

✚ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost ✚

July 22, 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 (Psalm 23) (In Unison)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #439) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:11-22

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #694) *Hope of the World* (vs. 1,2,4)

Message "Peace, Unity, Compassion
& Blessing for all"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #377) *Take Time to be Holy*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Merciful God, we celebrate the way that you chose to bring unity and peace to people—through the gift of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He broke down longstanding walls of prejudice and hostility between Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free. He abolished rules that restricted life and replaced them with the new commandment to love as he did. Where have we gone astray? Walls of prejudice still exist and barriers of racism still hold people back from reaching their true potential. We hear the great message of Jesus reconciling people to you, O God, and to one another, and yet we still hesitate to reach out to people when they are different in some way from us. Forgive us when we create barriers rather than tear them down. Forgive us when we fail to take risks for the gospel's sake. We remember with gratitude how people shared their faith with us so that we are no longer strangers and aliens. So we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bind us together in love and peace, building us up as a witnessing, welcoming and forgiving community of grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

We know from Scripture that all who touched Jesus were healed, that all who confess are forgiven. Forgiveness and healing are yours in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Moment of Sharing - CHIC 2018

Maddie Ford, Shannon Lee, Kellie Lee

(Justin Lee will not be in church this Sunday to share with us)

Life Together Offering

Offertory *Peace Like A River*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #625) *Then I Shall Live*

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

NOTES OF INTEREST

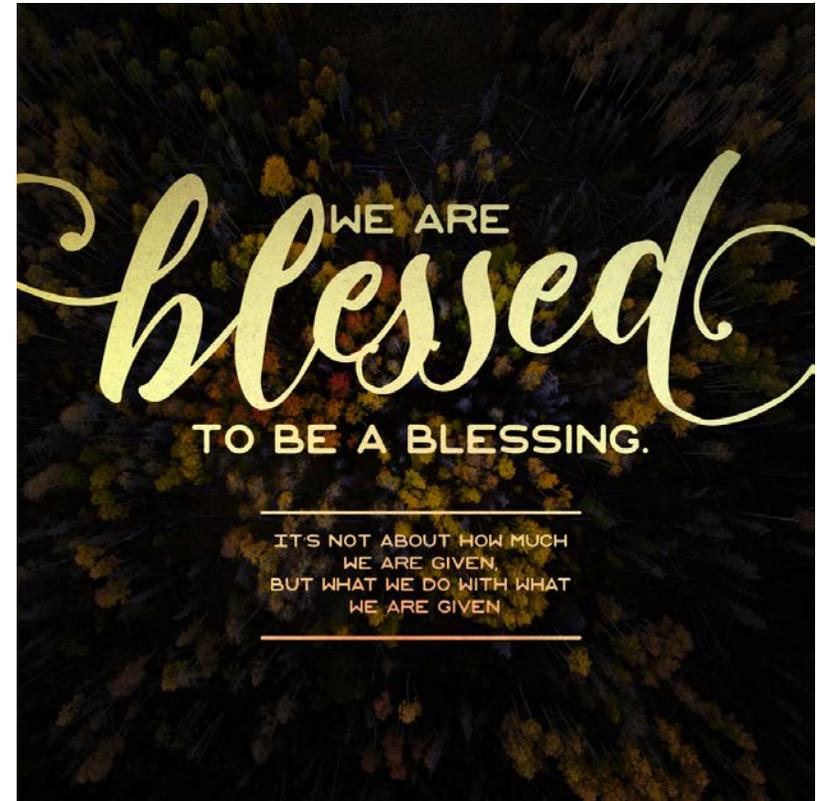
Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marjorie Cassady, Char Dunk-Sladek, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Grace Persson, Lorraine Sorensen.

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
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

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Vacation Bible School

JULY 30 – AUGUST 3

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9 – 11:30 A.M.

Program and Dinner

Thursday, August 2, 6-8 P.M.

VBS is a fun place for children who are 3 years old through 6th grade. At *Son Rock Kids Camp*, children of all ages will learn to build their lives on the SOLID ROCK of JESUS. Children will learn that they are Accepted, Protected, Saved and Forgiven by Jesus and that they are Living for Jesus. Bible study, games, crafts, music, snacks, friends and more await the campers as they learn and live the theme verse 1 John 3:1 “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God!”

For more information about VBS contact the church office at 708-422-5111.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

BRING A FRIEND FOR THE WEEK AND GET A PRIZE!

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- ON-LINE @trinitycovoaklawn.org
- Pick up a registration form at the church office
- Call the church at 708-422-5111

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. Summer Sunday School ages 3 years – 2nd Grade
- 11 A.M. Coffee and... We will be celebrating all July birthdays

This Week:

- Thurs. 9 A.M. VBS set up day

Next Sunday:

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

July 29 – Nursery Helpers: Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil

Greeters: Kari Devine, Michael, Cody

Announcements:

A Note from the Treasurer

Financials Year to Date as of June 30, 2018:

Revenue - Actual	\$102,406.67	Budget	\$ 95,262.31
Expenses - Actual	\$121,200.25	Budget	\$128,413.64
Net Total	Actual \$(18,793.58)	Budget	\$(33,151.33)

Attention Volunteers - Vacation Bible School

Our SET- UP day for VBS will be **THURSDAY July 26, about 9 A.M.** or whenever you can make it that morning!

As a reminder, our decor is a camp scene. If you have lanterns, camp chairs, coolers or pop-up tents (non-staked) please bring them Thursday or the following Sunday, July 29. We will also need to do some additional things on that Sunday after worship. I am thankful that we have many of the same volunteers as last year with some new people as well. Thank you! And it is not too late to volunteer. We have posted the items needed for the snack crafts on the wall outside the kitchen door - we already have about 75% filled in! And, back by popular demand we'll have Scales and Tales Traveling Zoo again for our program on Thursday evening. (See the insert).

THANK YOU for your involvement and contribution!

Summer Campers

Please pray for our campers this week at Covenant Point: Pete and Carol Raines Family, Susan Raines Family, Angela Fratto Family.

Today's Scripture:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Announcements:

Coffee And...

Coffee and... sign up sheet is posted outside the kitchen if you'd like to host one of the Sundays this summer (there are three dates open). 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. If no one signs up for a particular Sunday, there will be no Coffee and...

Kingdom Kids Summer Sunday School – There are only four open dates available to volunteer to teach a lesson to our K- 2nd graders this summer. Summer Sunday School runs through September 2. We have some 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!

Summer Sunday Worship – Covenant Harbor

Covenant Harbor's annual Summer Sunday Worship series is open to the public now through August 5. Service starts at 10:30 A.M. After the service, have lunch on the grounds and swim until 4 P.M. If you have a camper registered to start a week of camp on a Sunday, come early and enjoy worship and the afternoon with your camper before their week begins. Come and worship in our beautiful setting and enjoy a day at the lake.

Golf for kids

Registration is now open for the annual Antwan Williams Memorial Golf for kids to be held on Monday, September 10, at Hawk's View Golf Club, 7377 Krueger Road, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. Your participation in this memorial outing will raise nearly half of the critical annual scholarship support for Covenant Harbor's summer and winter camps. Sponsorship opportunities are critical to this event and have the biggest impact in maximizing financial aid for camper families. Questions regarding registration, raffle donations or volunteer opportunities, contact Sarah Snow, Development Director: ssnow@covenantharbor.org or 262-248-3600.

Fall Fellowship Women's Retreat

2018 Fall Fellowship Women's Retreat at Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva is for one weekend only September 14 - 16. Be refreshed and encouraged in your faith together with your sisters in Christ at beautiful Covenant Harbor. Accommodations are at Geneva Bay Center. For additional information or a registration form see Lorraine Weszely or go to: www.wmcc2gether.com, or www.covenantharbor.org.

Silent Directed Retreat

4:00 PM Friday, Sept 14 – 1:00 PM Sunday, Sept 16, 2018

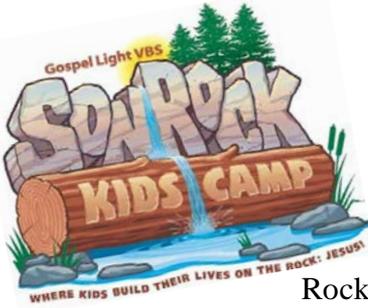
Step away from your busy life and listen to God's voice.

Enjoy a guided weekend of silence, spiritual renewal and rest. Our guest speaker and facilitator is Rev. Terry Cathcart, a seasoned pastor, spiritual director, and silent retreat leader. He has been involved in retreat ministry for over 40 years. He'll be accompanied by worship leader Rob Engelhart, as well as a team of spiritual directors with whom participants may meet during the weekend.

The weekend will include a private room for each participant with plenty of space for silence and solitude. There will also be opportunities to meet with a spiritual director. With the exception of the times of worship and spiritual direction, the retreat will take place in silence. Check-in opens at 4:00 pm and the retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 pm (Central Time) Friday and concludes at 1:00pm Sunday.

The theme of the 2018 Silent Directed Retreat is ***Praying With Henri Nouwen***. Nouwen (1932-1996) was a Dutch Catholic priest who spent his life in service as a professor, writer, and theologian. Along with teaching at Notre Dame and the divinity schools of Yale and Harvard, Nouwen was the author of 39 books. At various seasons of his life, he lived with the Trappist monks in the Abbey of Genesee, the poor in Peru, and the L'Arche Community in Trosly, France. In 1986 Nouwen moved to the Daybreak L'Arche Community near Toronto, Ontario. He spent the last 10 years in this community of individuals with developmental disabilities living with assistants.

For pricing and details visit www.cpbc.com/silent-retreat.



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Supper and Program

Thursday, August 2

6-8 P.M.

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The cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. As we share a meal together, let’s share a meal with those in need in our community. Please bring packaged or canned food items for the local Food Pantries.

To RSVP please fill out the tear-off below and place in the offering plate.

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Adults _____ #Children _____

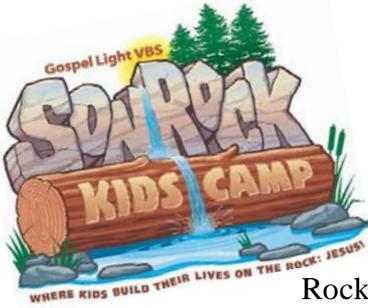
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Please circle one:

For dessert, I would like to bring: Brownies

Cookies

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