

✦ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ✦
August 5, 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)

Unison: Have mercy on me O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the innermost parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

People: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Unison: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #585) *God, Creator of Your People*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Exodus 18:13-23
1 Peter 2:1-12

Mel Mueller

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #634) *Great Source of All Our Life*

Message

"A Royal Priesthood"
Greg Goetz

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #732) *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Oh Lord our Lord, we confess that we have been malicious and deceitful in our behaviors. We have been hypocrites. We have bad mouthed our friends. We have envied everyone and criticized others due to our own insecurities. We need your forgiveness as well as the forgiveness of those we have offended. We are filled with regret and remorse. We know that you love us in spite of all our shortcomings. It is a humbling prospect for us. We sit silently in contrite sorrow before you.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Leader):

People of God; know that as you confess and bow humbly before the Lord, He is faithful and just to forgive you ALL of your sins! Now go out and sin no more. You are forgiven. Go out and crave the spiritual food you need to grow into maturity in Christ. Remember that you are all equal and as a royal priesthood are all able to contribute to the Glory of our Lord!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #628) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

◆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, Char Dunk-Sladek, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Grace Persson, Lorraine Sorensen.

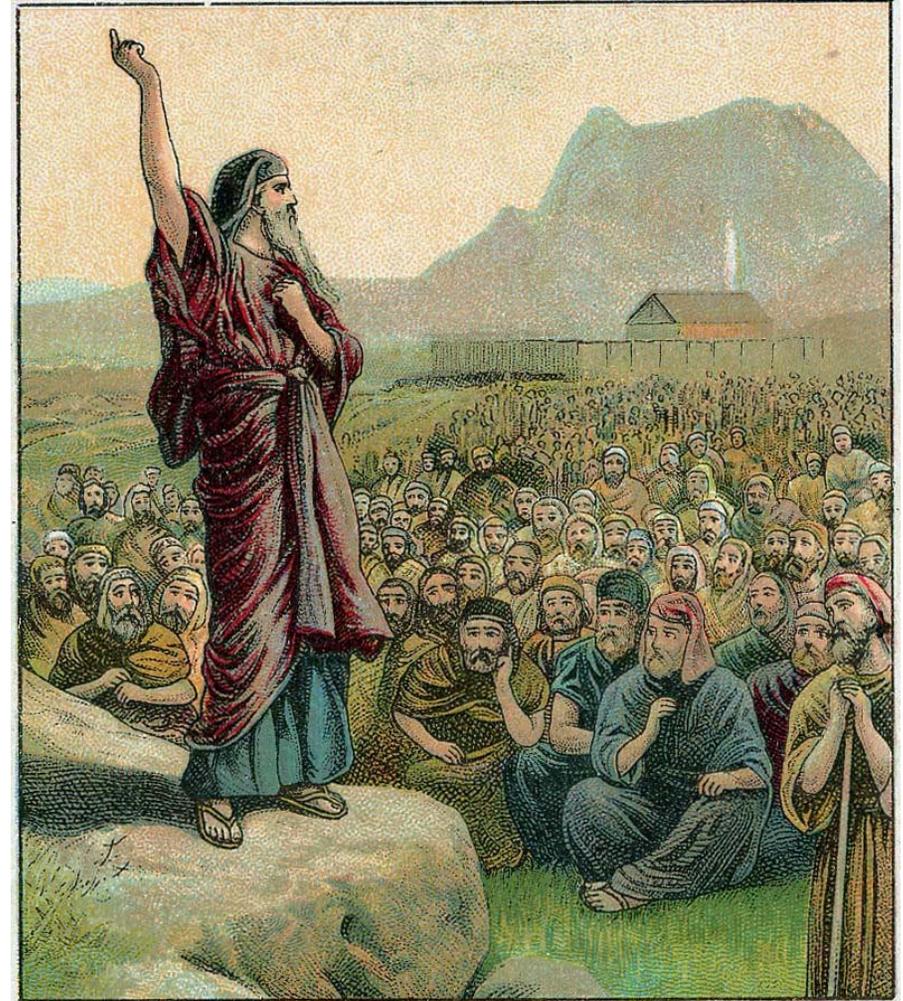
Thank you to our own dear Greg Goetz, our guest preacher this morning, who has filled in for Pastor Mark while he is out of town at a conference.

Vacation Bible School

Son Rock Kids Camp was a huge success with 80+ kids registered this year and about 75 each day! The animals representing our theme were skunk, bear, moose, racoon, and owl. Each day we learned we are Accepted, Protected, Saved, Forgiven, and Living for Jesus.

Thank you to the 35+ volunteers -- your participation and contribution is why our program is well received and is always a huge success. Our Thursday evening dinner and program "Scales and Tales Traveling Zoo"! was also well attended. The children learned about animals in the wild and their habitat. They were able to touch the animals too.

Thank you for your prayers throughout the week and for your support.



Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Christina Palazzolo.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
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Calendar for the Week:

Today:

- 10 A.M. Worship
- 10 A.M. Summer Sunday School ages 3 years – 2nd Grade

Next Sunday:

- 10 A.M. Worship
- 10 A.M. Summer Sunday School ages 3 years – 2nd Grade
- 11 A.M. Coffee and...

August 12 – Nursery Helpers: Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz
Greeters: Jay & Dawn Hanson, Cody, Rebecca

Announcements:

Trinity Campers

Please pray for our campers this week at Covenant Point: Elijah and Satta Raines.

Coffee And...

Coffee and... sign up sheet is posted outside the kitchen if you'd like to host on the last open Sunday August 19. Ask a friend to sign up with you. We usually have approximately 50-60 for coffee hour. Plan to make coffee, bring creamer, and have a cold drink for the children along with a pastry or coffee cake. Enjoy this time of fellowship following morning worship.

Kingdom Kids Summer Sunday School – There are only two dates available - August 26 and September 2 - if you'd like the opportunity to volunteer to teach a lesson to our K- 2nd graders this summer. We have exciting lessons like, WATER PARK, DIARY OF A GODLY KID, SUMMER VACATION, and AMUSEMENT PARK! The lesson is provided, along with the materials to make a craft. All we ask is you pick up your lesson in the Sunday School room the week before you teach and arrive by 9:45 A.M. to greet the kids. A sign up sheet is in the narthex on the round table. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP! Let's make our kids THIRSTY this summer for the Word of God!

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 _____

Today's Scripture:

Exodus 18:13-23

¹³The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"

¹⁵Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. ¹⁶Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and instructions."

¹⁷Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. ²¹But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²²Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. ²³If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

²⁴Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. ²⁵He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²⁶They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they

decided themselves. ²⁷Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country.

1 Peter 2:1-12

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸and,

"A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.