

✦ Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost ✦
November 25, 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)

Unison: LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

People: Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

Pastor: The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

People: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.

Unison: Your statutes, LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.

◆Hymn of Praise (The Song Goes On #5) *Seek Ye First*

◆Invocation

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

Kingdom Kids *My God is So Big*
 You are Good
 Son Rock Kids Camp

WORD

Scripture Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

John 18:33-37

Revelations 1:4b-8

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (TSGO #54) *Praise and Thanksgiving*
(vs. 1,3,4)

Message

“What is Truth?”
Rev. Mark Westlind, Senior Pastor

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (TSGO #115) *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Dear Jesus, we love you so much and are so grateful for your gentle and kind hand with us. We confess that we sometimes do not recognize your incredible Glory and majesty. We hold you so near and dear that we minimize your Lordship and equality with the other two members of the Godhead: The Father and the Holy Spirit. We publicly confess that you alone are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the Lord God Almighty. All the nations bow to You!

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Pastor: The Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord God, who was, who is, and who is to come, hears your confession. He is the one true God. Yet He left His glory to die for us. He has forgiven and freed you with His blood of sacrifice. He has reclaimed all of His glory. You are truly forgiven.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (TSGO #79) *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.



Rev. Mark Westlind.....Senior Pastor
Stuart SealeDirector of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Christina Palazzolo.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
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Advent at Trinity

Children's Christmas Program

On Sunday December 16, the Children's Christmas Program will be presented during worship with light refreshments to follow after the service.

Christmas Program and Dinner

On Sunday, December 16, at 4 PM. join us in celebration at Trinity's annual Christmas concert in the Sanctuary, followed by our traditional Chi-Tung dinner in Peterson Hall.

Christmas Eve Service

Monday Christmas Eve Service of Candles and Carols.

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
Thurs. 1 P.M. Setup for JulFest
Sat. 10:15 A.M. JulFest: doors open for Craft Shopping
11 A.M. Program: Debbie & Haley
12 P.M. Swedish Smorgasbord

Next Sunday: Communion Sunday

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10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
10 A.M. Worship
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December 2 – Nursery Helpers: Melissa Panush
Greeters: Mel & Arline Mueller

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, Doris Wallace.

Today's Scripture:

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

⁹“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. ¹³“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

John 18:33-37

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” ³⁴“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” ³⁵“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” ³⁶Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” ³⁷“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Revelations 1:4b-8

⁴John,
To the seven churches in the province of Asia:
Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.
⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth
“will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.
⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Announcements:

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

Today, November 25, Mel Mueller will conclude his study 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.

The December Adult Class will be led by our own Greg Goetz and his topic is "Monasticism". The class starts at 9 A.M., and it is never too late to increase your knowledge, so join us.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will not meet on November 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.).

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 9. 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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

**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.