

✦ 24th Sunday after Pentecost ✦
November 19, 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 (In Unison)

I may be able to speak the languages of human beings and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. ²I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains—but if I have no love, I am nothing. ³I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned—but if I have no love, this does me no good.

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

Love is eternal. There are inspired messages, but they are temporary; there are gifts of speaking in strange tongues, but they will cease; there is knowledge, but it will pass. For our gifts of knowledge and of inspired messages are only partial; but when what is perfect comes, then what is partial will disappear.

When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am an adult, I have no more use for childish ways. What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror; then we shall see face-to-face. What I know now is only partial; then it will be complete—as complete as God's knowledge of me. Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH#298) *He is Exalted*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (BH #576) *Christ is Made
the Sure Foundation*

Message "Encourage One Another in Love"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆**Hymn of Response** *Charity*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors. . . only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe. Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

God redeems. Our hope lives in the one we call Jesus the Christ. Time and again we go to this hope, ready or not. For Christ's sake our sins are forgiven. May the flood of God's love in Christ Jesus be poured out in our lives and cease not at this worship's end. To the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Passing of the Peace

Life Together
Sharing from the Gideons

Offering

Offertory *Hallelujah Song*

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

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal (BH #367)** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

◆ **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.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Carol Noren in Thanksgiving for the people of Trinity Covenant Church.

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: pglkll99@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!

Date: _____
Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____

Calendar for the Week:

Today:

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.

This Week:

- Mon. 9:00 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
- Tue.-Fri. Noah’s Ark Thanksgiving break – No School
- Wed. 7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Service
Refreshments and bakery after the service, Peterson Hall
- Thur. *Happy Thanksgiving*
- Sat. 8:30 A.M. Breakfast at Flapjacks
- Sat. Church decorating for Advent after breakfast.

Next Sunday:

- 10 A.M. Worship
Baptism of Esther, Joseph and Daniel Ajide
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:15 A.M. Confirmation and Youth Group
- 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

Nov 26 – Nursery Helpers: Ginny Almer, Carol Byland
Greeters: John & Joyce Gorney

CHURCH DIRECTORY
The church directory has been updated. The 1st 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.

Announcements:



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

7 P.M.

Please join the trustees after the Thanksgiving Eve service for refreshments and bakery in Peterson Hall.

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) so she can make a reservation for breakfast.

Adult Sunday School

Today's class will conclude the 3-week forum on the life of Martin Luther with Rev. Dr. Paul O. Bischoff teaching on "The Reformation Wasn't Protestant". This session shows how the early reformers discussed and differed on their view of the Eucharist. 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.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will not meet Tuesday, November 21 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. They will meet November 28, December 5 and 12. On December 19, Barbara Johnson will host a brunch at her house at 10:30 A.M. for her ladies. No Bible Study on December 26.

JulFest Craft Room

Our JulFest Craft Room will again have a Regifting Table. New or gently used craft items, kitchen items, games, and decorations will be appreciated. Please No Clothing. You can bring regifting items to the Overflow Room starting Sunday, November 26.

Youth Group Project - Church Family Christmas

Greeting

The Trinity Youth Group will take the lead for this annual church fundraiser. They will help you with your Christmas card chores. For a donation, they will purchase, address, stamp and mail Christmas cards to all church members. Each card will include a list of the donors' names. Your donation will go towards Every Kid a Camper fund. If you'd like to donate, please fill out and return the Church Family Christmas Greeting envelope on the table in the Narthex by Sunday, December 10.

Musichorale 71st Gala

Musichorale is a Chicago community choir featuring the directorial debut of Mrs. Sarah Silhan-Koehler. The choir will perform their 71st Noel Concert – Step Into Christmas on Sunday, December 10, at 3:20 P.M., at Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 College Dr., Palos Heights. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. See Gloria Vitro.

**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



Our JulFest Craft Room will again have a Regifting Table. New or gently used craft items, kitchen items, games and decorating items will be appreciated. Please No Clothing. Bring your regifting items to the Overflow Room starting Sunday, November 26 through 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.



The Pacesetters invite everyone to join them on Saturday, December 16 for Gregory Athnos' presentation on 'A New View of Handel's Messiah'. Greg, Professor of Music for 32 years at North

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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Attending _____



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Church Family Christmas Greeting

Donation _____

Envelope # _____

Please print how your name and those of your family should appear on the Trinity Christmas card.

Make your check payable to: Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church.

Mark Christmas Card Fund in the memo and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office. The deadline is Sunday, December 10.

Proceeds from this year's Trinity Christmas Card fund will go towards The Every Kid a Camper Fund.

NAME(S) _____

Today's Scripture:

Psalm 90:1-12

- ¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
- ²Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
- ⁴A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
- ⁵Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning:
- ⁶In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.
- ⁷We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.
- ⁸You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ⁹All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.
- ¹⁰Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
- ¹¹If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
- ¹²Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "Peace and safety, "destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.