

**✦ 25th Sunday after Pentecost ✦**  
**November 26, 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)**

<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.

**◆Hymn of Praise** *This is the Day!*

**◆Invocation**

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

**WORD**

**Sacrament of Baptism**      **Ayomide (Esther) Ajide**  
                                         **Olawale (Joseph) Ajide**  
                                         **Inioluwa (Daniel) Ajide**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 3:1-7

**◆Gloria Patri** (BH #109)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**◆Hymn of Preparation** (BH #547) *Baptized in Water*

**Message**    "Fruit in Keeping with your Repentance"  
                                         Rev. Mark Westlind

**RESPONSE**

**◆Hymn of Response** (BH #600) *We are God's People*

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

**When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life.**

**Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen**

**(Silent Prayer)**

**Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):**

*Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things.*  
(Psalm 72:8)

The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ,  
*"not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."*

*"Those who believe in him are not condemned."* (John 3:17,18)

People of God, this is your assurance of His pardon for your confession! Thanks be to God!

**Passing of the Peace**

**Life Together**

**Offering**

Offertory (BH #727) *Where Justice Rolls Down*

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

◆ *Prayer of Dedication*

**SENDING**

**◆Hymn of Dismissal** *Wade in the Water*

**Holiday Ensemble**

◆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.

Today Emmanuel and Elizabeth Ajide bring their children, daughter Ayomide (Esther), son Olawale (Joseph) and son Inioluwa (Daniel) before the congregation for the sacrament of baptism.

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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**Today's Scripture:**  
**Matthew 3:1-7**

**3** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."<sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" <sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Calendar for the Week:**

**Today:**

- 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. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark-Parent/Teacher Conference
- Tue.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
- Tues 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
- Wed. 6 P.M. Light Supper prior to "The Kingdom" class
- Tues. 6:30 P.M. Pastor Mark's class "The Kingdom"
- Thurs 1 P.M. Setup for JulFest
- Sat. 10:15 A.M. JulFest Craft Room, Program, Smorgasbord

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**Dec. 3 – Nursery Helpers:** Shannon Lee  
**Greeters:** Mel & Arline Mueller

**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.

NOTE: December classes to be determined.

## **Announcements:**

### **Adult Sunday School**

Today Priscilla Sarr will be teaching our adult class 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. On December 3, 10 and 17 the class will be led by Mel Mueller as he explores the book of First John. Why John wrote this letter and what was the purpose of his writing. All are welcome to attend.

### **Worth Township Holiday Events**

Christmas Care Program – Families in need of assistance may come to Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., Alsip, and fill out an application form for toys for their children (ages infant to 14 years of age) now through December 11, from 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Applicants will need to pick up items the week of December 11-21, by appointment. Families in need of outerwear this winter may also select items from the used Coat & Outer wear drive now through January 29 or until the coats find a new home. For details contact the Youth Commission, 708-371-2900.

Santa's Room - Come see Santa at Worth Township. Children accompanied by an adult may visit Santa December 4 through 15, Monday-Friday, from 3:30-5:30 P.M. and 6:30-8:30 P.M. There is no charge but a donation of a new toy/canned goods for the Christmas Care Program/Food Pantry would be appreciated. Enter the building at the west entrance.

### **Youth Group Project - Church Family Christmas Greeting**

The Trinity Youth Group will lead this annual church fundraiser with proceeds directed to Every Kid a Camper fund. For a donation, they will help you with your Christmas card chores: they will purchase, address, stamp and mail Christmas cards to all church members. Each card will include a list of the donors' names. To donate, please fill out

the Church Family Christmas Greeting envelope and return to the church office by Sunday, December 10.

### **Musichorale 71<sup>st</sup> Gala**

Musichorale is a Chicago community choir featuring the directorial debut of Mrs. Sarah Silhan-Koehler. The choir will perform their 71<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **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: [pgkll99@comcast.net](mailto:pgkll99@comcast.net)

### **Women's Bible Study**

On Tuesday, December 19, the Women's Bible Study group is invited to a brunch at Barbara Johnson's house at 10:30 A.M. Please note they will not meet on December 26.

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 26 in Peterson Hall following the morning worship service. Tickets will also be on sale in Peterson Hall after worship on November 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 drop off at the church office.

*RSVP is due Sunday, December 3.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I need a babysitter \_\_\_\_\_



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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.

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