



# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 AM.  
*Luther's Lasting Legacy:* Fellowship Hall, lower level of church  
*Bible Information Class:* St. Matthew's Room, lower level of church  
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

# The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 23 & 24, 2017

Summer in Rome: Citizen

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

### Before the Lord We Bow

*Christian Worship 618*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

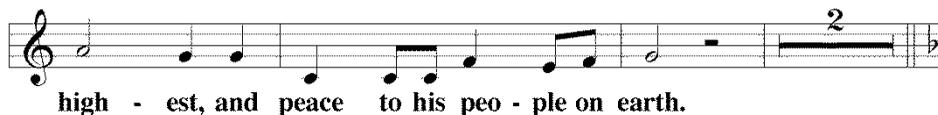
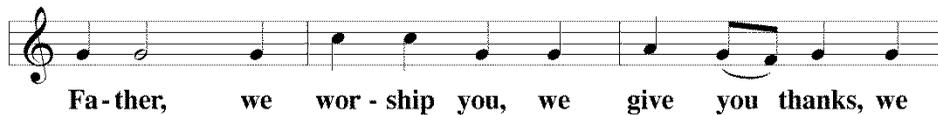
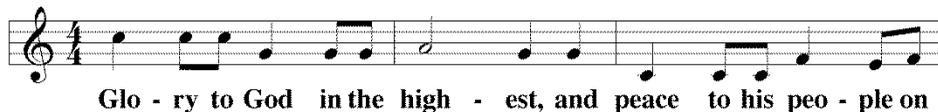
Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

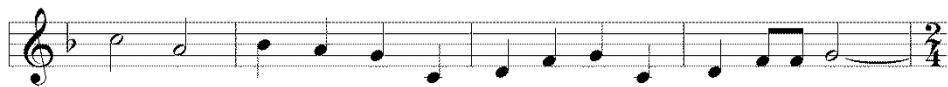
**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

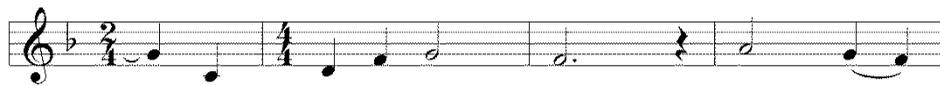
## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





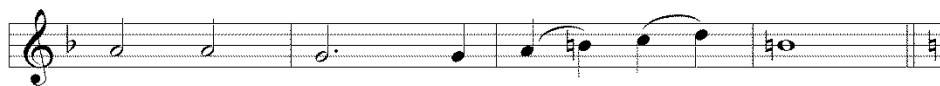
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



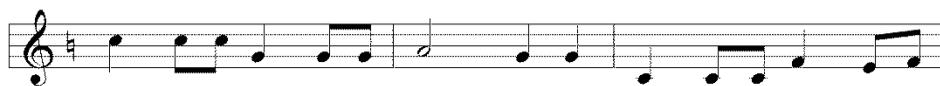
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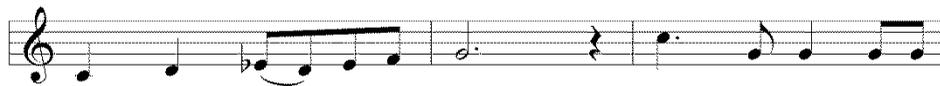
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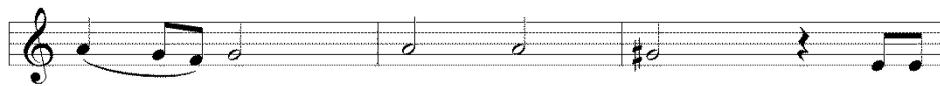
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



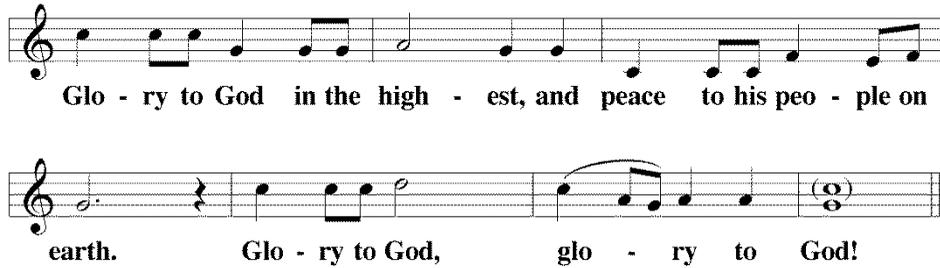
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson**

**Ezekiel 33:7-11<sup>†</sup>**

*God has made us watchmen that we might call others to repentance.*

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.

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<sup>†</sup> **Ezekiel:** Ezekiel was one of the Jews exiled to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in 597 B.C. While in Babylon, Ezekiel was called to be a prophet of God. Unique to Ezekiel is his focus on Israel as a holy nation – one which would be restored to Jerusalem, the holy city with God’s holy temple. In the second half of the book, Ezekiel proclaims a message of consolation and hope to a people living in exile. For more information on Ezekiel, see pg. 48 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

“Son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’ ”

**Psalm of the Day (Saturday)**

**Psalm 51a (see pg. 12)**

*Because of God’s mercy to us, we are to call others to repentance.*

**Psalm of the Day (Sunday)**

**Have Mercy, Lord, on Me**

*Adult Choir*

*by Bennett M. Swaffield*

Have mercy, Lord, on me, as thou wert ever kind:  
Let me opporessed with loads of guilt thy wonted mercy find.

Blot out my crying sins, nor in me anger view;  
Create in me a heart that’s clean, an upright mind renew.

**Second Lesson**

**Romans 13:1-10**

*We do harm to our neighbor if we do not call him to repentance.*

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

## Verse of the Day

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

## Gospel

**Matthew 18:15-20**

*Jesus gives his Church the means and the motive to call fellow Christians to repentance.*

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

“I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

## Anthem

*Adult Choir*

**Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly**

*arranged by William Braun*

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best.  
Service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.  
All our duty, all our striving, all our time to him belong;  
Praise him, then, with true devotion; come before him with a song.

By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son,  
What great goodness it has shown us, what high marvels he has done!  
Let us to him promptly, freely, yield our bodies and our souls,  
Thankful that his love protects us, that his wisdom all controls.

Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son;  
Lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won.  
Bless and save us; help and guide us; watch to comfort and restore  
'Til in heav'n we rest rejoicing, praising you forevermore.

### **Hymn of the Day**

**Jesus Sinners Does Receive**  
*Christian Worship 304*

### **Sermon**

**Romans 13:1-10**

Responsible For Showing Love

*Please stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Be seated*

## **Offering**

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*

*Please stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*The minister says the Prayer of the Church*

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn**

**Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**  
*Christian Worship 521*

*Please stand*

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

**Lord of All Hopefulness (see pg. 13)**  
*Christian Worship Supplement 769*

**Announcements**

**WELS Connection**

Ministerial Education

*If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.*

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**Readings for the Week of Pentecost 16**

M	Proverbs 30:4-9.....	1 Timothy 4:4-8
T	1 Timothy 6:6-12a.....	Luke 16:9-13
W	1 Corinthians 7:20-24.....	Acts 27:20-37
TH	1 Kings 17:1-6.....	1 Thessalonians 2:9-12
F	John 4:31-38.....	2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
S	Luke 6:20-26.....	Revelation 22:1-5



## Lord of All Hopefulness



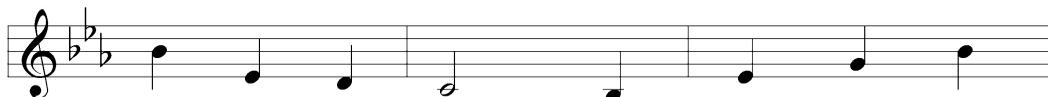
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all eag - er - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de -  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em -  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is



stroy, Be there at our wak - ing and  
 lathe, Be there at our la - bors and  
 brace, Be there at our hom - ing and  
 balm, Be there at our sleep - ing and



give us, we pray, Your bliss in our  
 give us, we pray, Your strength in our  
 give us, we pray, Your love in our  
 give us, we pray, Your peace in our



hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## Serving at Worship

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Kyle Bitter
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Musicians</b>	Beth Wittig, piano (Saturday) Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)
<b>Adult Choir Director</b>	Dr. William Braun
<b>Head Ushers</b>	Doug Knuth (Saturday) Jon Johnson (8:00 AM) Michael Schneider (10:30 AM)
<b>Greeters</b>	Tony & Erica Balistreri and Deb Fitzsimmons & Mary Rindfleisch (8:00 AM) Mark & Cynthia Rouse and Herb & Karin Schrank (10:30 AM)

## Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Bob & Jenny Lindert in celebration of their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in thanks for blessings received.
- The standard flowers are placed by Mary Hansen in celebration of Jameson Zylka's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and in thanks for God's blessings.

## In Our Prayers

- Ed Herwig, recovering from recent surgery at Elmbrook Hospital.
- Family and friends of Randy LaMarche, who was called to his eternal home this past Tuesday.
- Pastor Eric Schroeder, as he continues to deliberate the divine call received to serve as associate pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

# Parents' Preview for October 1

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

## **"When Peace Like a River" Refrain** *(Christian Worship Supplement 760)*

*Refrain*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics: "It is well with my soul." The second staff is a piano accompaniment line in treble clef with lyrics: "It is well, it is well with my soul." Both staves end with a double bar line.

It is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

