

**✦ 7th Sunday after Pentecost ✦**  
**July 23, 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: You have searched us, LORD, and you know us.

**People: You know when we sit and when we rise.**

Pastor: You discern our thoughts from far away;  
you are familiar with all our ways.

**People: Even before a word is on our tongues,  
you know it completely.**

Pastor: Where can we go from your Spirit?  
Where can we flee from your presence?

**People: If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we make our  
bed in the depths, you are there. If we rise on the wings  
of the dawn, if we settle on the far side of the sea, even  
there your hand shall lead us.**

**◆Hymn of Praise** (Blue Hymnal #68) *Come, Thou Fount  
of Every Blessing*

**◆Invocation**

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

**WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:12-25

**◆Gloria Patri** (BH #109)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**◆Hymn of Preparation** (BH #283) *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**Message** "Suffering, Where is the Hope in that?"  
Rev. Mark Westlind

**RESPONSE**

**◆Hymn of Response** (BH #276) *Spirit of the Living God*

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

**God, forgive us when we are shallow, seeking a quick blessing or a fast favor from you without being willing to invest fully in a trusting, committed relationship with you. Forgive us when we are one-sided, asking always for mercy and compassion, but not returning the same. Forgive us when we approach you begging for guidance and direction, but then neglect to follow your instructions. Forgive us when we cry out with our pressing questions, but then stop listening for your answers. Spirit, search our hearts as we quiet them before you, that we may confess our sin and receive forgiveness.**

**(Silent Prayer)**

**Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)**

We no longer need to live as slaves to our sinful natures. Sin has no claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking. We have been given new life as God's own children. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

**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 #74) *Give Thanks*

**◆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 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, Jim Strickland.

### Calendar for the Week:

#### Today:

10 A.M. Worship  
10–11 A.M. Summer Childcare infants up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
11 A.M. Coffee and...

#### Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship  
10–11 A.M. Summer Childcare infants up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**July 30 – Nursery Helpers:** Jay Hanson, Rebecca Hanson

**Greeters:** Kari Devine, Michael, Cody

**Summer Sunday School:** Diane Panush

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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  
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary  
Joe Michalowicz ..... Custodian

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## Announcements:

### WELCOME!

Today we welcome Mark Westlind, our Interim Pastor, his wife Alice and their family to Trinity Church. Pastor Mark has served as a missionary to Columbia and Argentina and in various ministry roles throughout his career: director of a drug rehab program, church planter, planter of a missionary sending school, and leader of training seminars and conferences. We're very excited to have Mark joining us and look forward to the gifts and talents he'll bring to Trinity.

Also today we welcome Stuart Seale in his new position at Trinity as the Director of Music and Worship. Stuart has been serving as Trinity's pianist for the past 5 years.

Plan to meet Mark and Stuart after worship today in Peterson Hall for Coffee and...

## Trinity Campers

Please keep Trinity campers in your prayers. Campers for the week of July 23-29:

Pete and Carol Raines Family, Susan Raines Family

Please also remember to pray for our 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!

## VBS Thank You

We had a great Vacation Bible School this week! There were 88 children registered with an average daily attendance of 68. Thank you for all the prayers, donations and hard work from the volunteers.

We will keep the Kingdom of the Son animals and excitement going all the way up to the Sunday school picnic on September 10.

### **Summer Childcare Sunday School**

Summer Childcare for children age 3 up to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.

### **Today's Scripture:**

#### **Isaiah 44:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> "This is what the LORD says—

Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
apart from me there is no God.

<sup>7</sup> Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me  
what has happened since I established my ancient  
people,  
and what is yet to come—  
yes, let them foretell what will come.

<sup>8</sup> Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?  
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?  
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

### **Romans 8:12-25**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.