## 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

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Prayer of the Day

**Bible Readings** 

Psalm of the Day Psalm 145:1-8

Gospel Acclamation

Today's Message

Hymn of the Day ELW 614

Creed, Prayers & Peace

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Dismissal



# WEEKLY WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH

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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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **PSALM RESPONSE:**



Psalm 145-8

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#### **OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Sandy Alwens, and the Varner Family.

**Cancer treatments:** Ellen Stevens

**Friends of the congregation**: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Amy Nupp, Michelle S., Rev. Rhodes and family as they mourn the loss of Owen Jr., Natalie Zimmerly, and Nick.

**Cancer Friends:** Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., and Ian Minner.

**Other prayer requests:** The congregation of St. John's to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

**CHOIRS ARE BACK:** All rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings. No more late-night driving in the winter. The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 9:00 AM and the Bell Choir after the 10:00 AM service. Come and join the fun and fellowship!

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.