

✦ 13th Sunday after Pentecost ✦
September 3, 2017 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude *Instrumental Fantasy on BH#567 Jesus Lamb of God*
Stuart Seale

◆Call to Worship

Pastor: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord

People: **be merciful to me and answer me**

Pastor: My heart says of you, "seek His face!"

People: **Your face Lord, will I seek.**

Pastor: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger

People: **you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.**

Pastor: Though my father and mother forsake me

People: **The Lord will receive me**

Pastor: Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors

People: **Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence**

Pastor: I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Unison: **Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

◆Song of Praise (BH #11) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:9-21

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #85) *There is a Place of Quiet Rest*

Message "Unconditional and Unabashed Love"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #572) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

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

◆Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion (See Insert)

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #570) *One Bread, One Body*

◆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: Lori Cavallone, Greg Goetz, Pauline Guadagno (Tracy Hood's mother), Bud Jaderholm, Carol Latimer, Kristine Schroeder, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

Notes of Interest continued

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Bruce Sladek and Char Dunk, and Dave and Arlene Sladek on the death of Gary Sladek, Bruce's son and Dave's brother. Gary entered the life eternal on Saturday, August 26. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 9, at Harvestpoint Church, 209 S. 4th Street, Delavan, WI. Peace be to the memory of Gary.

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Carol and Jim Strickland on the death of Carol's sister Lynne Gustafson who entered the life eternal on Monday, August 28. A memorial service was held at Trinity on Friday, September 1. Peace be to the memory of Lynne.

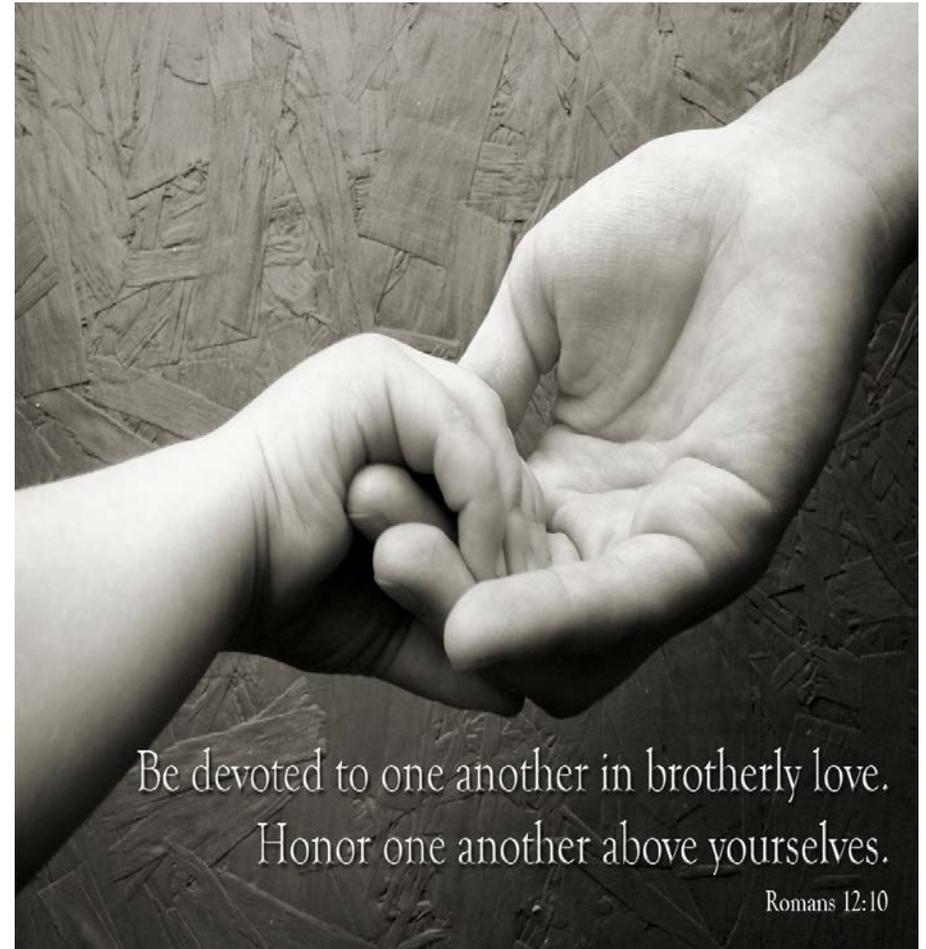
As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of James Gaw who entered the life eternal on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Sunrise Senior Care in Palos Park. Services are pending. Peace be to Jim's memory.

Please also remember today the victims of the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana, and for protection for those still in the path.

Let's also remember the loss of life in Nepal, Bangladesh and India during the monsoon season.

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
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SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun. Sept. 10 10 A.M. Sunday school begins
Kick off Picnic following worship.
- Tue. Sept. 12 9 A.M. Women's Bible Study resumes
- Thu. Sept. 14 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers resumes
- Sun. Sept. 17 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High
School Youth Group begins.
Pool Party at the Sullivan's after class.
- Sun. Sept. 24 Family Event for ages 5-12, K-6th Grade



Calendar for the Week:

Today:

- 10 A.M. Worship
10-11 A.M. Summer Childcare infants up to 2nd grade
Together We Cope retiring offering

This Week:

- Mon. Labor Day
Tues. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool resumes
Tues. 4:30 P.M. Ronald McDonald house "Meals from the Heart"

Next Sunday: *Bring A Friend Sunday*

- 10 A.M. Worship
10-11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 3rd Grade
After worship: Sunday School and Noah's Ark Preschool
Celebration and Picnic

Sept. 10 – Nursery Helpers: Angie Panush, Shannon Lee
Greeters: Harry & Grace Persson

Announcements:

Congratulations!

Emmanuel and Elizabeth Ajide are happy to announce the birth of their son Daniel born on Thursday, August 31, at 9 A.M., weighing in at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Congratulations to the Ajide Family!

Baby Bottle Campaign

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and generous support of the Father's Day Baby Bottle Campaign. Trinity raised \$533.08 for the Southside Pregnancy Center in Oak Lawn.

Urgent Need for Drivers for PLOWS

PLOWS Council on Aging, a non-profit senior agency, has an immediate need for dependable volunteers 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. For further details or to sign-up please call 708-361-0219.

Respite for Family Caregivers

The Respite Program, coordinated by PLOWS Council on Aging in Suburban Cook County, 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.

Day of Prayer and Fasting

The Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church is asking other Covenanters to join them Thursday, September 7 in a "Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life". The focus of this day will be on praying "for deliverance from the peril of suicide in our communities and for healing from the pain of those we have lost already." The conference has posted an online 2017 Alaska Conference 24-hour Prayer Guide. "Suicide has been described as an epidemic in Alaska," notes the conference website.

Today's Scripture:

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a

wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Holy Communion

◆ Invitation to Confession (Pastor Mark)

We cannot come before God
unless we are first honest with ourselves
about who we are,
about the mistakes we make,
and about how well or how poorly we care for others.
In spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

◆ Confession (In Unison)

**Renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace,
we confess that we need your healing and your forgiveness.
For all that is broken in our minds and bodies,
we ask your healing.
For all that is amiss in our choices and our relationships,
we ask your forgiveness.
For all that works against life and blessing
in our hearts, and in the world,
we open ourselves to your transforming grace.
Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. Amen.**

◆ Pardon (Responsively)

Pastor: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save us all.
Our help is God and we are truly forgiven.

People: Indeed we are truly forgiven. Glory to God! Amen!

◆ Passing of the Peace (Pastor Mark)

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer one another
signs of peace, reconciliation, hope, and love.

◆ Invitation to the Lord's Supper (Responsively)

Pastor: Christ invites to this table all who are in earnest repentance,
who seek to live in peace and love.

This table is open for all.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You stand with us as we fight the good fight of faith,
taking hold of the eternal life, to which you have called us.
Your Spirit moves us to do good, be generous, and always ready to
share.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Gambrell Great Thanksgiving Responses

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

**We have gathered here at the personal invitation of Christ,
around the table that overflows with his abundance.
Every possible delight has been spread before us:
the living bread come down from heaven,
the cup of the new covenant, forgiving many,
the everlasting foods of faith, hope, and best of all,
the no-strings-attached, steadfast love of God.
There has been plenty for all, no matter where we sit.
And, as we scatter back into the world,
we know that this feast remains before us wherever we go.
Never again will we need to hunger for a relationship
with the living God who welcomes us.
Amen and amen.**