

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

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**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

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**Sunday Worship - 10am**

Prelude  
 Welcome  
 Confession & Forgiveness  
 Opening Hymn  
 Greeting  
 Kyrie  
 Hymn of Praise  
 Prayer of the Day  
 First Bible Reading  
 Psalm of the Day  
 Second Bible Reading  
 Gospel Acclamation  
 Today's Message  
 Hymn of the Day  
 Creed, Prayers & Peace  
 Offertory  
 Offering  
 Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord's Prayer  
 Lamb of God & Distribution  
 Blessing & Prayer  
 Benediction & Sending Hymn  
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**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. 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 Syrophenician 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*

### 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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Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways.  
Come fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

**Text based on Is 43:2-3; Lk 6:20 ff.**

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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

**Cancer Friends:** Canda, Chris, Amelia

#### 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 potluck 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**