

✚ 18th Sunday after Pentecost ✚

October 8, 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: Let us lift our eyes to greater life,
that which stands firmly on the ground of faith
and is built on the cornerstone of all the good
that is Christ Jesus.

People: **In humility and hope,
we will look with new courage
at all the possibilities of life.**

Pastor: Here, in this sacred place is the sanctuary of our God.
Here we will pray and listen, to hear a new Word,
one which invites a grander commitment.

Pastor: **Hold us as we meet with you, O Christ.
We come in openness to know your will.**

◆Song of Praise (BH #579) *The Church's One Foundation*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 80:7-19

Matthew 21:33-46

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #60) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Message "Christ the Cornerstone"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #381) *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

**Jesus, whose story confronts us, just as you did long ago,
we acknowledge that we are not always true to your calling.
We sometimes look at people and convince ourselves
that we are the righteous and they are the sinners.
We are often silent in the face of injustice and abuse.
We close our eyes to the terrible suffering of people in many
situations, some of which benefits us in trade and products.
Our lives are too often lived on the false ground of consumerism
and comfortable blindness. Forgive us, Jesus Christ.
Take our hands that we may walk closer to you
and with all that you stand for, we pray. Amen.**

(Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance (Pastor)

In Christ, there is never an end to hope and love.
If we will truly receive it, grace is given to us and renewed
life is possible.
We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine*

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

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal *In Christ Alone*

◆Benediction

Postlude *This Little Light of Mine*

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

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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WELCOME TO TRINITY

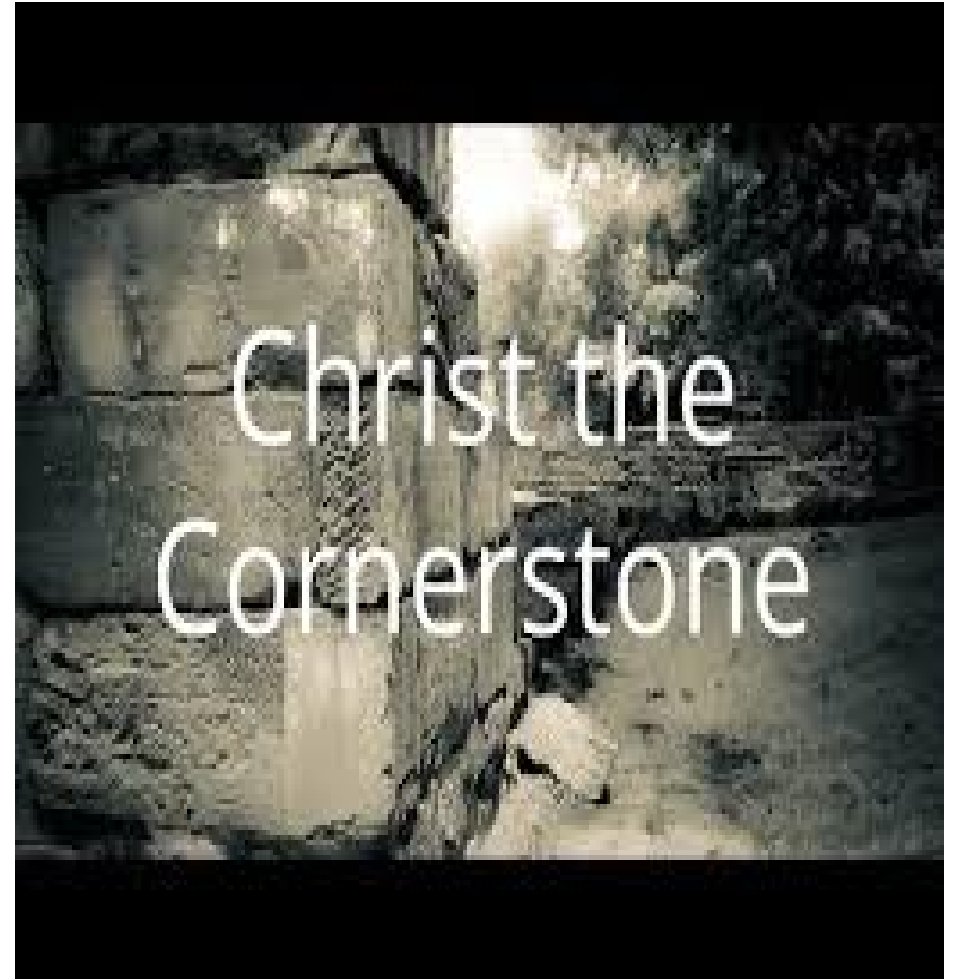
So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



**SAVE THE DATES
FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| Thur. Oct 12. | 11 A.M. | Pryme Tymers |
| Sat. Oct. 14 | 3 P.M. | Pacesetters (anyone age 65+) gathering at Betty Aardema's |
| Sun. Oct 15 | 12 P.M. | Let's Do Lunch-Camp Fundraiser |
| Tue. Oct 17 | 11 A.M. | Covenant Women/Miriam Circle lunch, program and meeting. |
| Tue. Oct. 17 | | November Messenger articles due. |
| Thur. Oct. 26 | 11 A.M. | Pryme Tymers |
| Fri. Oct. 27 | 6 P.M. | Noah's Ark Preschool – Pizza Night Fundraiser |
| Tues. Oct. 31 | 10 A.M. | Noah's Ark Halloween Party |

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: Hazel Carlson, Greg Goetz, Carol Latimer, Lorraine Sorensen, Linda Stearns (Pryme Tymers "Happygrams"), Linnea Wimpenny.

Calendar for the Week:

Today:

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| 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 |

This Week:

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| Tues.-Fri. | 9:00 A.M. | Noah's Ark Preschool (No Preschool on Monday, Columbus Day) |
| Tues. | 9:30 A.M. | Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:30 P.M. | Deacons Meeting |
| | 7:30 P.M. | Trustees and C.E. Meetings |
| Thurs. | 11:00 A.M. | Pryme Tymers Meeting |
| Sat. | 3:00 P.M. | Pacesetters gathering at Betty Aardema's |

Next Sunday:

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| Noon | Let's Do Lunch-Camp Fundraiser |

Oct. 15 – Nursery Helpers: Pat Klutcharch, Marcia Lellos

Greeters: Diana Eigenbauer

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

During October, Jenny DeVivo, continues her topic on 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. Join us in the Fireside Room at 11:30. **There will be no class on the 15th due to Let's Do Lunch-Camp Fundraiser.**

Carson's Day Books

Noah's Ark Preschool is selling Carson's Community Days coupon books for \$5. The book contains over \$500 in coupons. Get good prices on the latest fashions and help support our preschool at the same time! Community Days are Wednesday-Saturday, November 8-11. All proceeds go towards the school. Please see Ms. Amanda (708-969-3481).

Congratulations to Eric and Rose Sandberg on the birth of a baby girl, Ingrid Mille, on October 3, 2017. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces. The proud grandparents are Jim and Charlene Sandberg.

Pastor Mark will be out of town at a conference in California from Tuesday, Oct. 10 to Tuesday, Oct. 17. He will be back for the Missional Class on Wed. evening. Dr. Dave Kersten Dean of North Park Theological Seminary will be the guest preacher.

Melissa Lettiere-Panush will be out of town from Tues., Oct. 10 thru Fri., Oct. 13.

Today's Scripture:

Psalm 80:7-19

7 Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

⁸You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.

¹²Why have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹³Boars from the forest ravage it,
and insects from the fields feed on it.

¹⁴Return to us, God Almighty!
Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine,

¹⁵ the root your right hand has planted,
the son you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁶Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke your people perish.

¹⁷Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

Matthew 21:33-46

33 "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another

place. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

³⁸"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

⁴¹"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"'The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

⁴³"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

An Autumn Afternoon of Music

Do you like to listen to music?
Do you like to sing?
Are you 65 or older?



Then join us at Betty Aardema's
6250 W. 127th Place
Palos Heights

on **Saturday, October 14**, at 3 P.M.

for an afternoon of music, singing, fellowship,
and supper.

Pacesetters will supply the supper.

The \$ amount to be determined (approximately \$5).

If you need transportation, please let

Pat Anderson or Pat Petersen know by October 8.

Note: It is important that you RSVP by October 8.



RSVP - Pacesetters October 14:

Name _____

Phone
Number _____

Yes, I need transportation _____

Covenant Women Give Back

Save the date, **Tuesday, October 17** at 11 A.M. in the Fireside Room after Bible Study, for Covenant Women/Miriam Circle lunch, program and meeting.

Most of us have enjoyed the bounty of food that our "Larry Thomas" brings to us quite often. Larry volunteers at the Affordable Recovery Foundation in Blue Island, a facility where homeless recovering addicts (both men and women) can get room/board, food/shelter, help finding a job, and counseling for \$35 a day. We can help the residents by donating "new" or "gently used" clothing, as well as toiletries.

There is a "Wish List" on the Covenant Women bulletin board for items needed (please note, most residents work in factories and cannot use "dressy" clothes.) Drop off your donations to the



Overflow Room **starting Sunday, October 8**. We will present the donations to Larry on October 17.

If you would like to join us on Tuesday, October 17, please RSVP to Lorraine Weszely by Sunday, October 15.

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RSVP – Covenant Women October 17:

Name _____

Attending _____

Let's Do Lunch -Camp Fundraiser

**Sunday, October 15
Pigs and Wigs**



On Sunday, October 15, following Sunday School, everyone is invited to a lunch Camp Fundraiser in Peterson Hall. Let's make sure that every child who wants to go to camp has the opportunity to do so.

It's not Halloween yet, but let's dress up and *wear a wig* to lunch! If you find a *pig in a wig* picture, put it on paper and bring it with you. If not, don't worry... Ha! Come and enjoy great Pulled Pork Sandwiches with a variety of salads and delicious desserts.

If you are able to join us, RSVP by filling out the form below. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$1 for kids.

Tear off and place in offering plate or drop off at church office.

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| RSVP Let's Do Lunch - Camp Fundraiser October 15 | |
| Name _____ | |
| Adults _____ | Children _____ |
| I will bring: | |
| A Salad (what kind) _____ | |
| A Dessert (what kind) _____ | |

Noah's Ark Preschool
Pizza Night Fundraiser!!

When: Friday October 27 6:00 P.M.

Where: Noah's Ark Preschool and Trinity Covenant Church in Peterson Hall
9230 S. Pulaski Oak Lawn

Kids come in costume

All you can eat pizza and salad!!!!

\$6.00 per person, children 2 and under are FREE

Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5.00

Please purchase tickets in advance from

Ms. Amanda

RSVP - Noah's Ark Preschool Pizza Night Oct. 27

We can attend: _____

How many adults _____ children _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____





Attention!!!

A great new class is being offered. It is a class on "The Kingdom".

Sometimes we can call it "The Upside Down Kingdom!" Indeed one of the books we will use goes by that title. It is a class that looks deeply into what the Gospel means for our lives. We will traverse familiar territory, but sometimes we will discover that the application is a little different than what we had previously perceived.

The class is offered by Pastor Mark and is taught on Wednesday evenings starting on Oct. 18th. We will meet at 6:00 P.M. starting with a light dinner. At 6:30 P.M. we will begin our class which will conclude at 8:00 P.M. For those of you bringing your Jr. Hi and High School kids to youth group, you do not even have to go home and return!

The cost of the class is free, but there will be a nominal charge for journals and books used. The class is slated for a duration of 8 weeks. Come join us in this adventure! Pastor Mark likes this class so much; he is flying back from a conference so as to not miss the starting day!

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Sign up if you would like to attend the class:

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