

✦ **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** ✦
September 30, 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: The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
People: The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.
People: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

Pastor: By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
People: But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

Pastor: Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
Unison: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

◆ **Hymn of Praise** (BH #298) *He is Exalted*

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

Kingdom Kids

WORD

Scripture Readings

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:13-20

◆ *Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆ **Hymn of Preparation** (BH #386) *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Message "Never EVER tire of doing good"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆ **Hymn of Response** *This Little Light of Mine*

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

People: God of our salvation, our rescue, our health: all things are yours, and when we bring hearts, hands and voices to worship, we bring you what is yours. Yet we do not serve you as we ought. We are tired and exhausted and frustrated. We feel justified in our feelings and that we just deserve a break.

Pastor: Our feeble effort at goodwill towards others has no firm foundation and crumbles at the first tremor of real testing. In our personal affairs and our large judgements, we try to heal deep wounds with superficial cures.

Unison: Holy and loving God, forgive us. Confront us with your way of righting wrong, your strange and wondrous work of redemption through the sacrificial love of Jesus. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

People of God, your cry has been heard by Jesus Christ. He has borne our transgressions and shortcomings on the cross. He forgives you and comforts you. Be assured in this fact and take confidence from Christ's very words when you are exhausted and frustrated: "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Passing of the Peace
Life Together
Offering

Offertory *Rivers of Babylon*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal (GH #48)** *There is a Balm in Gilead*

◆ **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, Chloe Johnson, Dorothy Karner, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Char Dunk-Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Richard Larson and Char Dunk-Sladek in memory of Barbara Larson.

Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim 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



**Come to me, all who labor
and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest. Take my
yoke upon you, and learn
from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls. For
my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.**

Matt 11:28-29

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Installation Service for Pastor Mark

Per the decision of the Executive Board and the congregational meeting, pastor Mark will be installed as the Senior Pastor at our worship service at 10 A.M. on Sunday, October 7. Please join us for this milestone in the life of our church. We hope everyone can attend the service for this important occasion.

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 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

This Week:

- Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 AM. Women’s Bible Study
- Wed. 6 P.M. Lite supper
- Wed. 6:30 P.M. Pastor Mark’s class “The Call”

Next Sunday:

- 8:45 A.M. Adult Sunday School starts today, Fireside Room
- 10 A.M. Installation Service for Pastor Mark
- 10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

October 7 – Nursery Helpers: Diana Eigenbauer, Grace Persson
Greeters: Paula Cassady

Announcements:

October Adult Sunday School

Next Sunday, October 7 join us in the Fireside Room before 11 worship at **8:45 A.M.** with Dr. Paul Bischof leading the class on “Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A 20th Century Martyr”. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, professor, pastor and plot participant, spoke out early against Hitler and his demonic reign. His secular-yet-Christian theology countered the racist religious fantasy of the Nazis. This seminar gets into four of Bonhoeffer’s best-known books: *Discipleship*, *Life Together*, *Ethics* and *Letters & Papers from Prison* in which he challenges us to proclaim the Gospel in Jesus’ non-religious language with a human accent as a church that exists for others.

Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade: Volunteers Needed

We need Sunday School teachers this year. We are asking for 2 people to share a six-week rotation of teaching. Lessons will be provided. We ask that you arrive at church by 9:45 A.M. to greet the children and bring a snack to pass out. Please pray that we will get the teachers needed for this year and be open for GOD to place the call in your life! If you are interested or have questions please talk to Kelly Bradbury.

Noah's Ark Preschool – Raffle Baskets

Noah's Ark Preschool's - Halloween Pizza Night Fundraiser is Friday, October 26, 5:30-7:30 P.M., in Peterson Hall. If you are able to help out by donating a raffle basket for the fundraiser, please contact Christina Palazzolo at 815-210-1526 or call the church office. Your support of Noah's Ark Preschool is truly appreciated. Thank you!

Today's Scripture:

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" ¹⁰Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin."

¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent.

²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. ²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

²⁹But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

James 5:13-20

¹³Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.¹⁸Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

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 started on Sept. 12 in the Fireside Room. It is a 10-week class, so please join us for the remaining 7 sessions! We would LOVE to have you with us!

There will be 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. Again, the course is titled, "The Call." We



will be 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 looked at this past Wednesday was that there are 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 for all the classes.

Name _____

- October 3 _____
- October 10 _____
- October 17 _____
- October 24 _____
- October 31 _____

- November 7 _____
- November 14 _____

I would like to prepare a light supper: Date _____

**NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL
7TH ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN PIZZA NIGHT
FUNDRAISER!!**



When: Friday October 26

Time: 5:30 – 7 :30 P.M.

Where: Trinity Covenant Church
Peterson Hall

Cost: \$7 per person

(Tickets can be purchased at the door)

Kids come in costume! Halloween Crafts!

All you can eat pizza, salad, desserts and drinks!

Raffle Basket Tickets: 6 tickets for \$5 *or* \$1/ticket

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP by filling out the tear-off below and place in the offering plate by Friday, October 19.



Family Name _____

Number attending _____

Dear Members of Trinity Covenant Church,

With Fall approaching, apple season is underway!

Noah's Ark Preschool is holding its first Affy Tapple Sale! To place an order for apples or any other goodies, please circle the items below and place order form in the offering plate.

Please place your order along with payment (cash or check payable to Noah's Ark Preschool) before Friday, October 19.



We truly appreciate your support! Thank you!
~Noah's Ark Preschool Fundraising Committee



Name _____

Phone No. _____

The Original Peanut Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

The Original Plain Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

Halloween Sprinkles Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

Party-Colored Chocolate Drops Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

Triple Chocolate Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

Gourmet Peanut Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Gourmet Plain Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Gourmet Chocolate Candy Pieces Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Gourmet Double Chocolate Crunch Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Gourmet Milk Chocolate Almond Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Homemade Caramel Corn \$2.50/bag or 2 for \$5.00

Milk Chocolate Pretzel Bites \$2.50/pouch or 2 for \$5.00

Famous Homemade Caramels Pouch \$2.50/pouch or 2 for \$5.00

Mini Sandwich Cookies Pouch \$2.50/pouch or 2 for \$5.00

Milk Chocolate Caramel & Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods \$1.50/Pretzel

Assorted Chocolate Caramel & Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods \$1.50/Pretzel

We will call you with the Pick-up Day. Items will be distributed in Peterson Hall.
Pick up for Peanut Apples will be located in the Kitchen.