

This Week's Calendar - September 17-23, 2017

Sunday	RALLY DAY!!!! Worship & Serving	11:00am
Tuesday	JOY Circle Meeting Bible Study Grief Share	12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm
Wednesday	Bible Study Brownie Troop #162 Choirs (Children's Choir starts)	12:00pm 6-7:15pm 5:30-8:00pm
Thursday	PADS meeting - Sanctuary & Narthex	6:30-9:00pm
Friday	Wedding Rehearsal - Joe Stablein & Diane Lee	4:00pm
Saturday	Wedding of Joe Stablein & Diane Lee	12:00pm

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today	Katie Niesen	
Monday	Maddy Gawne	
Tuesday	Fred & Connie Dickson - 53 years	
Wednesday	Mae Herron	
Thursday	Lori Runkle	
Friday	Ben & Regina Moe - 16 years	
Saturday	Ellie Gentile	Mariah Cathey
	Jeff Dillow	Jon Runkle

This Week's Calendar - September 24 - 30, 2017

Sunday	CROP Walk - Oswego Presbyterian	1:00pm
Monday	PADS Volunteer Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Preschool Screening Bible Study Grief Share	12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm
Wednesday	Newsletter Mailing Bible Study Choirs Alpha Group	9:00am 12:00pm 5:30-7:00pm 5:15pm
Thursday	Pastor Mark on Vacation thru October 3rd	

Offerings for September 3,

Worship Assistants for September 10, 2017

Operating	\$3,776.50	Liturgist	Greeters:
Designated	\$75.00	John Morello	9/24 - Joanne Matlock &
Attendance	135	Church Guardians	Marcella Culberson
		Jeff Farren (9/17)	
		Andy Hamblin (9/24)	



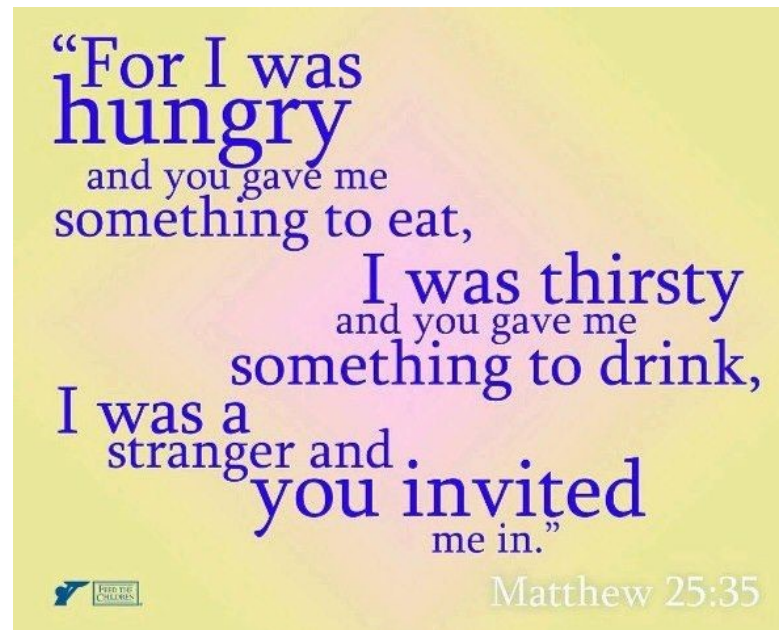
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Pastor: Rev. Mark Gregory **Ministers: The Congregation**
Worship: 10:00 A.M.

September 17, 2017



As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark. ~Warsan Shire

Taking Mum's hand, I whispered "Are we really safe, here?" ~Alwyn Evans, Walk in My Shoes

We're so lucky where we live, but we're so out of touch. Everyone's mindset is made to feel that refugees are a problem, but it's more than that. They're human beings, too. They were forced from their homes. ~Sonny Bill Williams

We are a continent of refugees, and if you say we can't integrate refugees, that's not consistent with our values, even if borders cannot be wide open. ~Emmanuel Macron

We Gather Together

Tina Andersen, Organist

Prelude:
Lighting the Path
Ringling of the Bells, Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting
Introit: *All Hail the Power*

Shaw/Parker

A Time for Praise and Preparation

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, people of God, enter into the unfolding of God's reign.

People: **I come with awe and wonderment.**

Leader: Come, people of God, into the clash of empires, hopeful and fearful at the same time.

People: **I come believing in an empire of love and an economy of grace.**

Leader: Come, people of God into choices that only the eyes of faith can discern.

All: **I come in faith, to receive spiritual wisdom and grace-full courage.**

Opening Hymn: *In Christ There is No East or West* *Chalice Hymnal #687*

***Prayer of Invocation:**

Gracious and ever-loving God – I thank you for this day, this holy Sabbath day in which you call me to rest in your presence, and to rejoice over your goodness, and give thanks for all the blessings that you have bestowed - and want to bestow - upon all your people. In this time of worship, be present with all those gathered here, and help each of us to be present with you. I ask this in the name of Jesus - Amen.

***The Gloria Patri:**

Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace:**

With a "Holy Hug" or a "Holy Handshake," we greet those around us as a sharing of God's love with the words, "Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you."

Anthem: *To Believe* *(Pethel)*

Mission Moment CROP Walk - June Davis

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

**Please pray for the family & friends of members of our church.

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children*

Bill Andersen
Fred Anderson
Lynn Belcher
Mary Cass
Guesepina Cirrincione
Doc Coleman
Todd Davis
Michael Franciose
Bob Freeman

Mary Freeman
Michael Heinrich
Henning Family
Joe Hudgins
Joseph Jaeger
Sandy Lindblom
Holly Mann
Olivia Mann
Ed Niesen

Joanne O'Brien
John Patterson
Ethel Perkins
Jack Ryder
Mary Lee Swickert
Robert Turner
Sandy Veselka
Marie Wayne

Responding to God's Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering

The Offertory:

***The Presentation - The Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:**

O God, bless the tithes and offerings I bring, and use them and me, in your service that through me, and all my brothers and sisters, this church might be a light leading the way to you and the love and grace you offer freely to all. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Background

Scripture Lessons:

Leviticus 19:33-34

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Matthew 25:34-40

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Message: *A New Opportunity to Serve* Love Thy Neighbor Ministry

Preparing for a Week of Serving

***The Closing Hymn:** *O for a World* *Chalice Hymnal #683*

~ **Carrying the Light into the World** ~

***The Commissioning, Benediction and Response:**

Postlude:

Tina Andersen