

✦ 17th Sunday after Pentecost ✦

October 1, 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 (In Unison)

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

Do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and
faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and
his decrees.

◆Song of Praise (BH #264) *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Vs. 1-3,5)

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-32

Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #577) *Come, We That Love the Lord*

Message "Humility, Obedience, Death, Exaltation"

Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #345) *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*

Prayer of Confession (Pastor)

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better,
and then just go on living the same way we always have.

Let this be the moment, when we tell our God of our failures and
faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of
grace and hope.

**In Unison: We would want to be fountains of hope for
others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts.
We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn
pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to
stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness
keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, God who
came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true
servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen
hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are
hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope.**

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven, you are made new. Complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone you meet. 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

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

◆ Affirmation of Faith (BH #878)

◆ Words of Institution

◆ Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #413) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

◆ **Indicates those who are able should stand.**

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
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**SAVE THE DATES
FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thur. Oct 12. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers
 Sat. Oct. 14 3 P.M. Pacesetters (anyone age 65+)
 gathering at Betty Aardema's
 Sun. Oct 15 12 P.M. Let's Do Lunch-Camp Fundraiser
 Tue. Oct 17 11 A.M. Covenant Women/Miriam Circle
 lunch, program and meeting.
 Tue. Oct. 17 November Messenger articles due.
 Thur. Oct. 26 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers
 Fri. Oct. 27 6 P.M. Noah's Ark Preschool – Pizza
 Night Fundraiser

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 _____

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: Greg Goetz, Carol Latimer, Lorraine Sorensen, Linda Stearns (Pryme Tymers "Happygrams"), Linnea Wimpenny.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Tracy and Rich Hood on the death of Tracy's mother, Pauline Guadagno who entered the life eternal on Tuesday, September 26. A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 28 at Overman-Jones Funeral Home, in Plainfield. Peace be to Pauline's memory.

Calendar for the Week:

Today:

10 A.M. Worship
 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

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Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
 Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study

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Oct. 8 – Nursery Helpers: Rita Grijalva, Diane Panush
Greeters: Matt & Barbara Mateer

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

During the month of October, Jenny DeVivo, Associate Professor of Theology, is leading the class, Fireside Room, at 11:30 A.M. Jenny's topic is the Nicene Creed. As early Christians wrestled with their understanding of Jesus and determined what was orthodoxy and what was heresy, the

theologically dense Nicene Creed states many foundational beliefs about Christ and Christianity.

Carson's Day Books

Noah's Ark Preschool is selling Carson's Community Days coupon books for \$5. The book contains over \$500 in coupons. Get good prices on the latest fashions and help support our preschool at the same time! Community Days are Wednesday-Saturday, November 8-11. All proceeds go towards the school. Please see Ms. Amanda (708-969-3481).

Today's Scripture:

Ezekiel 18:25-32

²⁵ "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶ If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷ But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸ Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹ Yet the Israelites say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ³⁰ "Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

Philippians 2:1-4, (5-13), 14-18

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and

compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. ¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

An Autumn Afternoon of Music

Do you like to listen to music?
Do you like to sing?
Are you 65 or older?



Then join us at Betty Aardema's
6250 W. 127th Place
Palos Heights

on **Saturday, October 14**, at 3 P.M.

for an afternoon of music, singing, fellowship,
and supper.

Pacesetters will supply the supper.

The \$ amount to be determined (approximately \$5).

If you need transportation, please let

Pat Anderson or Pat Petersen know by October 8.

Note: It is important that you RSVP by October 8.



RSVP - Pacesetters October 14:

Name _____

Phone
Number _____

Yes, I need transportation _____

Covenant Women Give Back

Save the date, **Tuesday, October 17** at 11 A.M. in the Fireside Room after Bible Study, for Covenant Women/Miriam Circle lunch, program and meeting.

Most of us have enjoyed the bounty of food that our "Larry Thomas" brings to us quite often. Larry volunteers at the Affordable Recovery Foundation in Blue Island, a facility where homeless recovering addicts (both men and women) can get room/board, food/shelter, help finding a job, and counseling for \$35 a day. We can help the residents by donating "new" or "gently used" clothing, as well as toiletries.

There is a "Wish List" on the Covenant Women bulletin board for items needed (please note, most residents work in factories and cannot use "dressy" clothes.) Drop off your donations to the Overflow Room **starting Sunday, October 8**. We will present the donations to Larry on October 17. If you would like to join us on Tuesday, October 17, please RSVP to Lorraine Weszely by Sunday, October 15.



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RSVP – Covenant Women October 17:

Name _____

Attending _____

Let's Do Lunch -Camp Fundraiser

**Sunday, October 15
Pigs and Wigs**



On Sunday, October 15, following Sunday School, everyone is invited to a lunch Camp Fundraiser in Peterson Hall. Let's make sure that every child who wants to go to camp has the opportunity to do so.

It's not Halloween yet, but let's dress up and *wear a wig* to lunch! If you find a *pig in a wig* picture, put it on paper and bring it with you. If not, don't worry... Ha! Come and enjoy great Pulled Pork Sandwiches with a variety of salads and delicious desserts.

If you are able to join us, RSVP by filling out the form below. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$1 for kids.

Tear off and place in offering plate or drop off at church office.

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RSVP Let's Do Lunch - Camp Fundraiser October 15	
Name _____	
Adults _____	Children _____
I will bring:	
A Salad (what kind) _____	
A Dessert (what kind) _____	

Noah's Ark Preschool
Pizza Night Fundraiser!!

When: Friday October 27 6:00 P.M.

Where: Noah's Ark Preschool and Trinity Covenant Church in Peterson Hall
9230 S. Pulaski Oak Lawn

Kids come in costume

All you can eat pizza and salad!!!!

\$6.00 per person, children 2 and under are FREE

Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5.00

Please purchase tickets in advance from

Ms. Amanda

RSVP - Noah's Ark Preschool Pizza Night Oct. 27

We can attend: _____

How many adults _____ children _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

