# **WELCOME**

## **Visiting Today**

If you are visiting today, thank you. If you wish, please fill out a "Visitor Card" located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

## **Holy Communion**

All are welcome. Distribution is by intinction, taking a piece of bread, dip it in the wine, and receive both elements at once. There is a gluten-free/grape juice option available near the baptismal font.

Offerings are part of worship and an important part of sharing in the life of Saint Andrew. Scripture teaches us to be "first fruits" givers and to do so with glad and generous hearts. Thank you for all who contribute and thereby share in the work of Christ's church.

# **Noisy Offering**

A noisy offering will be received today in support of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to help offset shipping costs for quilts, school bags and hygiene kits.

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Betty Dotseth in memory of her son Brad.

# Come to the Ministry Fair! Today in the Fellowship Hall

The Saint Andrew ministries will be available to give members a chance to learn what each of the ministries do and what opportunities are available for members to contribute their time and talents and participate in the life of Saint Andrew. Come and see...there are samples and treats!

#### **Fair Trade Products**

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase today in the Fellowship Hall. Your purchase helps small landholder farmers in developing countries bring hope and help to their families.

#### Can You Help?

The Fair Trade products have been available for sale on the third Sunday of each month with the help of Ron and Lil Mathsen. They have decided to step away and we are now looking for another team to oversee the purchasing and selling of the Fair Trade products. Can you help? Please call the church office if you are interested at 715-842-3333. Thank you Ron and Lil for your dedication to this ministry!

#### **Blood Drive**

## Thursday, October 3, 1-6 pm

A blood drive in support of the American Red Cross will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Donors can give blood



American Red Cross

every 56 days. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Sign up at the Information Desk to volunteer or donate.

# **Zeerust Visitors Coming Summer 2020!**

Dr. Benjamin Molokoe from Zeerust Lutheran Church and Pastor Jenn shared in an exciting phone call anticipating a visit from our brothers and sisters in Zeerust next summer. The tentative dates for their stay are June 17—30, 2020, pending confirmation of airline schedules. In the coming months look for ways to be involved with their visit. May God continue to grow our partnership in ministry.

#### "Christ In Our Home" Devotional

The 2016 third quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotional is available in the Narthex. Please take a copy for your family.

# THIS WEEK AT SALC

## Sunday, September 15

Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall

8:00 am Worship

9:30 am Worship-Presentation of

Second Grade Bibles

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

## Monday, September 16

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen 7:00 pm Dartball @ Mount Olive

#### **Tuesday, September 17**

9:00 am Reading Reflections10:00 am Quilting for LWR

# Wednesday, September 18

6:45 am Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 am Wonder? Women

Lectionary Bible Study

10:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:00 am Art Devo

5:15 pm Handbell Reh.

6:15 pm 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conf.

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, September 19

12:15 pm **WORSHIP** 6:15 pm **WORSHIP** 

# Saturday, September 21

2:00 pm Ashley Hayes &

Chase Drake Wedding

(Offsite)

# **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor Jenn Collins
Pianist Al Freiberg
Ushers Johnson Team
Lectors Ron Dotseth
Jayne Germinaro
Greeters Tom & Karen Weidman
George & Bonnie Alafouzos
Altar Guild Julie Weller, Holly Herwig,
Rosalie Doering & Jess Tipple

#### **Fall Worship Opportunities**

Thursdays: 12:15 & 6:15 pm Sundays: 8:00 & 9:30 am

\*Note: Sunday 10:45 am Worship will no

longer be offered

# **WORSHIP WORD**

Today's readings give witness that God has a heart for losers. God reconciles with the idol-worshiping people of Israel. The risen Lord calls the violent, blasphemous persecutor, Paul. The faithful shepherd rescues the wandering sheep and carries it home. The woman who lost one of her ten silver coins searches for it until she finds it. Similarly, God doesn't abandon people even when people abandon God. The cross and resurrection testify to God's faithfulness in that regard. God rescues strays one by one, making the first move to find the lost and create new hearts in them. When (in the first reading) Moses holds God to promises already made in the covenant, the breathtaking picture emerges of a God so committed to relationship that God is influenced changed—by what people need and ask. This faithfulness of God, shared with overflowing grace in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, is patient, forgiving, energetic, and ready to celebrate. Take the bread and cup— Jesus hosts the worshiping assembly again this week to welcome sinners and eat with them! Suddenly, "sinner" is no longer the best name for us. Try "guest," "graced," "gifted," "loved," and "empowered." Then it's time to follow Jesus out of the gathered assembly and into the world as apprentice sleuths for missing persons, bent on finding the lost and the broken and giving them an invitation to come home.



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# **GATHERED TO WORSHIP**

Setting 8: Pgs. 184-192

GATHERING

**Confession and Forgiveness** 

(Inside back of hymnal)

**Gathering Song** No. 733

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Greeting

**Canticle of Praise** p. 185

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel Acclamation** p. 188

Gospel Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

No. 779

"Amazing Grace"

**Apostle's Creed** 

(Inside back of hymnal)

**Prayers of Intercession** 

Peace

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Prayer

**Great Thanksgiving** p. 190 Holy, Holy, Holy p. 190

Lord's Prayer p. 191 Lamb of God p. 191

**Communion Distribution** 

**Distribution Hymns** No. 608

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

No. 803

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**Post-Communion Prayer** 

SENDING

**Blessing** 

**Sending Song** No. 536

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Dismissal

him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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A reading from Exodus.

(Not Printed)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-10

A reading from First Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord. who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 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, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 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. 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

The gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninetynine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 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.' 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. "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? 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.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.



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**LUKE 15:7** 



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**SENT TO SERVE**