

✦ Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost ✦

November 18, 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: Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.

People: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

Pastor: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

People: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

Pastor: Sing for joy, people of God;

God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost. We gather around you this morning, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

Grant us your peace. Amen.

◆**Hymn of Praise** (BH #42) *All People That on Earth do Dwell*
(vs. 1,3,4)

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Mark 6:31-44

Numbers 11:4-23

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (BH #381) *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
(vs.1-3)

Children's Message

Small Gifts in God's Hands

Message

"God's Favorite Material"
Alicia K. Reese, Pastor

RESPONSE

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

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**We confess that we come believing in our emptiness,
believing that we will never have enough,
believing that what we have is unworthy.**

**We confess that we come fearful of sharing,
fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security,
fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.**

**We confess that we come overwhelmed by the hunger,
overwhelmed by the suffering of those near and far,
overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence,
greed, and death.**

**We confess that we come aching from the weight of the
responsibility,
aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our
abundance,
aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to
share.**

**We come clinging to our meager lunches;
bless them, and us.
break them, and us.
share them, and us.**

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

We know from Scripture that all who touched Jesus were healed, that all who confess are forgiven. Forgiveness and healing are yours in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering *Children, Go Where I Send Thee*

- Offertory
- ◆ *Doxology*
- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #684) *We All Are One in Mission* (vs. 1,2,4)

◆ **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, Kristine Schroeder, Char Dunk-Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Priscilla Swanson, Doris Wallace.

Thank You

Dear friends,
 Thank you so much for your support. Paul and I appreciate the many years you have stood alongside us whether we were able to be in Congo, Cameroon or Central African Republic. We cherish the prayers and love that go with your financial help.

Blessings in your Thanksgiving. Thank you for blessing us.
 Love Paul and Sheryl Noren

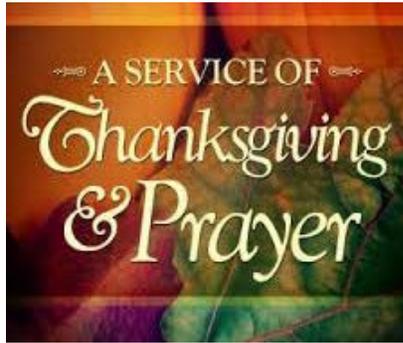


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Thanksgiving Eve Service



Wednesday, November 21, 7 P.M.
Fireside Room

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 A.M. "Let's Do Brunch", Peterson Hall
- 12 P.M. Annual Budget and Election meeting

NOTE: NO Confirmation Class

December Messenger articles are due.

This Week:

- Mon. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
- Tues. 11 A.M. Noah's Ark Thanksgiving Feast
- Wed. 7 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Sat. 10 A.M. Church Christmas decorating

Next 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

November 25 – Nursery Helpers: Shannon Lee

Greeters: Margie Morrissey, Desiree Hall

Today's Scripture:

Mark 6:31-44

³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." ³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶Send the people away so that

they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass.⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.⁴² They all ate and were satisfied,⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Numbers 11:4-23

⁴The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!” ⁷The manna was like coriander seed and looked like resin. ⁸The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a hand mill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into loaves. And it tasted like something made with olive oil. ⁹When the dew settled on the camp at night, the manna also came down. ¹⁰Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.¹¹ He asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all

these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors?¹³ Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.” ¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ¹⁷I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone. ¹⁸“Tell the people: ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!” Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it. ¹⁹You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, ²⁰but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?”’”

²¹But Moses said, “Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, ‘I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!’ ²²Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?”

²³The LORD answered Moses, “Is the LORD’s arm too short? Now you will see whether or not what I say will come true for you.”

Prayer Concern:

Update from the Treasurer

Financial Summary thru October 2018

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 216,718
Actual Expenses YTD	<u>\$ 207,237</u>
Cost Savings/(Overrun)	\$ 9,482

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 202,922
Budgeted Giving YTD	<u>\$ 150,682</u>
Giving Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 52,240

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 202,922
Expenses YTD	<u>\$ 207,237</u>
	\$
Actual Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,314)

Announcements:

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

Mel Mueller is conducting the class on the subject: I Timothy, a study of Paul's letter to Timothy concerning the care of the church at Ephesus. Please join us in learning about I Timothy and enjoy some "coffee and..." too.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will not meet on November 20 or 27. 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. (as always, bakery at 9 A.M.).

Worth Township Youth Commission Events:

11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip, Office: 708-371-2900
youthcommission@worthtownship.com.

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. All donated coats are placed on hanging racks located on the second floor. 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.

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.

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.

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

JulFest

Saturday, December 1, 2018



All ladies are invited to celebrate the Christmas Season at Trinity's Annual JulFest on Saturday, December 1, at 11 A.M. Our program will feature "Christmas Joy" with Debbie and Haley, a mother-daughter duet.

To reserve your tickets, fill out the form below and place in the offering plate. Tables will accommodate 8/9 people maximum. Full payment is required when picking up your tickets on November 11, 18 or 25 in Peterson Hall following the morning worship service. Tickets will also be on sale in Peterson Hall after worship on November 11, 18 and 25. Please see Kay Shannon or Carol Strickland or contact the church office with any questions.

- 10:15 A.M. Doors open for craft shopping**
- 11:00 A.M. JulFest Program**
- 12 P.M. Swedish Smorgasbord**



RSVP – JulFest December 1

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I wish to purchase tickets:

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

_____ Children under age 5 – free



Trinity Celebrates JulFest December 1

Trinity's annual JulFest is on Saturday, December 1. Our craft room will open at 10:15 A.M. until our program "Christmas Joy" begins at 11 A.M. Doors will reopen after the luncheon. Lingonberries, Bondost cheese and coffee cakes will be on sale with proceeds benefiting the Family Winter Weekend. Miriam Circle will have a regifting table of new or gently used items. If you wish to have your own table, please contact Lorraine Weszely.

On Thursday, November 29, at 1:00 P.M., we really need all Trinity ladies who are available to help us decorate Peterson Hall. Let us all work together to make JulFest 2018 special for all those who attend.

Our ladies are asked to bring 3 dozen home baked cookies for dessert. If possible, please bring cookies on November 29.