

✦ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✦
September 2, 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: LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;

**People: whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;
who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;**

**All: who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things will never be shaken.**

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #55) *All Creatures of Our God and King*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #113) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (vs. 1,3,4)

Message

"Doing What the Word Says "
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (GH #591) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
(vs. 1,2)

Prayer of Confession (People)

Oh Lord we draw before you humbly and confess that we often content ourselves in our own knowledge of you. We feel good when we are attending Sunday services. Yet we have come to realize that we do not want to be spiritually "fat." We don't want to just help ourselves. We do not want to just have a good outward appearance. We want to truly know you. Knowing you is doing what you say. Knowing you is obedience to you and "doing" what you would have us do. We confess that we have fallen short.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Pastor: Dear people of God; the Lord has heard our confession. The Lord hears our desire to draw nearer to Him. The Lord forgives our lack of commitment and lack of doing. He knows our hearts. We are truly forgiven and the Lord extends His hand to us in the free grace of salvation and into the working out of our salvation on a daily basis.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

◆ *Doxology*

◆ 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 #608) *God of Grace and Glory* (vs. 1,3,4)

◆ **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.

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
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

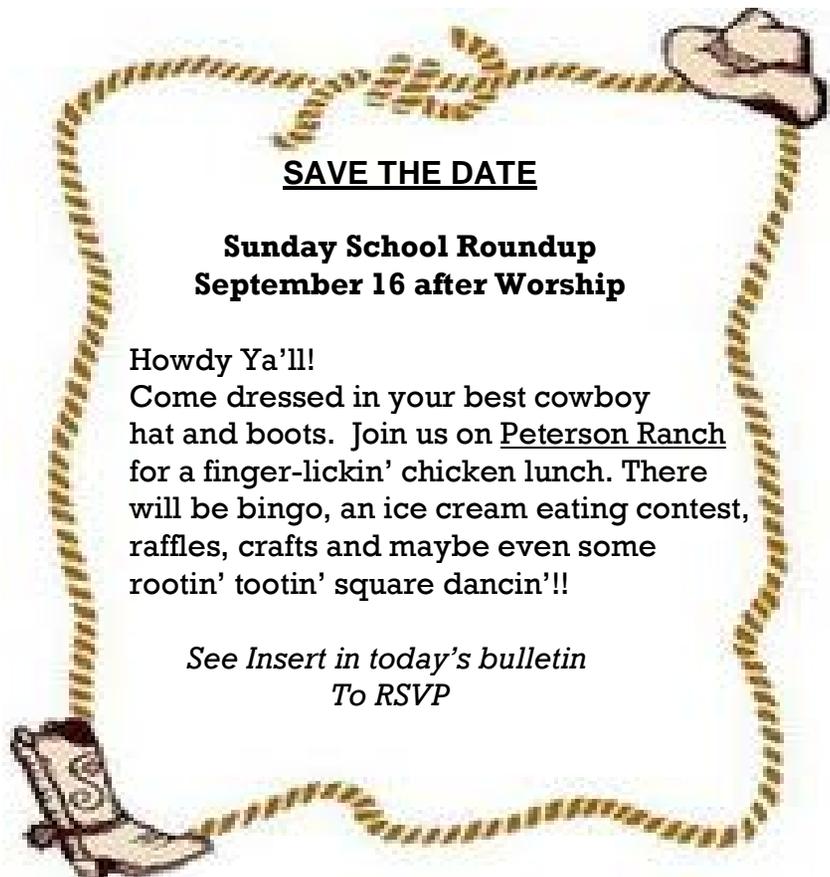
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But prove yourselves doers of
the word, and not merely
hearers who delude themselves.

James 1:22



SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday School Roundup
September 16 after Worship**

Howdy Ya'll!
Come dressed in your best cowboy hat and boots. Join us on Peterson Ranch for a finger-lickin' chicken lunch. There will be bingo, an ice cream eating contest, raffles, crafts and maybe even some rootin' tootin' square dancin'!!

*See Insert in today's bulletin
To RSVP*

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
Together We Cope retiring offering

This Week:

Tues. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool – 1st day of School
Tues. 4:30 P.M. Ronald McDonald House-Meals from the Heart
Wed.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship
10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class and Sr. High

September 9 – Nursery Helpers: Lorraine Weszely, Shannon Lee
Greeters: Dorothy Karner, Brian Crotty

Announcements:

Ravenswood Covenant Church Outreach

Pastor Mark and some of our leaders visited a weekly summer Farmer's Market, food truck eatery, children's bouncy house, and community outreach at Ravenswood Covenant Church this past Wednesday. Ravenswood is drawing up to 1600 people every Wednesday during the summer months!

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class begins once again this fall on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Mark is looking forward to getting together with the students again this year! We will meet in the youth room at 11:20 A.M. starting on Sept 9.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume study on Tuesday, September 11, at 9:30 A.M., in the Fireside Room. As usual, coffee, bakery and fellowship start at 9:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening Class with Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark once again will launch into another Wednesday night Class starting on Sept 12. As has been our custom, there will be a light dinner at 6 P.M. followed by the class from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. This course is titled, "The Call." It focuses not just on a life's calling, but also on what the Lord has for each of us on a daily, weekly, and

monthly basis. Perhaps even how the Lord calls us in different seasons of life. We meet in the Fireside Room.

Pryme Tymers

Join us on Thursday, September 13 at 11 A.M. for Beef Stew and Broadway Hits entertainment as we kick off the Fall 2018 meetings. The price remains \$7.00. All seniors/retirees are welcome. Please contact at office@trinitycovoaklawn.org or call the church office at 708-422-5111 with your reservation by Friday, September 7. And be sure to stop by the kitchen and view the stove's facelift – a gift from the Pryme Tymers!

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 Bishoff 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.

Today's Scripture:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. ⁶Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the

nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? ⁹Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created. ¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. ²⁶Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Ronald McDonald House

One of the mission programs here at Trinity is cooking and serving an evening meal to the guest residents at Ronald McDonald House on 93rd Street, across from Advocate Children's Hospital. Our new season begins on Tuesday, September 4 and continues on the first Tuesday of each month (September-May). We begin at 4:30 P.M. and are usually finished by 7:30 P.M. If you would like to volunteer to help please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call Diane Panush at 708-636-7548. Many hands make light work. An offering for this mission will be taken next Sunday.



I would like to volunteer at Ronald McDonald House:

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

MONTH/MONTHS you would like to serve:



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Please fill out the tear-off below with how many will be joinin' the fun!



Yes, we will be joinin' the fun September 16:

Name: _____

Adults _____ # Children _____

Yes, I'll like to bring dessert:

Brownies _____ Cookies _____