

✝ Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ✝

July 8, 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 (In Unison)

I lift up my eyes to you,

to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

² As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he shows us his mercy.

³ Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us,
for we have endured no end of contempt.

⁴ We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #295) *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

◆Invocation

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

Children's Message

WORD

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 2:1-5

II Corinthians 12:2-10

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #399) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Message

“The Power in Weakness”
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response *There is Power in the Blood*

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Pastor: Merciful God, of what do we boast?

Can we truly say with Paul that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements?

Does the danger in such thinking lie in the thought that we can do anything, or all things by ourselves?

People: Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way.

Pastor: Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness.

People: Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life.

Pastor: Paul says that he boasts of his weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in him.

People: Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable.

Pastor: Jesus says “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

People: Permeate our lives with your grace, Lord, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake, and fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you, that we are truly strong. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Words of Assurance (Responsively):

Pastor: Hear again the good news:

that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us all—
sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name.

Receive that grace

and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

People: Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *Psalm 48*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #685) *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

◆ **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.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Linnea Wimpenny who entered the life eternal peacefully at home on Monday, July 2, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Services are pending.

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
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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...
- Collection Day for Baby Bottle Campaign

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M.-12 P.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool Summer Camp

Next Sunday:

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

July 15 – Nursery Helpers: Lorraine Weszely

Greeters:

Volunteers for Vacation Bible School– Son Rock Kids Camp

Volunteers are needed to help set up and lead again this year at Vacation Bible School July 30 - Aug 3. Please contact Linda Kozak at lkozak@sbcglobal.net or the church office with your response YES - SIGN ME UP to volunteer.

We have set our **next workday for Monday, July 16**. Linda will be here at 9 A.M. but feel free to come anytime in the morning.

Our SET- UP day for VBS will be THURSDAY July 26. Linda is looking for a volunteer to be in charge that day because she will not be available.

Son Rock Kids Camp is based on 1 John 3:1. The animals representing our theme are skunk, bears, moose, racoon, and owl. Each day we learn we are accepted, protected, saved, forgiven, and Living for Jesus. Our decor is a camp scene. Remaining donations needed to "set the scene" are camp chairs and pop-up tents (non-staked).

PLEASE NOTE: The supply list for snacks will be posted on the wall outside the kitchen by mid-July.

THANK YOU for your involvement and contribution!

Today's Scripture: Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, "Son of man stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ²As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' ⁵And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

II Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—
⁴was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Announcements:

CHIC 2018

Please pray for our Trinity members who are attending CHIC 2018 this year from July 14 – 20 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville: Shannon Lee, Justin Lee, Maddie Ford, and Counselor Kellie Lee. They are all looking forward to a wonderful experience.

Summer Campers

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

Coffee And...

Coffee and... sign up sheet is posted outside the kitchen if you'd like to host one of the Sundays this summer. Plan to sign up with a friend or two. Plan for approximately 50-60 for coffee hour, and be ready to make coffee, bring creamer, and have a cold drink for the children along with a pastry or coffee cake. This is a great opportunity for fellowship following morning worship. If no one signs up, 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!

Bluegrass Night at North Park

North Park University – Covenant Youth Collision announces that the Lonesome Theologians are reuniting for one night only and will be appearing at North Park University on Saturday, July 21. Also appearing Rita Ruby and the River Choir! North Park University – Carlson Tower Lobby/Patio, 3225 W. Foster Ave. Doors open at 6:45 P.M. (closing around 10 P.M.). Tickets are \$10 and available online at www.youthcollision.com or at the door.

Senior Day at Covenant Harbor

Join the fun at the Harbor on **Wednesday, August 15** for a wonderful late summer day on the lake! Enjoy a delicious lunch and a one-hour boat tour provided by Lake Geneva Cruise Line. Hear exciting updates from ministry leadership about the Summer Camp season and other developments at Covenant Harbor. Camp tours will be available. Registration is now open and spaces fill up fast. If you are interested in going to the Harbor as a Trinity group, please see Pat Anderson.

Summer Sunday Worship – Covenant Harbor

Covenant Harbor is hosting their annual Summer Sunday Worship series that is open to the public. Summer Sundays are a great “first experience” of camp, and a place to invite your friends to great worship. Summer Sunday Worship runs through August 5. Service starts at 10:30 A.M. After the service, you may buy a 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.



Noah's Ark Preschool Summer Program

Noah's Ark Preschool is offering a 4-week summer program.

Dates:

June 18 - June 22, June 25 - June 29

July 9 - 13, July 16 - July 20

The summer program will be offered Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Ages 3-6 years old.

The children will participate in fun summer activities, along with creative crafts, hands-on learning and academic activities.

If you would like to register for the Summer Camp, please fill out the bottom portion and return to preschool **Friday, May 18**. Spots are limited.

Summer Camp Fees

5-day Program Monday - Friday \$330

3-day Program Monday, Wednesday and Friday \$198

Snack, Supplies and Registration Fee \$30

****Summer camp will be subject to cancellation if low enrollment ****

Summer Program

Child's Name _____

Age _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Name _____

Phone _____

Snack, Supplies and Registration fee due at time of registration. Please submit \$30