

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2023**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Thanksgiving for Light

Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Message

Creed, Prayers and Peace

The Words of Communion

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing & Sending

**Sunday Liturgical - 10am**

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn ELW 685

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Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Psalm of the Day Psalm 145:1-8

Gospel Acclamation

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Dismissal



**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN FOR  
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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

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**TODAY'S THEME**

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

**Today's Bible Readings**

Jonah 3:10-4:11 Pew Bible p. 753

Philippians 1:21-30 Pew Bible p. 953

Psalm 145:1-8 Pew Bible p. 506

Matthew 20:1-16 Pew Bible p. 801

**Today's Message**

*"The 'I Deserve More' Syndrome"*

*by Rev. Jerry Gray*

