

✚ Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost✚

November 4, 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: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

**People: I will praise the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

**People: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.
He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in
them—he remains faithful forever.**

Pastor: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**People: The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to
the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the
foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

**Unison: The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion,
for all generations. Praise the LORD.**

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #43) *Stand up and Bless the Lord*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Ruth 1:1-18

Mark 12:28-34

Desiree Hall

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #510) *Holy Ground*

Message

“A True Bosom Friend”

Rev. Mark Westlind, Senior Pastor

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #551) *As We Gather at Your Table*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Dear Lord, We have praised and adored you today. We have heard Your Word. Please now forgive us as we confess that we have heard your teachings and only partially observed them. We confess that we have failed to truly love our families, friends and neighbors; even when we have wanted and tried to do so. These are our feeble human attempts. Please forgive us and help us to love the way you love.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Pastor: The greatest thing our Lord requires of us is to love Him first and foremost, forsaking all others. The second is to love our neighbor. The Lord has heard our confession and our true remorse. He forgives us and will give us the fortitude to improve our efforts at loving; as we keep coming to Him for help.

Unison: May God be praised! Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

Soon and Very Soon

Stu Seale

- ◆ *Doxology*
- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

- Invitation to the Lord's Supper
- ◆ Affirmation of Faith (BH #878)
- ◆ Words of Institution
- ◆ Prayer of Consecration
- Sharing the Bread and the Cup
- Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (GH #523) *God Be with You 'til We Meet Again*

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

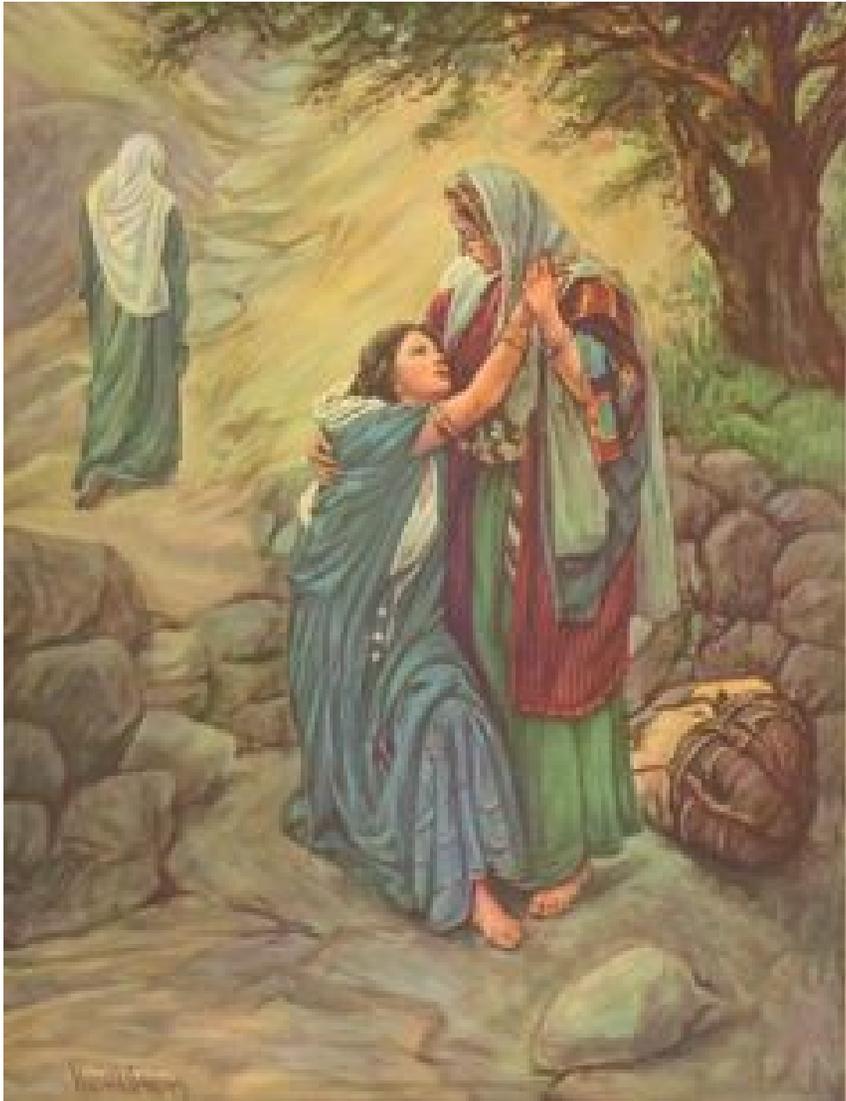
◆ **Indicates those who are able should stand.**

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.

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
 Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary
 Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian



ANNUAL BUDGET AND ELECTION MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AFTER WORSHIP

PETERSON HALL

Today's Scripture:

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. ³ Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶ When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. ⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me.

⁹ May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹ But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴ At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Mark 12:28:34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your

strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

³² “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
MOVE CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR**

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
Tues. 9:30 AM. Women’s Bible Study
Tues. 4:30 P.M. Ronald McDonald House supper
Tues. 7 P.M. C.E. Board meeting
Wed. 6 P.M. Light supper
Wed. 6:30 P.M. Pastor Mark’s class
Thur. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers

Next Sunday: Veterans Day

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. Inquirer’s Class
NOTE: NO Confirmation Class

November 11 – Nursery Helpers: Heidi Weszely
Greeters: Chuck & Marcia Lellos

Announcements:

November Adult Sunday School

Reminder: Class will start 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.

Argentina Mission Trip 2019

For those interested in our Spring Break 2019 Mission Trip! We are going to Bariloche, Argentina for Spring Break. This trip will be a 10-12-day interactive, relational experience into the culture, people, ministry, and geography of the Patagonia. If this sounds like exactly what you have been looking for, please join Pastor Mark (our team fearless leader!) in the Fireside Room after the service today. We will speak about the logistics, dates, and requirements for this trip. Even if you are unsure and just interested in knowing more about this, please join us! It is open to all ages.

INQUIRERS CLASS

- Want to know more about what it means to be a Christian and church member?
- Curious about our denominational heritage?
- Want a better understanding of our congregation and its ministries?
- Interested in pursuing membership?

Those who would like to inquire about such questions are invited to enroll in the one-session intensive class led by Pastor Mark Westlind.

Enrolling does not obligate one to join, however, those who complete the class and wish to pursue membership will be encouraged to do so.

The date for the class is Sunday, November 11, after the worship service. It should last between 2 and 2 ½ hours.

Please return the following form to the church office, call us at (708) 422-5111 or speak to Pastor Mark.

I wish to enroll in the “Inquirers Class” (Nov. 11).

Name _____

Telephone _____

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Let's Do Brunch - Sunday, November 18, 2018



Back by popular demand – Let's Do Brunch on Sunday, November 18 following the Annual Budget and Election Meeting. The brunch will help support Every Kid a Camper. Let's make sure that every child who would like to go to camp this summer will have an opportunity to do so.

We'll have a sign-up sheet posted by the kitchen if you would like to donate a brunch item.

To RSVP, please use the tear off below and place in the offering plate.

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Brunch Brunch Brunch Brunch Brunch

Name _____

Adults _____ Children _____

Wednesday Evening Class with Pastor Mark

Frederick Buechner said, "Call is where your greatest joy meets the world's deepest pain."

Pastor Mark's Wednesday evening class is a 10-week study with 4 sessions remaining. We would LOVE to have you join us.

We have a light dinner at 6 P.M. in Peterson Hall, followed by the class from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. The course is titled, "The Call." We are



examining "Call" in our own lives and also calls upon the lives of many of the OT and NT heroes.

One of the themes we have looked at are the three different types of "calls."

- 1- The call that Jesus makes upon our lives to bring us to Him through salvation.
- 2- The occasional/seasonal/short term call that we get involved with through the "nudgings" of the Holy Spirit. We can have different calls through the seasons of our lives.
- 3- The call that is upon our lives on a daily basis. We have coined a phrase for this which is: "Life-Thread." Come enjoy the interaction and fellowship.

Please fill out the form below and return to the church office.

We hope you'll join us.

Name _____

November 7 _____

November 14 _____

November 21 (No Class-Thanksgiving Eve Service)

November 28 _____

December 5 _____

I would like to prepare a light supper:

Date _____

**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 4, 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 4, 11, 18 and 25. Please see Kay Shannon or Carol Strickland or contact the church office with any questions.

(See reverse side of this flyer for additional JulFest information.)

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 gift 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 those 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.