



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 9, 2016 10:30 Service of the Word*

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

*- 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.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

# † 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 Washed in the Promise  
(*for music see Hymn 86 in the Songbook binder*)

**1. Chaos rages, tears run dry,  
painful laughter, a sea of selfish cries.  
Gifting waters on your head,  
words of welcome, you are born again.**

*Refrain* **You are washed in the promise,  
the cross of forgiveness,  
the mystery of grace.  
You are held in the hope  
and wrapped in the reach of the Savior's embrace.**

**2. The Spirit's pouring joy and light,**

## **understanding, liberty and sight. Refrain**

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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. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## † WORD †

### First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-15

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup>And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup>He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I

have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.”<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.”

<sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 111 (*read responsively*)

L: Hallelujah!

With y whole heart

I praise the Lord among the just.

**C: Great are God’s works,  
a delight to explore.**

L: In splendor, in majesty,  
God’s justice will stand.

**C: Who can forget God’s wonders!  
a God, merciful and kind.**

L: who nourished the faithful,  
upheld the covenant,

**C: and revealed mighty deeds,**

**giving them the land of pagans.**

L: Faithful, just, and true  
are all God's decrees:

**C: each law in its place,  
valid for ever.**

L: The Lord redeems the faithful,  
decrees a lasting covenant.  
Holy and awesome God's name!

**C: Fear of the Lord is wisdom's crown,  
wise are those who live by it.  
Praise the Lord for ever.**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. <sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**C: Alleluia. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master,

have mercy on us!”<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean.

<sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children’s Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come  
(For music see Hymn 610 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored  
when reached by love the never ends?**
2. **From ev’ry ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.**
3. **In conflicts that destroy our health  
we recognize the world’s disease;  
our common life declares our ills.  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**
4. **Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall read the whole of humankind.**

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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* *Flee as a Bird* by Mary S.B. Dana, 1840

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 Power of Your Love

*(for music, turn to Hymn 71 in the Songbook binder)*

- 1. Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,  
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.  
And, Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.**

*Refrain*

**Hold me close, let Your love surround me;  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like an eagle, and I will soar with You.  
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.**

- 2. Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,  
the knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life,  
in living ev 'ry day in the pow'r of Your love. *Refrain***

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*Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

I JUST DON'T  
GET WHY  
JESUS IS  
SO DISAPPOINTED.



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COMING REJECTION!



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LUKE 17:11-19



**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers     Lynne and Ethan Minkel  
Lector  
Acolyte                     Sam Ehrlinger  
Nursery Care             Kristi Bullwinkle  
Counters                  Babette Huber and Burdie Gillern  
Coffee Hour

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters and Ushers     Don and Sally Mansfield  
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Acolyte                     Scott Wilmot  
Altar Care                 Beth Perdan  
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Nursery Care             Laura Stroup  
Counters                  John and Linda Thompson  
Coffee Hour                Harvest Festival Lunch

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