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**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018**

WELCOME - OUR INVITATION- To all who need comfort; to all who want friendship; to those who desire acceptance; to all who want sheltering love; to those who sin and need a Savior, whoever will come, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of our Lord, says WELCOME!

VISITORS - We welcome you to Mt. Calvary! We hope that hearing God's Word this morning will strengthen and enrich your faith. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Carrier and sign the guest register, located in the narthex at the rear of the church.

Our Mission: To be living letters written by the Holy Spirit, read by all. (2 Corinthians 3:3).

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS the following people dealing with health concerns:

From our fellowship: Erv Beyersdorf, Bill Buchanan, Judy Buchanan, Dina Gilmore, Debora Jackson who is struggling with medical issues, Arnold Karcher, Jeff Kurtz, Karen Roemer, Karolyn Swad, Carol Vietzke, and Philonese Walker as she continues her recovery

Among our friends and families: Ronda Burns Aitchison, Kimiko Astalos, Gabrielle Awada, Julie Buckbee (daughter of Kimiko Astolos), David Coates, Barbara Drisko (friend of Sylvia Wallace), Elizabeth Higginbotham, Jill Hupp, Luella Lanier (mother of Philonese Walker), Patricia McNally who is hospitalized, Rev. Pat O'Brien, Sue Richardson, Izzy Sherman who has a cancerous brain tumor (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham)

We also pray for the United States military, first responders, police officers (especially Corporal Terry Hardy), and firefighters of the 9th precinct, and the City of Detroit.

Lutheran Hour Ministries - Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" every Sunday with host Rev. Gregory Selz on the following radio dials: Detroit WDFN (1130) @ 6:30 a.m.; WRDT (560) @ 6:30 p.m. and XM Satellite Family Radio 170 @ 1:00 P.M. Next Sunday, September 23, the Lutheran Hour theme will be:

"Come Lord Jesus" – In a classic message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts. (Exodus 16)

**The Order of Worship
Divine Service, Setting Four
With Communion
Pages 203-212**

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Opening Hymn

“Evening and Morning”

Hymn 726

Confession and Absolution *(Page 203)*

Introit *(Sung)*

Cantor: Be strong, and let your heart take / courage,*
all you who wait / for the LORD!
But I trust in you, / O LORD,*
I say, “You / are my God.”

All: **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit.
As it was in the be-/ ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Cantor: Be strong, and let your heart take / courage,*
all you who wait / for the LORD!

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis *(Page 204)*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. *(Spoken)*

P: Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need,
continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness,
and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

“O God, My Faithful God”

Hymn 696

Stanzas 1-4

The Epistle Reading James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (*Page 205*)

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:14-29

(Please join in reading the words of Jesus in bold print.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (*Spoken*)

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, **“What are you arguing about with them?”** ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹ And he answered them, **“O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”** ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw

him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, **“How long has this been happening to him?”** And he said, “From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³ And Jesus said to him, **“If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”** ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, **“You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”** ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ And he said to them, **“This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ. *(Spoken)*

Nicene Creed *(Page 206 or back page of Service Book)*

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Hymn 849

Sermon

“Where Is Your Rudder Taking You?” *(James 3:1-12)*

Prayer of the Church

(Each petition concludes; P: Lord in your mercy . . .

C: Hear our prayer.)

Offering

Service of the Sacrament *(Page 208-210)*
(Our Communion Practice is printed below.)

Hymn during the Distribution
“What Is This Bread”

Hymn 629

Post-Communion Liturgy *(Pages 210-212)*

Closing Hymn
“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

Hymn 554

+ To God Alone be Glory +

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, you should first speak to pastor.

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion today and wish to come to the altar rail for a blessing, we ask that you cross your arms at the rail. During the distribution of Communion, you are invited to meditate on God’s Word in the distribution hymns, and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Those who have any concerns or questions are invited to speak with the pastor prior to or following the service.

VOTERS MEETING - Please plan to attend the Voters Meeting that will be held today following the Worship Service.

CAMP RESTORE WRAP UP – EVERYONE who was involved in any way with Camp Restore for 2018 is encouraged to attend a get-together with community leaders on Thursday, September 20, from 5 to 7, in the church basement. There will be a light supper served. No involvement is too small. Did you help serve a meal, did you participate in a community barbecue, or maybe worked behind the scenes? If you cannot be there by 5 or 6, still come at 7! There will still be people to hear your discussion thoughts. We do need to know if you plan on attending, however. The surveys were due last Friday. Talk to Elizabeth if you still would like to turn one in!! RSVP to Elizabeth today if you have not done so already!

ATTENTION - All paid staff and board members of CRD are encouraged to attend a debriefing meeting for the 2018 season on Saturday, September 22, from 9 to 4, at the Holiday Inn Express, 2021 Water Street in Port Huron. Board decisions will be made concerning changes for the 2019 camping season.

YOU'RE INVITED - EVERYONE is invited to attend an informal meeting on Sunday, September 23 at 10:15 a.m., in the church basement to be informed about any policy changes or other changes for CRD for the 2019 camping season. Any changes will have been decided by the Board after reviewing the questionnaires CRD volunteers were asked to fill out. Doughnuts will be served! Bible Class will resume on September 30.

BLOCKHEADS NEEDED – Volunteer help is needed for a construction project at Camp Restore Detroit. If you've worked with masonry, concrete blocks, cement or are just plain handy, please lend a hand! We're building a dumpster enclosure: pouring a footing and a concrete pad, raising a concrete block wall, hanging gates so Camp Restore Detroit can meet the code regulations of the city. Help us help this great mission continue! Please call Pastor Carrier at 810.887.0363 for more info.

COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN FALL MEETING - The Council of Lutheran Women Fall Meeting is approaching quickly on Monday, Sept. 24. The meeting will be held at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 East 14 Mile Rd. in Birmingham. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., with opening devotions at 9:45. The meeting that follows will include updates on the many ministries supported by the Inter-congregational organizations of the CLW, the presentation of the Memorial Scholarships to two CUAA female students preparing for full-time church work, and the list of the Seminarian and Deaconess students who will receive assistance from the CLW. Lunch will be served by the ladies of Our Shepherd and a free-will offering will be received for the lunch. The ladies would appreciate an RSVP so they can adequately prepare for the meal. Please either call Marlene Gunnell at 586-778-4852 or email her at marlene1@wowway.com by Wednesday, Sept. 19. The speakers after lunch will be Tim and Beth Heiney, missionaries serving in Ghana, West Africa. The suggested list of items for In-gathering is posted in the Altar Guild Room and attendees are also invited to help support the Heineys' missionary efforts by contributing cash or checks (made payable to Global Lutheran Outreach, enter "Heineys" on the memo line).

CAMP RESTORE DETROIT FUNDRAISER - The letter and reservation forms for our first annual fundraiser on **Sunday, October 14**, have now been delivered! It will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Eastpointe and includes dinner and entertainment. We are gathering many items for the silent auction which will be part of the fundraiser. Maybe you will find something for yourself, a birthday, or other gift for a family member or friend! Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for the meal and \$15 donation). Please return your reservation form and check payable to **Camp Restore Detroit** by Monday, October 1. Please pass this on to your family and friends. Information and the reservation forms are available on Mt. Calvary's website www.mtcalvarydetroit.org. Please see Sue Riske if you have any questions! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Serving Christ and
His People Today**

Worship Leader: Rev. John Carrier
Organist / Cantor: Daryl Witte
Elders: Erv Beyersdorf, Adam Kurtz,
Matthew Lundgren Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Bill Buchanan
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Serving Among Us
Sunday, September 23**

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Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Adam Kurtz
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**Calendar for the Week of
September 16 through September 23**

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting

Thursday: 5 - 7:00 p.m. Camp Restore Wrap Up Meeting

Saturday: Camp Restore Board Members
Debriefing Meeting

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Fellowship time and short meeting
regarding changes to Camp Restore for
the 2019 season. Everyone is invited