

✦ 4th Sunday after Pentecost ✦
July 2, 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

Pastor: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

People: How long will you hide your face from me?

Pastor: How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

People: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Pastor: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

People: Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

Pastor: But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

People: I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

◆Hymn of Praise (Blue Hymnal #341) (Vs. 1-4) *Amazing Grace*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #622) (Vs. 1,4-6)

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Message "Freedom from The Counterfeit Life"
Dean Soule

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #375) (Vs. 1,2,5)

Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated

Prayer of Confession (Pastor)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (In Unison)

1 John 1:5-9

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *The Call*

Kirsten Torling, vocalist

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

◆Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Debra Auger

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 #610) (Vs. 1-2,4)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

◆ **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: Edith Fornell, Greg Goetz, Pauline Guadagno (Tracy Hood's mother), Bud Jaderholm, Kristine Schroeder, Lorraine Sorensen, Darlene Sunny (Lorraine Weszely's sister).

Thank you to Kirsten Torling for the special music this morning.

Melissa Panush.....Church Chair
Lee Van Sickle.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male..... Organists
Stuart Seale.....Pianist
Christina Palazzolo..... Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary
Joe Michalowicz Custodian

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DATES: Monday-Friday, JULY 17 – 21

TIME: 9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

PROGRAM AND DINNER THURSDAY EVENING

VBS is a fun place for children who are 3-years-old through 6thth grade. At *Kingdom of the Son*, children of all ages will take a walk on the wild side through the grasslands of Africa and will learn to talk to God. Children will learn that God listens, provides, forgives, protects and rules! Bible study, games, crafts, music, snacks, friends and more await the “safari explorers” as they learn the Lord’s Prayer and study the life of Jesus.



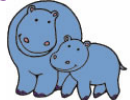
God Listens



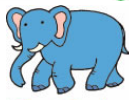
God Forgives



God Provides



God Protects



God Rules!

TO REGISTER:

- ◆ **ON-LINE @ www.trinitycovoaklawn.org**
- ◆ **Fill out the paper copy on the table in the Narthex and drop off at the church office**
- ◆ **Call the church office at 708-422-5111**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

BRING A FRIEND FOR THE WEEK AND GET A PRIZE!

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

10–11 A.M. Summer Childcare infants up to 2nd grade

This Week:

Tues. July 4 Church office will be closed

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship

10–11 A.M. Summer Childcare infants up to 2nd grade

11 A.M. Coffee and...

July 9 – Nursery Helpers: Lorraine Weszely

Greeters: Barbara Johnson, Edna Garcia

Summer Sunday School: Katie Erhardt

Announcements:

Baby Bottle Campaign

The Southside Pregnancy Center’s Baby Bottle Collection Day is **today**. Drop off your filled bottles with Marcia Lellos at the table in the Narthex.

Trinity Campers

Please keep Trinity campers in your prayers. Campers for the week of July 2 – 8:

Ally Ford, Maddie Ford, Ariel Kurzweil, Justin Lee, Shannon Lee

Thumbs Up

Our own Megan McShane and Anakin Schroeder are working tirelessly as camp counselors this summer at Covenant Harbor. They are working a minimum of a 15 hour day! They need our prayers and support. Let’s all give them a huge thumbs up and let them know we are thinking and praying for them, and that they are missed here at Trinity!

VBS Snack Crafts

Don't know how you can help at Kingdom of the Son VBS? Well, we have an opportunity for you to donate some of the food items we need for the week in Snack Crafts. Snack Crafts always bring to life the themes of the week. We will be going on a Safari, so help us create something fun to eat! The sign-up sheet and complete list is by the kitchen door. PLEASE SIGN-UP and HAVE YOUR ITEMS TO CHURCH BY THURSDAY, JULY 13 (*unless otherwise noted*). Here is a sampling of the items we need: Vanilla Frosting, Mini Nilla Wafers, Nilla Wafers, Crushed Oreo's, Chocolate Sauce, Unfrosted Animal Crackers, Mini Pretzel Twists, Pretzels Sticks, Crunchy Cheeto's, Raisin's, M&M's Plain, Plain Cup Cakes, Fresh Fruit, Cheese Cubes. Thank you.

VBS Serving Committee

Don't forget that serving committees 2 and 4 will be responsible for the VBS Supper on Thursday, July 20th at 6:00 PM. Co-chairs must contact their committees and serve supper. **If any member cannot serve on the committee event they are responsible to find someone to take their place.**

VBS Workdates

We had great workdates on June 7 and 21 with about 15 volunteers each day helping out; we got lots accomplished. We have additional work to do on the next VBS workdate Thursday, July 13, at 9:30 A.M. To volunteer contact Linda Kozak.

Summer Childcare Sunday School

Summer Childcare for children age 3 up to 2nd grade is from 10 to 11 A.M. during the worship hour, now through Sept. 3. Materials for teachers to use with the children will be provided each week. This is a marvelous way to get to know and interact with Trinity's children. See the signup sheet on the table in the Narthex if you are able to volunteer for one of the following Sundays: Aug. 6, 13, 27, and Sept. 3. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share in God's work.

Coffee And...

Join us for Coffee and... after worship in Peterson Hall. Enjoy a leisure morning visit with friends following morning worship with a cup of coffee and a morning pastry. To sign-up for one of the Sunday's, there is a sign-up sheet on the wall outside of the kitchen. Available dates are: July 30, August 6, 13, 20 and 27. We usually expect 50-60 for coffee hour. Be ready to make coffee, bring creamer and a late morning pastry/cake, and have a cold drink for the children. If no one signs up, there will be no Coffee and.

Carol Noren's Cookie Recipe

RYE AND ORANGE COOKIES

4 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 cups rye flakes (I bought them on-line,
but they may be available at a health food store)
1 1/4 cups white sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour, sifted
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons finely grated orange zest
pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 350. Melt the butter and mix it with the rye flakes in a bowl. Stir in sugar and eggs, then add the other ingredients and stir well by hand. Use two teaspoons to drop small mounds of the mixture on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, spacing them out well because they spread. (I tried baking them on a silicone mat, and it didn't work well). Bake about 10 minutes, then let them cool a little before removing them from the paper. Store in an airtight tin for up to 3 weeks. Makes about 35 cookies, depending on size.

(Recipe is from *Scandinavian Baking* by Trine Hahnemann, published in 2014 by Quadrille Publishing Ltd.)

Today's Scripture:

Genesis 22:1-14

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." ³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."