

✚ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✚
September 9, 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)

All: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

**People: I will praise the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

People: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

Pastor: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,

People: the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

Pastor: The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

All: The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

◆Hymn of Praise *Medley of This is the Day/Rejoice in the Lord Always/Clap Your Hands All Ye People*

◆Invocation

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

Children's Message

WORD

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Mark 7:24-37

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (BH #724) *For the Healing of All Nations*
(vs. 1,3,4)

Message "Do Everything Overwhelmingly Well!"
Rev. Mark Westlund

RESPONSE

◆**Hymn of Response** (BH #226) *What Wondrous Love* (vs. 1,2,4)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**Patient Lord, forgive our lack of faith in your loving power.
We look around us and all that we see is what we don't have.
We fail to notice the daily blessings you lavish upon us.
Clear our blindness to the needs of others.
Strengthen us and move us from lame excuses for not serving you.
Help us to truly listen to one another,
not with our pat answers ready,
but with loving and generous hearts.
Heal us and make us ready to truly be your disciples.
In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Behold and believe in the wondrous power and love of God!
It is poured out for you and for God's beloved world.

Rejoice in this good news,
for it is given especially to you. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Life Together Offering

Offertory

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #341) *Amazing Grace* (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, Char Dunk-Sladek, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Grace Persson, Lorraine Sorensen.

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Virginia Fulton on the death of her brother John Bartkus who entered the life eternal on Saturday, August 18, 2018. John died suddenly at home in Jackson, Michigan. Peace be to John's memory.

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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SPECIAL EVENT

Covenant Youth Collision

All high school students are invited to the first SouthWest Covenant Youth Collision kick-off today, **September 9, from 5 to 7 P.M. at Hope Covenant Church, 14401 West Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462.** Covenant Youth Collision is a collaborative youth ministry started on the Northside of the City. This ministry exists to enrich local church ministries by collaborating their efforts in youth ministry. By sharing resources, they can fill in gaps in individual churches and more youth can be reached and in deeper ways.

Hope Covenant's Youth Pastor, Pastor Tim will host this kick-off event where kids from Beverly Covenant, Hope Covenant, Mission Covenant, and Trinity will gather and get to know each other. Pastor Tim has a lot of fun activities planned so you won't want to miss it. Be sure to bring a friend with you. No RSVP is required -- just plan on coming out tonight at 5 P.M. If you need to make transportation arrangements we will try to connect you with other people who are going.

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

11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool

Tues. 9:30 P.M. Women's Bible Study

Tues. 6:30 P.M. Deacons meeting

Tues. 7 P.M. Trustees and C.E. Board meetings

Wed. 6 P.M. Lite supper preceding Pastor Mark's class

6:30 P.M. Pastor Mark's Class "The Call"

Thur. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers

Thur. 6 P.M. Church Board meeting

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship

10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade

11 A.M. Sunday School Kickoff – "Roundup", Peterson Hall

Note: No Confirmation Class today.

September 16 – Nursery Helpers: Carol Byland

Greeters: Lois Flaws, Virginia Fulton

Announcements:

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class begins today during the Sunday School hour. We will meet in the Youth Room at 11:20 A.M. Pastor Mark is looking forward to getting together with the students again this year!

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 September 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 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.

Today's Scripture: Isaiah 35:4-7a

say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush

forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁸ "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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:



Sunday School Roundup For a Hollerin' Good Time!

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'!!

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 _____

*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.



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Adults _____

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