



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 11, 2016*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

The grumbling of the Pharisees and scribes in today's gospel is actually our only hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eat with them. That our God will to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

*- 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

### Opening of the 2016-2017 Sunday School Year

P: For the marvels of your creation,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

P: For the opportunity to explore and study,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

P: For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

P: Teach us your ways and guide us in your path, for you are the creator of all this us, seen and unseen.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight, and students the gift of diligence and openness, that all may grow in what is good and honest and true.

Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus the Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: We begin the 2016-2017 academic year in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### Gathering Hymn Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

*(For music turn to Hymn 816 in the Red Hymnal)*

1. **Come, my way, my truth, my life:**

**Such a way as gives us breath;**

**Such a truth as ends all strife;**

**Such a life as conquers death.**

2. **Come, my light, my feast, my strength:**

**Such a light as shows a feast;**

**Such a feast as mends in length;**

**Such a strength as makes his guest.**

3. **Come, my joy, my love, my heart:**

**Such a joy as none can move;**

**Such a love as none can part;**

**such a heart as joys in love.**

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)

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

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

P: 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.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

(The Prayer of the Day is said, concluding:)

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the

stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.”<sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 51:1-10 (*read responsively*)

*A psalm attributed to David. It is his response when the prophet Nathan came to him after his affair with Bathsheba.*

L: Have mercy, tender God,  
forget that I defied you.

**C: Wash away my sin,  
cleanse me from my guilt.**

L: I know my evil well,  
it stares me in the face,  
evil done to you alone  
before your very eyes.

**C: How right your condemnation!  
Your verdict clearly just.  
You see me for what I am,  
a sinner before my birth.**

L: You love those centered in truth;  
teach me your hidden wisdom.

**C: Wash me with fresh water,  
wash me bright as snow.**

L: Fill me with happy songs,  
let the bones you bruised now dance.

**C: Shut your eyes to my sin,  
make my guilt disappear.**

L: Creator, reshape my heart,  
God, steady my spirit.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as

the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.  
<sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and 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 15:10)

**C: Alleluia. There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-10

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day* Amazing Grace  
(For music turn to Hymn 779 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.**
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**
4. **The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**
5. **When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807; music W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O Excell.

*Apostles' Creed*

P: 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

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

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

‡ THANKSGIVING ‡

Offering & Special Music *Glory to God (788 Blue Hymnal)*

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

P: 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

P: 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 We Are Called  
(for music please turn to Hymn 38 in the Songbook binder)

Leader

We are called  
We are claimed  
We are loved

Congregation

**We are called  
We are claimed  
We are loved**



*(all together)*                    **by the holy name.**  
We are healed                    **We are healed**  
We are whole                    **We are whole**  
*(all together)*                    **The Savior ransomed our soul.**  
**Glory, Glory, Glory Halleluia! Glory, Gloria.**  
**Glory, Glory, Glory Halleluia! Glory, Gloria!**

We are here                    **We are here**  
To proclaim                    **To proclaim**  
God is here;                    **God is here;**  
*(all together)*                    **Calls us each by name.**  
We are here                    **We are here**  
To give praise                    **To give praise**  
*(all together)*                    **The love of God will not change.**  
**Glory, Glory, Glory Halleluia! Glory, Gloria.**  
**Glory, Glory, Glory Halleluia! Glory, Gloria!**

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*Dismissal*

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

SO, WHAT HAPPENS  
TO THE OTHER 99  
**SHEEP?** HE CAN'T  
JUST LEAVE  
THEM ALL!

THAT DESCRIBES  
JESUS' COMMITMENT  
TO SINNERS.

MAYBE HE  
**DEPUTIZED**  
ONE OF THEM.



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LUKE 15: 1-10

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**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Paul and Babette Huber
Lector	Rob Stroup
Acolyte	Julia Bullwinkle
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann
Coffee Hour	God's Work Our Hands Sunday Lunch

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Bettina Kalish
Lector	Wilma Townsend
Acolyte	Kelsey Sackett
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield
Communion Assistants	Don and Sally Mansfield
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	<i>Please sign up</i>

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