



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 23, 2016 10:30 Service of the Word*

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people – "all who have longed for his appearing" - shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For all this the assembly glorifies God forever.

*- Sundays and Seasons 2016*

### *Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

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# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God:  
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;  
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;  
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
(A moment of silence for reflection)

P: God of overflowing grace,

**C: we come to you with repentant hearts.**

**Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.**

**Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.**

**Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.**

**Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.**

**Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,**

**and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, our sins are forgiven and we are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### Gathering Hymn Better Is One Day

(For music turn to Hymn 83 in the Songbook binder)

**1. How lovely is Your dwelling place**

**O Lord Almighty**

**For my soul longs and even faints for You**

**For here my heart is satisfied**

**Within Your presence**

**I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings**

### *Chorus 1*

**Better is one day in Your courts**

**Better is one day in Your house**

**Better is one day in Your courts**

**Than thousands elsewhere**

**2. One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells**

*Chorus 1*

**Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere**

*Misc 1 (BRIDGE)*

**My heart and flesh cry out for You  
The living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You to You**

*Misc 2 (ENDING)*

**Better is one day better is one day  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere  
Better is one day better is one day  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere**

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*Greeting* (2 Corinthians 13:13)

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Gathering Dialog* (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

**A:** You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

**A:** Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**

**A:** One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the people of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

<sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us,  
act, O LORD, for your name's sake; o  
ur apostasies indeed are many,  
and we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel,  
its savior in time of trouble,  
why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveler turning aside for the night?  
<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?  
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not forsake us!

<sup>10</sup>Thus says the LORD concerning this people:  
Truly they have loved to wander,  
they have not restrained their feet;  
therefore the LORD does not accept them,  
now he will remember their iniquity  
and punish their sins.

<sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah?  
Does your heart loathe Zion?  
Why have you struck us down  
so that there is no healing for us?  
We look for peace, but find no good;  
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

<sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,  
the iniquity of our ancestors,  
for we have sinned against you.

<sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;

do not dishonor your glorious throne;  
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

<sup>22</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain?

Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?

We set our hope on you,  
for it is you who do all this.

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 84:1-7 (*read responsively*)

L: Your temple is my joy,  
Lord of heaven's might.

**C: I am eager for it,  
eager for the courts of God.**

**My flesh, my flesh sings  
its joy to the living God.**

L: As a sparrow homing,  
a swallow seeking a nest  
to hatch its young,

**C: I am eager for your altars,  
Lord of heaven's might,  
my king, my God.**

L: To live with you is joy,  
to praise you and never stop.

**C: Those you bless with courage  
will bless you from their hearts.**

L: When they cross the Valley of Thirst  
the ground is spaced with springs,  
with the welcome rain of autumn.

**C: They travel the towns to reach  
the God of gods in Zion.**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

[Paul writes:] As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 18:14)

**C: Alleluia. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Gather Us In

*(For music turn to Hymn 532 in the Red Hymnal)*

**1. Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings**

**brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**3. Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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### *Apostles' Creed*

**A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with:* Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond:* **Hear our prayer.**

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## † THANKSGIVING †

### Offering & Anthem

Hymn of Thanksgiving As the offering is brought forward:

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

*For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.**



**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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*Thanksgiving Prayer*

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus our Lord, now and forever. Amen**

*Lord's Prayer*

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

† SENDING †

*Blessing*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord's make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

*Sending Hymn* The River is Here

(For music turn to Hymn 34 in the Songbook binder)

**1. Down the mountain the river flows,  
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes;  
Through the valleys and over the fields,  
the river is rushing and the river is here.**

*Refrain:* **The river of God sets our feet to dancing,  
the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,  
and we rejoice for the river is here.**

**2. The river of God is teeming with life,  
and all who touch it can be revived.  
And all who linger on this river's shore  
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord. *Refrain***

**3. Up to the mountain we love to go,  
to find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run,  
we dance with laughter, giving praise to the Son. *Refrain***

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*Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

BOY, THAT  
PHARISEE  
GUY REALLY  
BLOWS  
IT!



WELL YEAH,  
PEOPLE  
CAN GET IT  
WRONG...



I MEAN,  
WHAT A  
JERK!



YES,  
WELL...



THANK  
GOD  
I'M NOT  
LIKE HIM.



WELL...  
UHH...



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LUKE 18:9-14

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**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Tom and Lisa Kurilovitch
Lector	
Acolyte	Sabastian Plouffe
Nursery Care	Lynne Minkel
Counters	Don Mansfield and Tim Brown
Coffee Hour	Cassie Ross

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters and Ushers	Don and Sally Mansfield
Lector	
Acolyte	Scott Wilmot
Altar Care	Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Bruce and Diane Boncke
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	Pie Sunday

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