

✦ 5th Sunday after Pentecost ✦
July 9, 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: Come, let us praise God together and tell stories of his majesty, for God is great and worthy of our praise.

People: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Pastor: All you have made will praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

People: From generation to generation we will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

People: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

◆Hymn of Praise (Blue Hymnal #56) *For the Beauty of the Earth*
(Vs. 1,2,4,5)

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #372) *Change My Heart, O God*

Message

"Three Strikes And..."
Rev. Dr. Carol M. Noren

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #330) *Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night*

Prayer of Confession (Pastor)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (In Unison)

Your gospel keeps astounding us, gracious God. Just when we are sure we are down and counted out, you renew us with breathing room and time. You tell us you forgive and forget. Thanks be to you, God, thanks be to you!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

Todd Lamberth, piano

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

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #673) *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

◆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, Darlene Sunny (Lorraine Weszely's sister).

Thank you to Todd Lamberth for the special music this morning.

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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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DATES: Monday-Friday, JULY 17 – 21

TIME: 9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

PROGRAM AND DINNER THURSDAY EVENING

VBS is a fun place for children who are 3-years-old through 6thth grade. At *Kingdom of the Son*, children of all ages will take a walk on the wild side through the grasslands of Africa and will learn to talk to God. Children will learn that God listens, provides, forgives, protects and rules! Bible study, games, crafts, music, snacks, friends and more await the “safari explorers” as they learn the Lord’s Prayer and study the life of Jesus.



God Listens



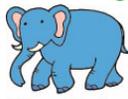
God Forgives



God Provides



God Protects



God Rules!

TO REGISTER:

- ◆ **ON-LINE @ www.trinitycovoaklawn.org**
- ◆ **Fill out the paper copy on the table in the Narthex and drop off at the church office**
- ◆ **Call the church office at 708-422-5111**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

BRING A FRIEND FOR THE WEEK AND GET A PRIZE!

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 _____

Email _____

Calendar for the Week:

Today: NAME TAG SUNDAY

10 A.M. Worship

Together We Cope retiring offering

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

11 A.M. Coffee and...

This Week:

Mon. 9:30 A.M. VBS workday

Thur. 9:30 A.M. VBS workday

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship

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

11 A.M. Hood Baptism Celebration, Peterson Hall

July 16 – Nursery Helpers: Kristine Schroeder

Greeters: Kristine Schroeder, Anakin, Jeremy

Summer Sunday School: Kelly Bradbury

Today’s Scripture:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

³⁴ So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. ³⁵ The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. ³⁶ My master’s wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. ³⁷ And my master made me swear an oath, and said, ‘You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, ³⁸ but go to my father’s family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.’ ⁴² “When I came to the spring today, I said, ‘LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. ⁴³ See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, “Please let me drink a little water from your jar,” ⁴⁴ and if she says to me, “Drink, and I’ll draw water for your camels too,” let her be the one the LORD has chosen for my master’s son.’ ⁴⁵ “Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah

came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.' ⁴⁶ "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also. ⁴⁷ "I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' "She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.' "Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, ⁴⁸ and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. ⁴⁹ Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn." ⁵⁸ So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said. ⁵⁹ So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies." ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. ⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. ⁶³ He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. ⁶⁴ Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel ⁶⁵ and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. ⁶⁷ Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my

sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds." ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Announcements:

Trinity Campers

Please keep Trinity campers in your prayers. Campers for the week of July 9-15:

Joey Przybylowski, Elijah Raines, Maurice Raines, Satta Raines

Thumbs Up

Our own Megan McShane and Anakin Schroeder are working tirelessly as camp counselors this summer at Covenant Harbor. They are working a minimum of a 15 hour day! They need our prayers and support. Let's all give them a huge thumbs up - let them know we are thinking and praying for them, and that they are missed here at Trinity!

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. Materials for teachers to use with the children will be provided each week. This is a marvelous way to get to know and interact with Trinity's children. See the 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. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share in God's work.

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. To sign-up for one of the Sunday's, there is a sign-up sheet on the wall outside of the kitchen. Dates open: July 30, August 6, 13, 20 and 27. We usually expect 50-60 for coffee hour. 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.

VBS Workdates

We had great workdates on June 7 and 21 with about 15 volunteers each day helping out; we got lots accomplished. We will be hanging things up and finish craft project preparations on the next VBS workdates Monday, July 10 and Thursday, July 13, at 9:30 A.M. We gladly welcome all volunteers for either or both days. Thank you!

VBS Snack Crafts

Don't know how you can help at Kingdom of the Son VBS? Well, we have an opportunity for you to donate some of the food items we need for the week in Snack Crafts. Snack Crafts always bring to life the themes of the week. We will be going on a Safari, so help us create something fun to eat! The sign-up sheet and complete list is by the kitchen door. PLEASE SIGN-UP and HAVE YOUR ITEMS TO CHURCH BY THURSDAY, JULY 13 (*unless otherwise noted*).

Here is a sampling of the items we need: Vanilla Frosting, Mini Nilla Wafers, Nilla Wafers, Crushed Oreo's, Chocolate Sauce, Unfrosted Animal Crackers, Mini Pretzel Twists, Pretzels Sticks, Crunchy Cheeto's, Raisin's, M&M's Plain, Plain Cup Cakes, Fresh Fruit, Cheese Cubes. Thank you.

VBS Serving Committee

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.**

Golf for Kids

The annual Antwan Williams Memorial Goft 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.