

**✦ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost ✦**  
**November 12, 2017 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 (Responsive)**

Pastor: Our friends, we want you to know the truth about those who have died, so that you will not be sad, as are those who have no hope.

**People: We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will take back with Jesus those who have died believing in him.**

Pastor: What we are teaching you now is the Lord's teaching: we who are alive on the day the Lord comes will not go ahead of those who have died.

**People: There will be the shout of command, the archangel's voice, the sound of God's trumpet, and the Lord himself will come down from heaven. Those who have died believing in Christ will rise to life first; then we who are living at that time will be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.**

Pastor: And so we will always be with the Lord. Encourage one another with these words.

**◆Hymn of Praise** (BH# 732) *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

**◆Invocation**

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

**WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 70  
Amos 5:18-24

**◆Gloria Patri** (BH #109)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**◆Hymn of Preparation** (BH #128) *Prepare the Way, O Zion!*

**Message** "To Obey is Better Than Sacrifice"  
**Rev. Mark Westlind**

**RESPONSE**

**◆Hymn of Response** (BH #276) *Spirit of the Living God*

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison):**

**Holy God, sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be to grateful and humble. We trust that in the mix of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey. Amen.**

**(Silent Prayer)**

**Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):**

The Day of the Lord is a day of judgment, and a day of deliverance and salvation. Be assured that those who repent are forgiven and will escape God's judgment and enjoy God's salvation. May each one of you show diligence in your faith so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end. Amen.

**Passing of the Peace**

**Life Together**

**Offering**

Offertory *To Obey is Better Than Sacrifice*

**◆Doxology** (BH #48) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**◆Prayer of Dedication**

**SENDING**

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #414) *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

◆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 or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Greg Goetz, Carol Latimer, Jim Schroeder, Lorraine Sorensen, Linda Stearns (Pryme Tymers "Happygrams"), Linnea Wimpenny.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

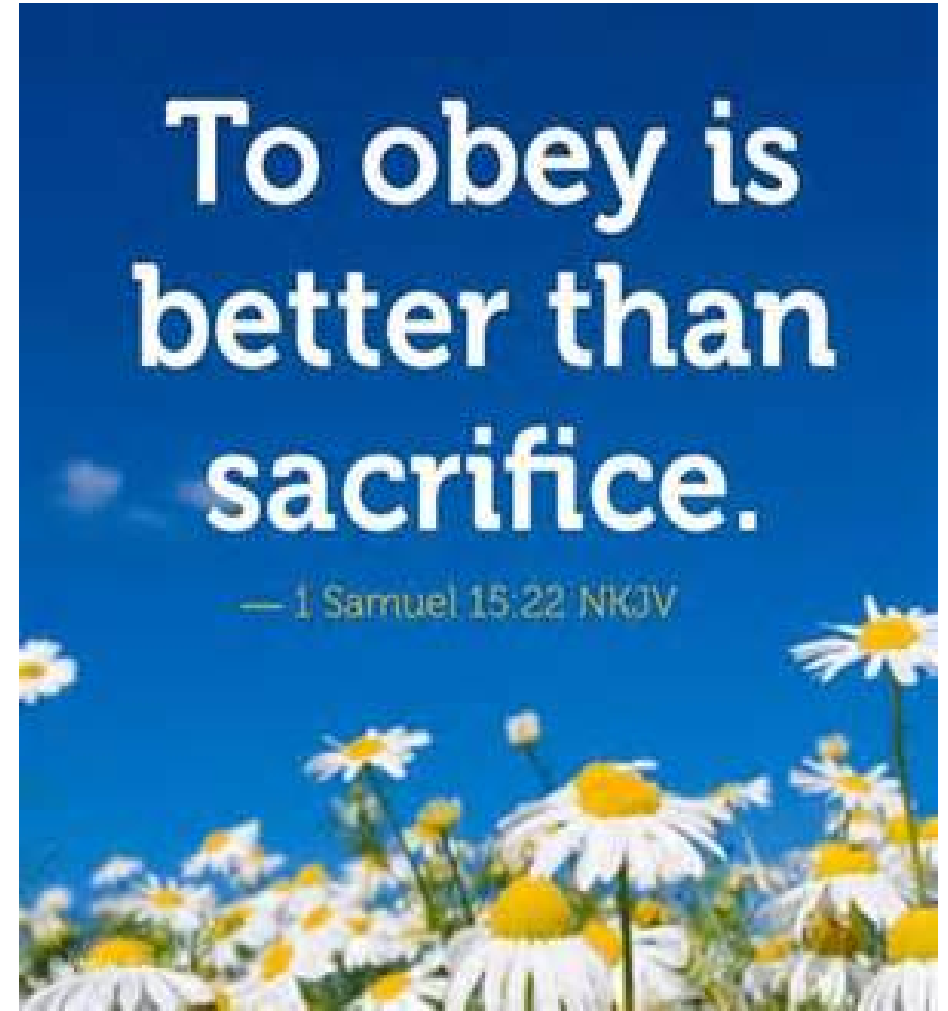
The church directory has been updated. The 1<sup>st</sup> draft is on the table in the Narthex. Check your information to make sure it is current and accurate. Initial if okay or make edits on the draft copy.

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Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor  
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship  
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists  
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool  
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary  
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

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**CHIC 2018 NEWS**

Calling all High School Students...CHIC is coming! July 15-20 in Knoxville,TN. CHIC is a triennial conference for high school students sponsored by Make and Deepen Disciples, the Evangelical Covenant Church. CHIC is a worship, transformational and fun week of Christ! If you have completed grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 in the 2017-2018 school year and are 15 years old by Dec. 31, 2017 then you are eligible to go. If you are a senior and already went to CHIC you are welcome, too!

Registration forms are available in the church office or see Kellie Lee. **Deposits and registration sheets are due by Dec. 15, 2017.** Please pay \$100 early bird registration deposit by Dec. 15, 2017. Final payments of \$499 are due May 15, 2018.

Extra fees include: optional excursions from \$10 to \$75 and transportation fees. We are looking into air fare and bus costs.

Questions? See Kellie Lee or email: [pglkl199@comcast.net](mailto:pglkl199@comcast.net)

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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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**Calendar for the Week:**

**Today:** *Bring a Friend Sunday*

- 10 A.M. Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
- 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room

**This Week:**

- Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study, Fireside Room
- Tues. 6:30 P.M. Deacons meeting
- Tues. 7 P.M. Trustees and C.E. Board meetings
- Wed. 6:00 P.M. Light dinner prior to Pastor Mark’s class
- Wed. 6:30 P.M. “It’s A Kingdom Thing” class, presented by Pastor Mark
- Thurs. 7 P.M. Church Board meeting

**Next Sunday: NOTE –CHANGE IN SCHEDULE**

- 9 A.M. Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room
- 10 A.M. Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11 A.M. Budget and Election meeting
- 12 P.M. Let’s Taco-bout Lunch Camp Fundraiser

**Note:** No Confirmation Class or Youth Group today.  
Articles for December Messenger due.

**Nov. 19 – Nursery Helpers:** Cathy Gardner, Lorraine Weszely  
**Greeters:** Chuck & Marcia Lellos

***It’s a Kingdom Thing***  
Pastor Mark invites you to join him on Wednesday evenings for his class that looks deeply into what the Gospel means for our lives.  
**We meet at 6 PM for a light dinner;**  
class begins at 6:30 P.M. and concludes at 8 P.M.  
Call the church office or send an email if you would like to attend and haven’t signed up yet.

## **Announcements:**

### **Sunday School Room**

We are getting new flooring in the Sunday school room! We're looking for help after church *today* to move the furniture to help us get prepared. Many hands make little work, so if you can stay for a little while and help us with this project, we would appreciate it.



*Thanksgiving Eve Service*

*Wednesday, November 22, 2017*

*7 P.M.*

### **Saturday, November 25**

We need your help decorating the Church for the Christmas season. Melissa and Matt Panush would like to treat everyone to breakfast at 8:30 A.M. at Flapjacks, and then meet back at Church around 10 A.M. to start decorating. Kids are welcome to help out. This should be a fun time together and a great way to get the holiday started. Please RSVP to the church office or Melissa's email ([mlettieri@hotmail.com](mailto:mlettieri@hotmail.com)) so she can make a reservation for breakfast.

### **Adult Sunday School**

The November 5, 12 and 19 class is being led by Rev. Dr. Paul O. Bischoff on "The Reformation Wasn't Protestant", a 3-week forum on the life of Martin Luther and the impact of his Reformation theology on the church. Dr. Bischoff studied theology and received his doctorate in Bonhoeffer from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the University of Chicago and Oxford.

On Sunday, November 26, Priscilla Sarr will be teaching on the topic of "Healing", the origin and when it started in the Bible. Please join us for Priscilla's class, it's sure to have much to teach us about the subject of healing.

Annual Budget and Election Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 11 A.M.

Peterson Hall

### **Today's Scripture:**

#### **Psalm 70**

<sup>1</sup>Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me. <sup>2</sup>May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. <sup>3</sup>May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame. <sup>4</sup>But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!" <sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.

#### **Amos 5:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. <sup>19</sup>It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. <sup>20</sup>Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? <sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. <sup>22</sup>Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. <sup>23</sup>Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!



# Let's Taco-bout Lunch Camp Fundraiser Sunday, November 19

Please join us on Sunday, November 19 after worship for a festive Taco luncheon. *Come dressed with a SILLY HAT!*

This fundraiser will help support **Every Kid A Camper** to make sure that all kids that want to go to camp next summer are able to go. The cost is the usual \$5 per person. Come enjoy lunch and visit with friends after worship.



If you would like to help out, there is a sign up sheet by the kitchen door if you'd like to bring something for the taco setup (examples: shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, sour cream, salsa, shredded cheese).

Hope to see you all!

**Please tear off and place in offering plate**

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**RSVP – Taco-bout Lunch, Sunday, Nov 19**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Adults** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Children** \_\_\_\_\_



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Park University, has done research and has an entirely new view of Handel's spiritual commitment to the text used in the masterpiece.

Greg will present two lectures - Handel and His Inspired 'Messiah': We think we know this monumental work, having heard it or sung it so many times. But is there another way to look at the masterpiece? Can we discover another level of 'spiritual depth or commitment'? Who assembled the texts? Why? How did Handel incorporate his own 'spiritual understanding' of the texts? We will view the composition from the same 'Baroque' perspective the composer used.

- 10 A.M. Class begins
- 12 P.M. Lunch - Chicken
- 1 P.M. Class resumes

The cost is approximately \$10. To RSVP, fill out the tear off below and place in the offering plate.

**RSVP is due Sunday, December 3.**

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**Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church  
Miriam Circle/Covenant Women Ministries  
Presents**

***Jul Fest  
Saturday, December 2, 2017***

All ladies are invited to Trinity's Annual JulFest on Saturday, December 2, at 11 A.M. Our program will feature "Heavenly Harps", a mother and her 4 exceptionally talented daughters.

To reserve your tickets, fill out the form below and place in the offering plate. Tables will accommodate 8 to 9 people maximum. Full payment is required when picking up your tickets on November 12, 19 or 26, in Peterson Hall following the morning worship service. Tickets will also be on sale in Peterson Hall after worship on November 12, 19 and 26.

Please see Kay Shannon or Carol Strickland or contact the church office with any questions.



- 10 A.M. Doors open for craft shopping**
- 11 A.M. Jul Fest Program**
- 12 P.M. Swedish Smorgasbord**



RSVP – JulFest December 2

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

I wish to purchase tickets:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (\$20.00)      \_\_\_\_\_ Children age 5-12 (\$5.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Children under age 5 (free)

## JulFest Craft Tables and Decorations



The JulFest Craft Room will be open from 10 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. and also after the luncheon. If you have items to donate, please deliver to the church by Thursday, November 30. Contact Lorraine Weszely if you want to reserve a table to sell items.

The Family Winter Weekend committee will have a table selling Bond Ost, Lingonberries and coffee cakes.

Miriam Ladies are asked to bake 3 dozen homemade cookies for the dessert table. If possible, please bring cookies on Thursday, November 30 when we will be setting up decorations in Peterson Hall at 1 P.M.

We appreciate all the volunteer help which will make this annual tradition continue.