

**MOUNT ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Bible Study and Sunday School 9am

Divine Service 10am

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 18, 2016

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal pages): Psalm 130 (153), 138 (154), 148 (156).

PREPARATION PRAYER: ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory 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 HYMNS 175 441 443

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 **AMOS 8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?" - skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY..... **PSALM 38** (TLH P132)

THE SECOND LESSON..... **1 TIMOTHY 6:6-16**

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can

take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time -- God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen

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 441 "We Give Thee bot Thine Own"

SERMON:..... **LUKE 16:1-13** (INSERT)

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

3 "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— 4 I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' 5 "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

6 " "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

7 "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

" "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it 800.'

8 "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

13 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

**THE CASE OF THE CROOKED ACCOUNTANT
OR... DID JESUS REALLY HOLD UP THAT EXAMPLE ?!**

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH...LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 443 “*O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea*”

Silent Prayer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 25 -- TRINITY 18

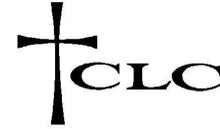
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10am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

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. <>

PASTORAL INSTALLATION Ascension Lutheran Church of Batavia, IL (Chicago area) welcomes members of area congregations and their pastors to attend the installation service of Rev. Terrel Kesterson on Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 pm (Central Time). A fellowship meal will follow the service. Ascension Lutheran is located at 0S850 Wenmoth Rd, Batavia, IL 60510.

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TRINITY 17
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Daily Bible readings for home devotions, Sept. 19-24, '16

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Tues Luke 15:25-32 is not an after-thought to the parable, for here Jesus portrays "good" people who are angry that God loves penitent sinners. Jealousy has teeth that chew on its owner's vitals—while love rejoices over the return of a lost soul. Lord, keep us more concerned for Your success with penitent sinners than for our own comforts!

Wed 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Are we concerned enough for others to ask God to be concerned? In these dangerous times we plead with our Father to preserve law-and-order in our land, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life. Why is that important? Because It creates a suitable environment for us as we support God's business of reclaiming souls.

Thurs Psalm 38 Everybody slips up once in a while and falls flat on his face. That's normal. But it's abnormal (and a miracle worked by God) to respond as King David did—to not turn away from God but to turn toward Him, saying, "*O Lord, I am troubled . . . because of my sin.... In You, O Lord, I hope . . . make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!*"

Fri Luke 16:1-13 The topic of this parable is Faithful Stewardship—and here's the moral: You are exercising good stewardship when you use all your skills to benefit the person you work for or the business that employs you. Since God's business is to save souls, we ask ourselves: How diligent/dedicated am I in applying myself to God's business?

Sat 1 Timothy 2:9-15 God's business is the concern of Christian females, too, and this is reflected in the way they face the world (9-10), in the way they respond to God's Word (11), and in the way they handle their privileged responsibilities (12). Christian women have a God-given range of specific problems and rewards, of course (13-15).

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