

Welcome to



11 September 2016 17th Sunday after Pentecost

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Our Gospel reading is Luke 15.1-10 and our response is, **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”** spoken in unity aloud.

Call to Worship: Psalm 119.169-176

Hymns: Opening #98 Prayer #652 Closing #616

At the presentation of our offerings we sing the Doxology # 668

Studies this week:

Women's Group – Tuesday – at the Church – 7:00pm

Men's Group – Tuesday – 7:00pm – The Apostles

Thursday Bible Study – Isaiah – Thurs. 10:30 am or 7:00pm

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Cooks & Cleaners are needed for the 1st two Sundays in September
- *“Made in His Image* Conference Sep 23-24. Flyers at Welcome Center
- Good News Club begins October 19th. We need prayers & volunteers!

Please check the lost and found items on the desk in the sanctuary

It is time to renew your Kroger cards. This is a great gift to the church that is so easy. Information for doing this is at the Welcome Center or you can talk further with Gail. Thanks.

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Invocation & Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5)

C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43)

C: Amen

Call to Worship: Responsive reading of Psalm 119