

**MOUNT ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bible Study and Sunday School 9am
Divine Service 10am**

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 11, 2016

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal Pgs.): Psalm 86 (140), 138 (154), 148 (156).

PREPARATION PRAYER: ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed the glory of Your love among the nations. Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE HYMNS777 **324:1-4 324:6-8**

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(Supplement p 12-21, Omitting p 18-20)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prayer . . . Entrance Hymn . . . Invocation . . . Confession and Absolution

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Kyrie . . . Gloria in Excelsis . . . The Prayer of the Day - "Amen"

THE FIRST LESSON**LUKE 15:1-10**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."³ So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'⁷ 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.

⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

⁹ And 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.'¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....**PSALM 51:1-12**

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

Congregation: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash away all my iniquity C: and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions, C: and my sin is always before me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C: so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

P: Surely I was sinful at birth, C: sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

P: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; C: you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; C: wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

P: Let me hear joy and gladness; C: let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

P: Hide your face from my sins C: and blot out all my iniquity.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God, C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me from your presence C: or take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation C: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

THE SECOND LESSON.....**2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-11**

⁵ Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. ⁶For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, ⁷so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

⁸So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: (Sung) "Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia!"

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Pg. 15)

HYMN 324:1-4 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

SERMON:..... LUKE 15:11-32 (INSERT)

THE HEART OF GOD

OFFERTORY (Pg. 16)...**OFFERINGS**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH...LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: 324:6-8 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Silent Prayer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 18 -- TRINITY 17

9am – Bible Study and Sunday School

10am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

CLC NEWS...Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called the Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND. <> The Rev. Steven Karp, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Hayward CA, has announced his retirement. He will continue serving St. Stephen for a time. <> Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Paul Tiefel, pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI. <>

Immanuel Vicar Program: As part of their pastoral training, those enrolled in our Immanuel Lutheran Seminary participate in the vicar program. In order to get practical experience in being a pastor, these men are assigned to a CLC congregation under the mentoring of a pastor. They will observe and participate in the normal activities of the ministry, e.g., preaching, Catechism, Bible Class, visits, devotions, instruction classes, etc. This program is vital to our church body as it imparts valuable experience to those who will, Lord willing, be serving our various congregations in the future. Please pray for our seminary program, for the young men who are willing to undertake this priceless vocation, and that the Lord would send forth willing and prepared workers into His harvest. This year our seminarians are serving as vicars in the following congregations:

=> Tom Naumann: Calvary Lutheran - Marquette, MI (Senior, last year in seminary)

=> Sam Rodebaugh: Grace Lutheran - Fridley, MN (Senior)

=> Stefan Sonnenfeld: Messiah Lutheran - Eau Claire, WI (Senior)

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TRINITY 16
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Daily Bible readings for Home Devotions, September 12-17, 2016

Mon Exodus 32:7-14 God spoke of hard-hearted Israel as "Your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt," and He was prompted to anger. Moses responded with a 9-1-1 distress call, asking God to uphold His holy reputation (12) and not go back on His word (13). We today beseech God to delay judgment on our nation and to salvage one person at a time. Please do so, dear Lord, for Jesus' sake!

Tues Luke 15:1-10 Our 911 prayers are not mutterings against (2) but rather for wandering sheep to return to their Good Shepherd (4-7). It was hard work for the negligent housewife to recover that lost coin, but her diligence paid off. What a relief when it was recovered (8-9)! Thus Jesus reminds us that mission IN-reach deserves high priority.

Wed 1 Tim. 1:12-17 One of God's great mission projects reclaimed Saul from his anti-Jesus mindset and redirected his energies into pro-Jesus ministry. Who would have imagined it! Which just goes to prove that *Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners*. Paul's biography is the pattern for other sinners one-and-all. To God be the glory!

Thurs Psalm 51:1-6 When a wandering soul realizes that God still loves him, he is ready to turn around and head home. He is ready to admit that he has sinned in specific ways (3-4); indeed, to be born human is to be born sinful (8). It's time to face these facts (6), confess (3-4), and beg for mercy (1-2). Lord, be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being!

Fri Matthew 9:9-13 WHY did Jesus spend time with persons who were scum (10-12)? It's simply that God's medical/spiritual practice is to serve those who are sick (12), which certainly includes terminal cases. True religion means being merciful in the first place—which trumps apologizing (bringing sacrifices) to God in the second place (13).

Sat Romans 5:19-21 HOW can God be merciful to someone who has wasted himself in every-which way, becoming rotted and putrid in heart, mind, and soul? It's a miracle of grace, and Jesus is God's miracle cure for the whole human race. In point of fact, Jesus has accumulated enough treasure to pay off humanity's debts (19), and due to God's good-hearted nature He salvages sinners from their 9/11 catastrophes, pulling them out of the fire (Jude 23). Thanks be to God!

LUKE 15:11-32

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'