

### **SUPERINTENDENT:**

Our God, in every age you have chosen servants to proclaim your Word and lead your people. We give thanks for your servant Alicia, whom you have called to pastor here at Trinity Covenant. By your grace enable her to use her gifts to do your work; and fill her with your Holy Spirit so that she may have the mind of Christ to be your faithful servant.

### **PASTOR:**

O Lord my God, you have called me to be your servant in this place. To you and to your service I devote myself; body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will, center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer the Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**PEOPLE:** God of grace, who calls us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, entrusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow where your servant rightly leads us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

**DECLARATION BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, and by the authority of this congregation and the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, I now declare that Alicia Reese is duly installed as pastor of this congregation.

Let us continue together as a body, graced by God, to be the people whom God has called to live in the light of the good news and to bring that light into our needy world. For the sake of God's Eternal Kingdom, Amen.



## Today's Scripture:

### **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. <sup>2</sup>So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. <sup>3</sup>He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. <sup>5</sup>Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. <sup>6</sup>Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. <sup>9</sup>Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

### **Psalms 19:7-11**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup>The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. <sup>10</sup>They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

### **I Thessalonians 1:4-7, I Thessalonians 2:19-20**

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>19</sup>For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup>Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

# Let's Do Lunch - Camp Rally Day

## Sunday, February 3, 2019



On Sunday, February 3, Trinity will welcome representatives from Covenant Point and Covenant Harbor who will be visiting with us during the worship hour and lunch. They will be here to sing with us and to share with us the many opportunities that await us at camp.

Dress in your camping gear! Following worship join us in Peterson Hall for a Taco Bar and some camping fun! If you would like to donate something for the lunch, please see the sign up sheet outside the kitchen door. Full tummies make happy campers!

To RSVP, please use the tear off below and place in the offering plate.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_