# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost **SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2024**

#### **ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

ELW 641

Saturday Worship - 5pm Welcome & Announcements Invocation Call to Worship **Confession & Forgiveness** Litany of Praise Prayer of the Day **Bible Readings** Message Hymn of the Day Creed, Prayers and Peace **Offertory Song** The Words of Communion Communion The Lord's Prayer Blessing & Sending





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. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

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 restroom, 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). -----

## **TODAY'S THEME**

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

## **Today's Bible Readings**

Isaiah 35:4-7a Pew Bible p. 578 Isaiah 43:2-3; Luke 6:20ff James 2:1-10 [11-13] Pew Bible p. 981 Mark 7:24-37 Pew Bible p. 819

**Today's Message** 

"All Are Welcome"

by Rev. Ralph Mineo

#### Sunday Worship - 10am

Prelude

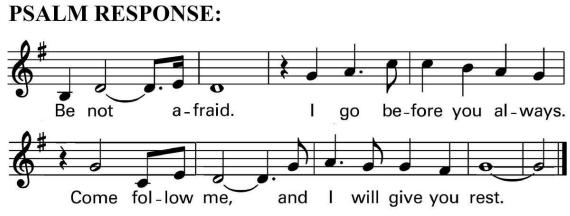
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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

#### Amen.

## **PSALM RESPONSE:**



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## **OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

Members: Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Sharyn Roberts

**Cancer treatments:** 

Friends of the congregation: Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Ken Marshall

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### **Other prayer requests:**

Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

### "What It Means To Be A Lutheran"

Pastor Ralph is leading this session for anyone interested in becoming a member of St. John's and for anyone interested in a refresher: Sunday, September 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For those interested in attending, there's a sign-up sheet on the church office window. Please sign up, since Pastor Ralph is preparing a booklet for each participant. To provide a meal for those attending the session, we will have a congregational polluck at 5:00 p.m. on September 15.

New Choir Season starting soon! New members welcome! First Rehearsal on Sunday, September 8 9:00 AM – Chancel Choir rehearsal 11:15 AM – Bell Choir rehearsal