

✚ 15th Sunday after Pentecost ✚
September 17, 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 (Responsively)

Pastor: Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

**who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

All: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

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

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation *Let's Come Together*

Message "Who Are You? Judge NOT Your Brother!"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

**◆Hymn of Response (GH #677) *They'll Know We Are Christians*
*by Our Love***

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives, your forgiveness is boundless in mercy when we fail to live in Christlike ways. Yet, we are more ready to resent than to forgive, we are quick to judge others, and slow to repent our own sins.

Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others and the truths we have avoided. Forgive of the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves.

Teach me to be humble and merciful. Remind me of the many ways in which you have offered, time and time again, your forgiving love. Heal our wounds and bind up our brokenness. For we ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

(Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance (In Unison)

In the name of Jesus Christ, each one of us has received healing mercies. We are now given opportunities to offer forgiveness and redemption to one another. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with us all. AMEN.

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 #684) *We All Are One in Mission*

◆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: Greg Goetz, Pauline Guadagno (Tracy Hood’s mother), Carol Latimer, Lorraine Sorensen, Linda Stearns (Pryme Tymers “Happygrams”), Linnea Wimpenny.

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, September 24 at 12 P.M. in Peterson Hall

We will be discussing certain financial matters concerning the church.

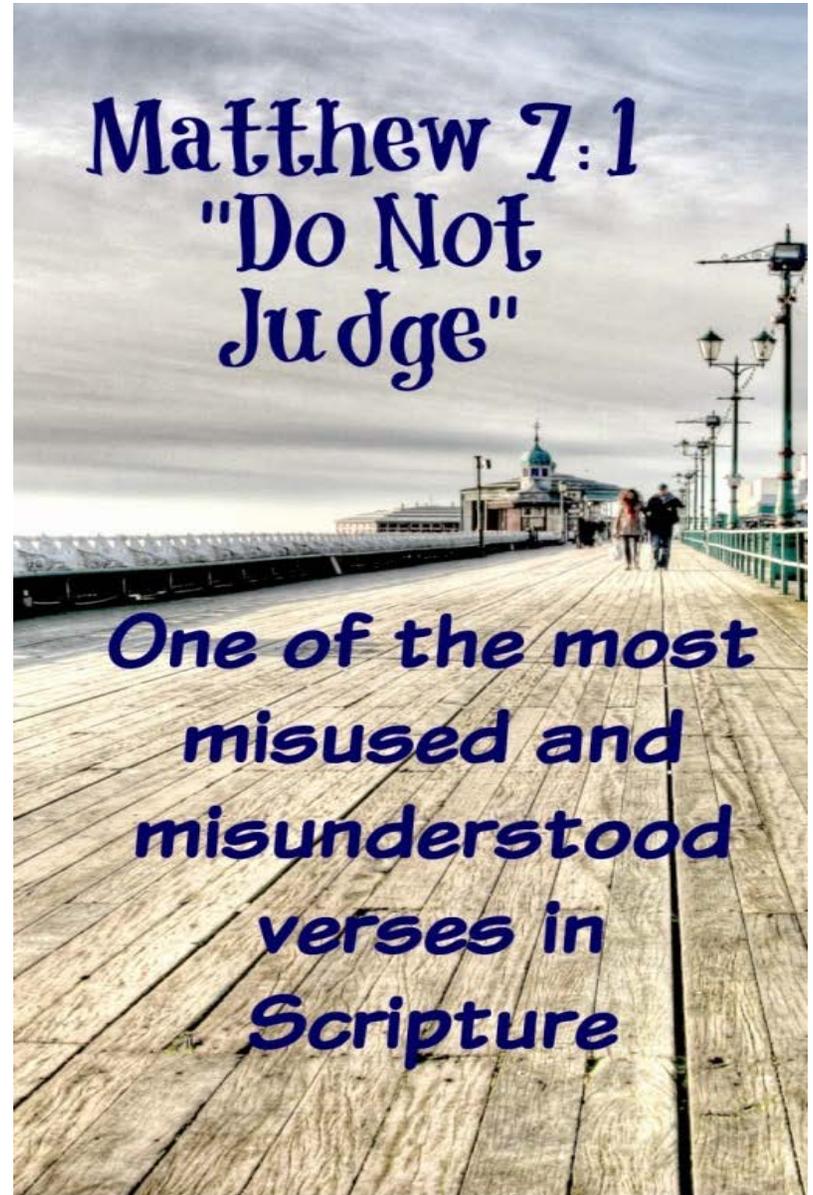
We encourage all of you to participate in the meeting.

October Messenger

Please note – articles for the October Messenger are due Tuesday, September 19.

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
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

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PLOWS Council on Aging

Drivers Needed: Plows, a non-profit senior agency in Suburban Cook County, has an immediate need for dependable drivers to deliver meals to the homebound senior citizens in the south suburban area. Driver commitment is only 2-2 ½ hours per week, no nights or weekends. To volunteer to help with this great need, please call PLOWS at 708-361-0219.

Respite for Family Caregivers: The Respite Program coordinated by PLOWS, offers caregivers the opportunity to take time for themselves while their loved one is cared for by a licensed and insured professional. The program provides supervision, companion care, basic personal care assistance and meal preparation. To register for this service contact PLOWS at 708-361-0219.

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 & High School Youth Group begins. Pool Party at the Sullivan’s after class.

This Week:

- Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study
- Thur. 7 P.M. Executive Board Meeting

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- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class, Youth Group
- 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School resumes
- 12 P.M. Special Business Meeting, Peterson Hall
- 12 P.M. County Line Orchard Family Event, ages 5-12, K-6th Gr.

Sept. 24 – Nursery Helpers: Jen Davies, Judy Kurzweil

Greeters: Bill & Sandy Hutchinson

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 _____

Announcements:

Reading to Noah’s Ark Preschoolers

Noah’s Ark Preschool is looking for volunteers to lend their voice in reading to the preschool children on Fridays at 11 A.M. You are invited to read a Bible Card and a story provided by the teacher. To volunteer see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, or call the church office or Ms. Amanda, Director, at 708-969-3481.

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday School class will resume on September 24 with Greg Goetz teaching on *Tongues of Fire: Aspects of the Holy Spirit*. The class will begin at 11:30 A.M. in our usual spot, the Fireside Room. Hope to see you there, Greg always has interesting insights to share.

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. Carson's Community Days are Wednesday-Saturday, November 8-11. All proceeds of the coupon book sales go towards Noah's Ark Preschool. Please see Ms. Amanda or call 708-969-3481.

North Park University Concert

It's the fall, which means it's once again that time of year! On Saturday, October 7 at 7:30 P.M. the North Park University Concert Band will be presenting the 8th Annual "Exceptional Music for Exceptional Families" concert, for families of children with autism and special needs. As always, the concert is free and will include an "instrument petting zoo" at 7:00 P.M. To reserve a space in the accessible performance venue at Anderson Chapel, contact Karen Dickelman at 773-244-5625 or kdickelman@northpark.edu.

Today's Scripture:

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"
¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Romans 14:1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.⁷For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" ¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Good Morning Parents,

On Sunday, September 24, the youth group will be heading to County Line Apple Orchard for our first family event of the year. There will be apple and pumpkin picking, and other activities such as a corn maze (all extra things do cost extra money and are optional to the children).

Here is some information on pricing: \$1 general admission per person-includes tractor ride to apple field and u-pick bags (apples are \$1.79/lb). There is more information on the other events and pricing for those available at:

<http://www.countylineorchard.com/mock-up-activities/>

Right after Church we will stop at Jason's Deli for lunch, then head out. The address to the orchard is: County Line Orchard, 200 S County Line Road, Hobart, IN 46342.

I am very excited for this event, and can't wait to start out this year with the children! Hope to see you all there!

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