

September Worship Notes
Andrew Evenson, Presiding Minister
Holy Communion shared each Sunday



Fall Worship Schedule begins September 15!
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, led by Servant Song

Sunday, September 1 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

—— 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ——

Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Invited and inviting — that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Sunday, September 8 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Sunday!

—— 9:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service ——

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-23

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life" — to choose life in God as our own.

Sunday, September 15 — Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

—— 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship ——

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills 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.

Sunday, September 22 — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

—— 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship ——

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing — we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

Sunday, September 29 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

—— 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship ——

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold — who comes to us risen from the dead — who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Join us for worship and bring your neighbors and friends!

Soli Deo Gloria!

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