

✚ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost✚
September 16, 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 (Responsively)

Pastor: Creation proclaims the glory of God

People: All our days pour forth God's Glory

Pastor: They do not use words, or speech, or sound

People: Yet the message of Creation is clear

Pastor: The law of the LORD is perfect

People: The LORD's wisdom in creating is evident, fooling even the wise

Pastor: Our awe of the LORD's work never ends

People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Pastor: Let us join together with creation to proclaim the LORD's glory this morning.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #46) *Let Us With a Gladsome Mind* (vs. 1-3,5)

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 1:20-33

James 3:1-12

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #718) *What Does the Lord Require*

Message

"Wisdom Calls"
Joe Snedden, M.Div Candidate

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #594) *Glorious Things of You are Spoken* (vs. 1,2,4)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. The words of your law are spoken, but we rarely pay heed or obey. You call us to declare who Jesus is for us, but we can't seem to get the right words out. Our tongues engage before our brains do. We want so much to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the noise of words and sounds. Forgive us when we are quick to speak and slow to understand. Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Forgive us when we do not even try to truly understand what it means to be your disciples. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

Those who listen to the words of wisdom will be secure and live in ease. Know that our God never ceases to reach out in love and forgiveness, guiding us on the path of life and righteousness, calling us to claim our true identity as disciples and beloved sons and daughters of the living God.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *Pass it On*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #56) *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs. 1,2,5)

◆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, Chloe Johnson, Dorothy Karner, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Char Dunk-Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen.

Note from the Treasurer

Financial Summary thru AUGUST 2018

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 174,811
Actual Expenses YTD	<u>\$ 160,887</u>
Cost Savings/(Overrun)	\$ 16,366

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 145,392
Budgeted Giving YTD	<u>\$ 122,323</u>
Giving Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 18,123

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 145,392
Expenses YTD	<u>\$ 160,887</u>
Actual Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (15,495)

Rev. 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
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Announcements:

October Messenger

Please send your October Messenger to the church office by next Sunday, September 23.

Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade: Volunteers Needed

We need Sunday School teachers this year. We are asking for 2 people to share a six-week rotation of teaching. Lessons will be provided. We ask that you arrive at church by 9:45 A.M. to greet the children and bring a snack to pass out. Please pray that we will get the teachers needed for this year and be open for GOD to place the call in your life! If you are interested or have questions please talk to Kelly Bradbury.

October Adult Sunday School

In October join us in the Fireside Room BEFORE worship at 9 A.M. with Dr. Paul Bischof leading the class on “Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A 20th Century Martyr”. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, professor, pastor and plot participant, spoke out early against Hitler and his demonic reign. His secular-yet-Christian theology countered the racist religious fantasy of the Nazis. This seminar gets into four of Bonhoeffer’s best-known books: *Discipleship*, *Life Together*, *Ethics* and *Letters & Papers from Prison* in which he challenges us to proclaim the Gospel in Jesus’ non-religious language with a human accent as a church that exists for others.

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. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K to 6th Grade
10 A.M. Worship
11 A.M. Sunday School Roundup, Peterson Hall
Note: No Confirmation Class today.

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
Tues. 9:30 AM. Women’s Bible Study
Tues. 6 P.M. Lite supper
6:30 P.M. Pastor Mark’s class “The Call”
Fri. 11 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool Grandparents Day

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship
10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
11:15 A.M. Marjorie Cassady’s 100th Birthday Celebration Luncheon
11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

September 23 – Nursery Helpers: Heidi Weszely
Greeters: Bill & Sandy Hutchinson

Thank You!

Thank you to Joe Snedden our guest preacher this morning who is filling the pulpit today while Pastor Mark is out of town. Joe is a fourth year MDiv Student at North Park Theological Seminary. Before that, he was a student at Purdue University where he earned a dual degree in Communications and Religious Studies. He was brought up Roman Catholic and recommitted his life to Christ at an ECC church during high school. He and his wife, Maddy, live in Forest Park, IL.

Today's Scripture:

Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,
she raises her voice in the public square;
²¹on top of the wall she cries out,
at the city gate she makes her speech:
²²"How long will you who are simple love your simple
ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery
and fools hate knowledge?
²³Repent at my rebuke!
Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,
I will make known to you my teachings.
²⁴But since you refuse to listen when I call
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,
²⁵since you disregard all my advice
and do not accept my rebuke,
²⁶I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—
²⁷when calamity overtakes you like a storm,
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.
²⁸"Then they will call to me but I will not answer;
they will look for me but will not find me,
²⁹since they hated knowledge
and did not choose to fear the LORD.
³⁰Since they would not accept my advice
and spurned my rebuke,
³¹they will eat the fruit of their ways
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.
³²For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;
³³but whoever listens to me will live in safety
and be at ease, without fear of harm."

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

*You are invited to
100th Birthday Celebration Luncheon
In honor of*



Marjorie Cassady

Sunday, September 23

*Please join us in Peterson Hall
after the worship service.*

Please RSVP below and place in the offering plate.



RSVP to Marjorie's 100 Birthday Celebration Luncheon:

Adults _____

Children _____

Wednesday Evening Class with Pastor Mark

Frederick Buechner said, "Call is where your greatest joy meets the world's deepest pain."

Pastor Mark's Wednesday evening class started this last Sept. 12 in the Fireside Room. It is a 10-week class, so you can STILL join us! We did a lot of intro and you will be able to get caught up quickly for the remaining 9 sessions! We would LOVE to have you with us!

There will be a light dinner at 6 P.M. in Peterson Hall, followed by the class from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Again, the course is titled, "The Call." We will



be examining "Call" in our own lives and also calls upon the lives of many of the OT and NT heroes.

One of the themes we looked at this past Wednesday was that there are three different types of "calls."

1- The call that Jesus makes upon our lives to bring us to Him through salvation.

2- The occasional/seasonal/short term call that we get involved with through the "nudgings" of the Holy Spirit. We can have different calls through the seasons of our lives.

3- The call that is upon our lives on a daily basis. We have coined a phrase for this which is: "Life-Thread."

Come enjoy the interaction and fellowship.

Please fill out the form below and return to the church office.

We hope you'll join us for all the classes.

Name _____

September 19 _____

November 7 _____

September 26 _____

November 14 _____

October 3 _____

October 10 _____

October 17 _____

October 24 _____

October 31 _____

I would like to prepare a light supper: Date _____