

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

LOVEFEAST IN CELEBRATION OF THE 246TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HOME CHURCH CONGREGATION

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 - 10 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.* Matthew 25:13

CHORALESHome Church Band, Art Sorensen, leader

SPECIAL MUSIC - *Chordal Chimes* (Celebration Singers).....Paul Rosene

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

PRELUDE - *Do You Hear Your Shepherd's Voice?*.....Suzanne Lord
Carolers & Celebration Singers

Do you know your Shepherd's voice, are you listening with your heart?
Have you stopped to hear Him calling, felt the peace His words impart? Are you listening?
The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside quiet waters; He restores my soul.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY - *New Year and Anniversaries*, pages 143-145

(Serve)

ANTHEM - *Come Unto Me*.....Massah Miksch Warner (1836-1900)
Choir

Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your teachings true and holy,
drawn from earth to love you solely.

T. Arnheim (84A)

Glorious Lord, yourself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
open now our ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's pleading;
hear the cry that we are raising;
hear, and bless our prayers and praising.

T. Innsbruck (79A)

Jesus, yourself to us reveal.
Grant that we may not only feel
some drawings of your grace,
but in communion with you live,
and daily from your death derive
the needful strength to run our race.

O let us know you always near,
as is the light that shines so clear,
or as the air we breathe;
in all our thoughts, our words and ways,
thus may our lives show forth your praise,
our hearts be freed from things beneath.

Lord, for thy coming us prepare;
may we, to meet thee without fear,
at all times ready be;
in faith and love preserve us sound;
O let us day and night be found
waiting with joy to welcome thee.

T. *Gregor* (37A)

My portion is the Lord; I seek his favor
and in his Name and Word confide forever;
the world can never give so rich a treasure
as in his love to live and do his pleasure.

He gives me for my tears his oil of gladness;
delivers, heals, and cheers, dispels my sadness;
he makes sin's power to cease, his grace restrains me.
And with his word of peace he still sustains me.

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by thee. Amen.

(Partake)

ANTHEMS - *Create in Me a Clean Heart*.....Massah Miksch Warner

Hear, O Lord, When I Cry
The Lord Is in His Holy Temple
The Lord Is My Light
Seek Ye the Lord
Worship the Lord

Choir

(Collect)

T. *Service* (56A)

Ye who called, ye who called to Christ's service are,
join together, join together both in work and prayer;
venture all on him, our Lord, who assures us in his word,
we are always, we are always objects of his care.

Show'rs of blessing, show'rs of blessing from the Lord proceed,
strength supplying, strength supplying in the time of need;
for no servant of our king ever lacked for anything.
He will never, he will never break the bruised reed.

May we faithful, may we faithful in our service be,
truly careful, truly careful in our ministry;
keep us to your church fast bound, in the faith preserve us sound,
often weeping, often weeping grateful tears of joy.

T. *Agnus Christi* (115B)

How great the bliss to be a sheep of Jesus,
and to be guided by his shepherd staff!
Earth's greatest honors, howsoe'er they please us,
compared to this are vain and empty chaff.
Yea, what this world can never give,
may through the Shepherd's grace, each needy sheep receive.

Here is a pasture, rich and never failing,
here living waters in abundance flow;
none can conceive the grace with them prevailing,
who Jesus' Shepherd voice obey and know.
He banishes all fear and strife,
And leads them gently on to everlasting life.

Whoe'er would spend their days in lasting pleasure
must come to Christ and join his flock with speed;
here is a feast prepared, rich beyond measure,
the world meanwhile on empty husks must feed.
Those souls may share in ev'ry good
whose Shepherd does possess the treasures of God.

(Stand)

(During the singing of the next hymn, children age 4 and up are welcome to follow Children’s Church Leaders to continue their worship in Godly Play. At 11:00, children will travel to the second floor of the CE building for the Comenius Corridor and then Sunday School.)

T. *Pilgrimage* (166 A)

Welcome among your flock of grace with joyful acclamation,
our Shepherd whom we now confess! Come, feed your congregation.
We own the doctrine of your cross to be our sole foundation;
accept from ev’ry one of us the deepest adoration.

O Christ, the church’s Head and Lord, you as a Shepherd lead us,
your flock, and richly with your word and sacrament still feed us.
What shall we say? Lost in amaze, our hearts bow down before you;
for none sufficiently can praise, love, honor, or adore you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 25: 1-13, page 806.....The Rev. Andrew Heil
Psalms 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, “Aha, Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say
evermore, “God is great!”**

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

SERMON - *Heavy is the Wait*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM - *Your Word Went Forth*Sally Ann Morris (1993)
Choir

DOXOLOGYT. *Old Hundredth*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

HYMN 444 - *Grace and Peace from God*, verses 1 and 3T. *Covenant*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE - Dialogue sur les Mixtures, from *Suite Brève* Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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Virginia H. Tobiasen, *Pastor*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a cordial welcome to all of our visitors this morning, and we invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you after the service.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Emil and Anna Shaffner, Garland B. Shaffner, Louis and Jane A. Shaffner, and Ronald and Anna Pauline Shaffner Slye* by the family.

CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - Lovefeast
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School
12:00 p.m. - Children's Candle Making, Fellowship Hall
- Monday - 12:00 p.m. - Circle 7, Club Room
5:00 p.m. - Circle 3, Parlor
6:30 p.m. - Circle 5, CE-101
7:00 p.m. - Trustees Meeting, Club Room
- Tuesday - 12:00 p.m. - Ministry Architects Meeting, RB-225
3:30 p.m. - Circle 4, Parlor
5:30 p.m. - Christian Education Co. Meeting, RB-225
5:30 p.m. - Circle 8, Club Room
6:30 p.m. - Circle 2, home of Ashley Sanders
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at the Lighthouse Restaurant
4:45 p.m. - Children's Choir & Moravian Minis
5:00 p.m. - *HTH* deadline, Jane Shore
5:00 p.m. - Church Council Lunch Reservation Deadline, Church Office
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - WNF Program, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday - 12:15 p.m. - MOC Bible Study, Club Room
2:00 p.m. - Book Club, Club Room
5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor, RB-120
6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5
7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus, RB-5
- Next Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Church Council & Lunch
5:30 p.m. - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Highland Presbyterian

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to share a pledge report up date for 2018. As of November 7 Home Church has received 251 commitments totaling \$560,121. THANK YOU to all who have submitted pledges, and we encourage all members to prayerfully consider their commitment for 2018.

Sign-ups for Candle Tea will be today following worship until 12 noon in the hallway outside of the Parlor. There are approximately 70 openings to be filled.

TODAY, Candle Making for K-5th grade, 12:15-2 p.m.: Children and their families will enjoy lunch and then make Moravian beeswax candles. These candles will be distributed at a December Forsyth Medical Center cancer floor lovefeast. Children also will have the opportunity to draw a picture for the Christmas Eve children's 11 a.m. lovefeast ode.

Our special Thanksgiving worship service this year with our decorations and collections of food for area agencies will be held on Sunday, November 19 at the 10 a.m. service. Families are encouraged to bring their food donations and, at an appropriate time in worship, they will be brought to the front of the Sanctuary.

You are invited to the Winston-Salem Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Youth

Nursery: *Count the Stars!*, CE-104 (Nursery)

Pre-K-4th grades: *Abraham and Sarah*, Drama, CE-201

5th-7th grades: *Submerge Yourself in the Bible*, CE-301

8th-Post High: *Café Conversations*, CE-304 (meet outside of South Vestibule door)

Adult

Scripture Encore: *Continued exploration of today's service scripture passages*, CE-101

Bible Discussion: *1 Corinthians 15*, Club Room

Faith Journeys: *A Conversation with Gail Morris*, CE-208

No Sunday School next week – Church Council

ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Immediately following 10 a.m. Worship Service

Home Church's Annual Council will convene on Sunday, November 19, 2017 following the 10 a.m. worship service. All communicant members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend this luncheon meeting. The meeting will begin in the Sanctuary where the first ballots will be marked, and continue with a meal in Fellowship Hall. The Youth will prepare a baked potato and salad bar. Donations to support the youth group's summer mission work will be accepted. Bring a dessert to share!

Following the session in the Sanctuary, parents of children ages three and up should pick up their children from the second floor of the CE Building to take them to Fellowship Hall for lunch. Children aged three and under may be picked up from the nursery following the sanctuary session.

Elders - One 4-Year Term - Vote for 3

Steve Allred, Kaky Berry, Jennifer Graham, Jen Oas, Katherine Petree

Elder Youth Representatives - One 1-Year Term - Vote for 2

Sam Graham, Eve Salzwedel

Trustees - One 4-Year Term - Vote for 3

Mike Garner, David Holston, Margaret Turner Johnson, Ryan Maher, Steve Phelps

Trustee Youth Representatives - One 1-Year Term - Vote for 2

Caroline Hoyle, Camden Sear

Central Trustee - One 4-Year Term - Vote for 1

Richard Carmichael, Mike Cude

Church Council Secretary - One 4-Year Term - Vote for 1

Bev Moore

RCC Representative - One 2-Year Term - Vote for 1

Deb Aboudara

Elders Retiring This Year

Tony Disher, Nola Knouse, Scott Rhodes; Hannah Ross, Abby Seibert (Youth)

Trustees Retiring This Year

Amanda Grimstead, Elaine Peddycord, John Vogler; Will Goins, Ryan Peddycord (Youth)

Central Trustee (of the Salem Congregation) Retiring This Year

Steve Strawsburg

Church Council Secretary Retiring This Year

Betsy Hine

Elders Remaining in Office

Clement Caddell, John Dyer, Susie Gatland, Robyn Goslen, Susan Miller, Gail Morris, Ashley Sanders, Susan Spence, Nat Watson

Central Elder (of the Salem Congregation) Remaining in Office

Tamra Thomas

Trustees Remaining in Office

Kate Bell, Dave Bombick, Bill Cranfill, John Elster, Norwood Lide, Sally McLeod, John Mickey, Paul Puryear, Charlie Stott

Central Trustees (of the Salem Congregation) Remaining in Office

David Shaffner, Ted Leinbach

----- Tear off and place in offering plate -----

CHURCH COUNCIL LUNCH RESERVATION

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Name _____

Attending _____