

✚ Reformation Sunday ✚
October 29, 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

Pastor: Since the time John the Baptist came until now, the kingdom of heaven has been going forward in strength. People using force have been trying to take the kingdom. All the prophets and the law of Moses spoke until the time John came. They told about the things that would happen.

People: **And if you will believe the things the law and the prophets said, then you will believe that John is Elijah. The law and the prophets said he would come. Let those with ears use them and listen!**

Pastor: What can I say about the people who live today? What are they like?

People: **They are like children sitting in the marketplace. One group calls to the other: ‘We played music for you, but you did not dance; we sang a sad song, but you did not cry.’**

Pastor: John came, and he did not eat like other people or drink wine. And people say, ‘He has a demon in him.’

People: **The Son of Man came, eating and drinking wine, and people say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’**

All: **Yet wisdom is proved right by its actions.**

◆Hymn of Praise (GH #108) *Rock of Ages*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (BH #341) *Amazing Grace* (vs. 1,3-5)

Message

“Justified By Faith”

Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆**Hymn of Response** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

Lord of all, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness.

We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

God does show us God’s own righteousness, and divine forbearance. Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us, we may come to know the truth and be made free. Jesus Christ the Son of God sets us free from our slavery to sin. Our sins are forgiven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *Cornerstone*

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

◆ *Prayer of Dedication*

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #412) *Be Thou My Vision*

◆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.

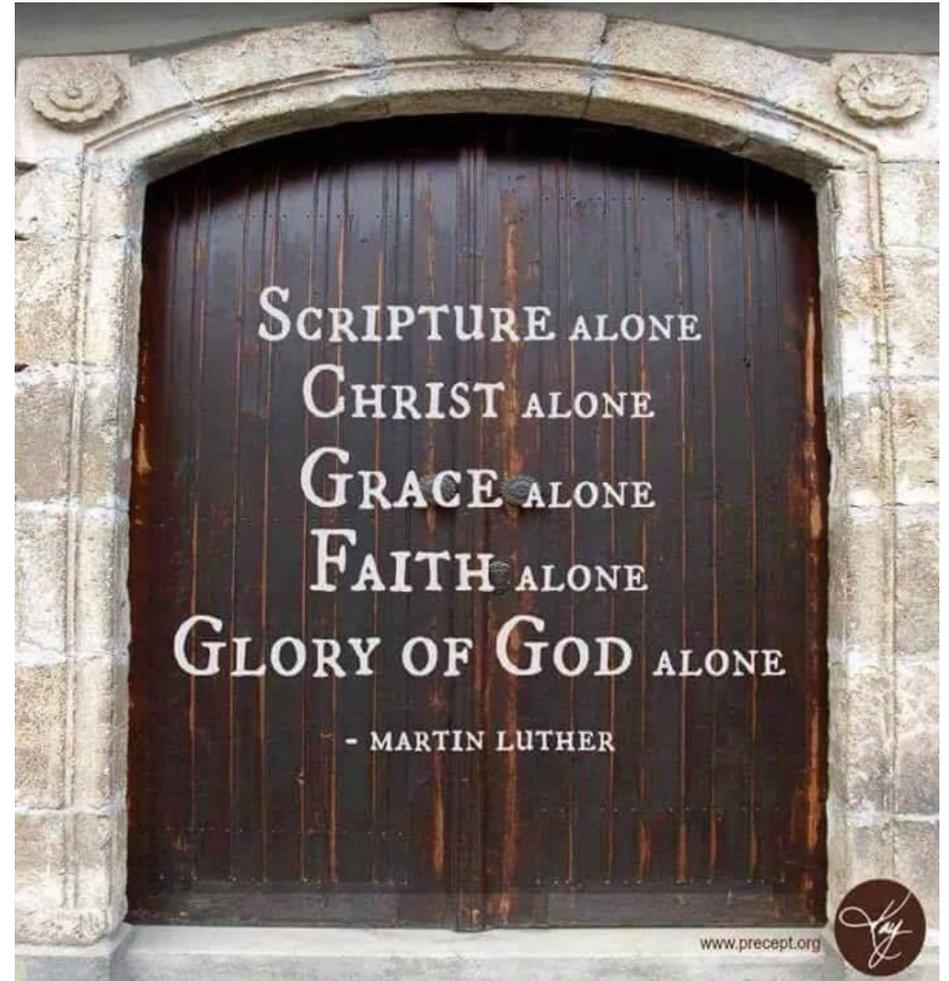
It's a *Kingdom* Thing

Pastor Mark invites you to join him on Wednesday evenings now through December 6 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 if you would like to attend and haven't signed up yet.

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
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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: pglkl199@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:

- 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
- 4 P.M. Youth Group K-6th Grade Halloween Party, Peterson Hall

This Week:

- Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Tues. Happy Halloween
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study, Fireside Room
- Wed. 6:00 P.M. Light dinner prior to Pastor Mark’s class
- Wed. 6:30 P.M. “It’s A Kingdom Thing” class, presented by Pastor Mark

**Next Sunday: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS-
SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR**

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Nov. 5 – Nursery Helpers: Desiree Hall, Kari Devine
Greeters: Pam Romano, Heidi Weszely

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

Jenny DeVivo concludes her October class on the topic of the Nicene Creed. As early Christians wrestled with their understanding of Jesus and determined what was orthodoxy and what was heresy, the theologically dense Nicene Creed states many foundational beliefs about Christ and Christianity.

In November the class will be lead by Rev. Dr. Paul O. Bischoff on the “The Reformation Wasn’t Protestant”, a 3-week forum on the life of Martin Luther and the impact of his Reformation theology on the church. Dr. Bischoff studied theology and received his doctorate in Bonhoeffer from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the University of Chicago and Oxford.

Color the World Orange Day

Wear the color **Orange** on Monday, November 6, to help raise awareness and in support of MaryFaith West who was diagnosed 4 years ago with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, a very painful disease. Help raise awareness by attending the awareness party on Saturday, November 4, 12-4 P.M., at Hometown School, 8870 S. Duffy. Proceeds benefit The Ferocious Fighters. Contact Michelle West for further information.

JulFest - December 2, 2017

All ladies are invited to attend Trinity's annual JulFest on Saturday, December 2, at 11 A.M in Peterson Hall. Our JulFest theme will be "God is Love", and will be presented by The Heavenly Harps, a mother and her 4 exceptionally talented daughters.



Ticket Reservation Forms will be available in the bulletin November 5, 12, 19 and 26. Tickets will also be available for pick up and on sale in Peterson Hall on Sunday, November 12, 19 and 26. The cost is Adults \$20, Children age 5-

12 \$5, under age 5 are free. Contact Kay Shannon or Carol Strickland for reservations.

Our craft room will be open at 10 A.M. Contact Lorraine Weszely to reserve a table. Coffee cakes and Bond-ost will be available for purchase in addition to other items.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Reminder: Trinity ladies will set up for Julfest on Thursday, November 30, at 1 P.M. Your help will be most appreciated.

Trinity's Holiday Ensemble

Hello! As the holiday season approaches, Stuart Seale has some music that he'd like to make with a small ensemble of 4-8 singers to celebrate the Christmas season. We will meet before each service, starting next week (November 5), from 9-9:45 A.M. to prepare some pieces to enhance our collective worship experience. Please see Stuart after the service and sign-up with your email so he can provide you with sheet music and recordings, and also keep you up to date with which services will feature which pieces.

Thank you and we look forward to making music with you!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 16: Greg Athnos, Professor of Music for 32 years at North Park University, will present a class on *A New View of Handel's Messiah*. Greg has done research and has an entirely new view of Handel's spiritual commitment to the text used in the masterpiece. Class starts at 10 A.M., with a break for lunch, and resumes following lunch. Look for sign up information in future bulletins.

Today's Scripture:

Psalm 46

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of
God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
- ⁶Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. ²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. ²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.