

✦ 6th Sunday after Pentecost ✦
July 16, 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: Praise awaits you, our God; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
To you who answer prayer, all people will come.

People: **When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!**

Pastor: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds.

People: **People: God our Savior, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, the one who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, He who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.**

◆Hymn of Praise (Blue Hymnal #8) *How Great Thou Art*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Hymn #539 *See This Wonder in the Making*

Sacrament of Baptism

Giovanna Rose Hood

Scripture Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #725) *You Are Salt for the Earth*

Message

“Pay Dirt”
Rev. Dr. Carol M. Noren

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #607) *Change Your Church, O God*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God, you provide us with the essential elements to receive your Word. Just as the sower bears fruit, we too are encouraged to sow, so that those who hear the Word can be planted and built up in their faith. Yet we do not keep our hearts conditioned so that the seed of your Word can grow in us. Our hearts are hardened and thorny allowing sin to dull your spirit in us, allowing faith to disappear when trouble arises, or be drowned out by the material pleasures after which we lust.

Grant us openness to be guided by your spirit. Create in us fertile hearts so that we may hear, understand and receive your Word and be truly saved. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. As forgiven people made new in God's spirit, rejoice in the fertile ground of God's love and mercy. Thanks be to God. Amen!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

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

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #755) *When We All Get to Heaven*

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

REMINDER
APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY SERVICE
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 7 P.M

Melissa Panush.....Church Chair
Lee Van Sickle.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male..... Organists
Stuart Seale.....Pianist
Christina Palazzolo..... Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary
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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear." ¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

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: Edith Fornell, Greg Goetz, Pauline Guadagno (Tracy Hood's mother), Bud Jaderholm, Kristine Schroeder, Lorraine Sorensen, Darlene Sunny (Lorraine Weszely's sister).

Today Richard and Tracy Hood bring their daughter, Giovanna Rose Hood, before the congregation for the holy sacrament of baptism. The godparents are Frank Kazmierczak (Tracy's brother) and Carrie Kazmierczak (Tracy's sister).

Calendar for the Week:

Today:

10 A.M. Worship

10–11 A.M. Summer Childcare infants up to 2nd grade

11 A.M. Hood Baptism Celebration (Private Reception)

Note: No Coffee and...

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M.-11:30 A.M. VBS-Kingdom of the Son

Tues. 7 P.M. Appreciative Inquiry Service

Thur. 6 P.M. VBS dinner and program

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship

10–11 A.M. Summer Childcare infants up to 2nd grade

11 A.M. Coffee and...

July 23 – Nursery Helpers: Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil

Greeters: Chuck Havel, Pam Polcar

Summer Sunday School: Margie Morrissey

Today's Scripture:

Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²²The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." ²⁴When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. ²⁵The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. ²⁶After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. ²⁷The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. ³⁰He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) ³¹Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." ³²"Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" ³³But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Romans 8:1-11

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Announcements:

Trinity Campers

Please keep Trinity campers in your prayers. Campers for the week of July 16-22:

Brooklyn Raines, Satta Raines

Thumbs Up

Please remember Trinity camp counselors Megan McShane and Anakin Schroeder who are working tirelessly this summer at Covenant Harbor – they are working a minimum 15 hour day! They need our prayers and support so let them know we are thinking and praying for them, and that they are missed here at Trinity!

VBS Serving Committee Reminder

Don't forget that serving committees 2 and 4 will be responsible for the VBS Supper on Thursday, July 20, at 6:00 PM. Co-chairs must contact their committees and serve supper. **If any member cannot serve on the committee event they are responsible to find someone to take their place.**

VBS Thank You

We truly appreciate all the hard work from VBS volunteers who helped set up and prepare craft projects. We thank you for making yourself available and setting aside the time to help.

Thank you everyone who donated food items for VBS snack crafts. We have reached our goal with the exception of the fresh fruit which will be needed by Friday, July 21 (see Kari Devine and Michelle West for specifics).

Summer Childcare Sunday School

Summer Childcare for children age 3 up to 2nd grade is from 10 to 11 A.M. during the worship hour, now through Sept. 3. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex if you are able to volunteer for one of the following Sundays: Aug. 6, 13, 27, and Sept. 3. This is a marvelous way to get to know and interact with Trinity's children. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share in God's work. Materials for teachers to use with the children will be provided each week.

Coffee And...

Join us for Coffee and... after worship in Peterson Hall. Enjoy a leisure morning visit with friends following morning worship with a cup of coffee and a morning pastry. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall outside of the kitchen for one of the Sunday's that are open: July 30, August 6, 13 and 20. We usually expect 50-60 for coffee hour. Please be ready to make coffee, bring creamer, a late morning pastry/cake, and a cold drink for the children. If no one signs up, there will be no Coffee and.

Golf for Kids

The annual Antwan Williams Memorial Golt for Kids is Monday, September 11 at Hawks' View Golf Club, 7377 Krueger Rd., Lake Geneva, WI 53147. Register online at www.covenantharbor.org by September 1 or contact Sarah Snow 262-248-3600.