

# Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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September 17, 2017 - 10:30 AM - Sundays after Pentecost

Holy Communion – ELW Setting 10

Prelude

Welcome

\* Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection.*

L: Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

L: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

\* Gathering Song . . . . . "I Come with Joy" . . . . . **ELW #482**

\* Greeting (Pastor) . . . . . ELW page 203

\* Kyrie (sung) . . . . . "Have mercy on us, Lord" . . . . . ELW page 203

\* Prayer of the Day (Lay Worship Assistant) . . . . . TR

First Reading . . . . . **Genesis 50:15-21** . . . . . TR

**Psalms 103:1-13** (read responsively) . . . . . TR

Second Reading . . . . . **Romans 14:1-12** . . . . . TR

\* Gospel Acclamation (sung) . . . . . "Alleluia" . . . . . ELW page 205

\* Gospel . . . . . **Matthew 18:21-35** . . . . . TR

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Challenge - To Judge or to Forgive"

\* Hymn of the Day . . . . . "Softly and Tenderly" . . . . . **ELW #608**

\* Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer bid ends with the words:

P: Lord, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

\* Peace . . . . . ELW page 206

Offering

Special Music . . . . . Darlene Durns & Soloist Gladys Nicholas . . . . .

*"I Believe in Miracles"*

\* Offertory Song . . . . . "Come to the Table" . . . . . **ELW #481**

\* Offering Prayer (Lay Worship Assistant)

\* The Holy Communion (Led by Pastor) . . . . . ELW page 206

\* Preface for Sundays (Pastor)

\* "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (sung) . . . . . ELW page 207

\* The Words of Institution (Pastor)

\* The Lord's Prayer (all) . . . . . ELW page 208

\* "O Lamb of God" (sung) . . . . . ELW page 208

Invitation to Communion - *“Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.*

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine *(please follow ushers)*

Hymn during Distribution . . . *“Amazing Grace”* . . . **ELW #779**

Communion Table Blessing *(Pastor)*

Prayer after Communion *(Lay Worship Assistant)*

Mission Announcements

\* Blessing *(Pastor)*

\* Sending Song . . . . . *“Go, My Children”* . . . . . **ELW #543**

\* Dismissal P: Go in peace. Sound the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Postlude

*The Asterisk (\*) indicates to please stand if you are able; ELW is the red “Evangelical Lutheran Worship” in the pew rack.*

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.**

*If you would like more information about this community of faith, please speak to Pastor Deal.*

**Serving in our worship this morning:**

Council Communion Assistants . . . . . Mark Harwick & TBA  
Acolyte & Youth Communion Assistant . . . . . Hunter Aquino  
Lay Worship Assistant . . . . . Scott Gaun  
Greeter . . . . . Betty Kreitz  
Head Usher . . . . . Helen Dungan  
Altar Guild & Communion Bread: Serena Ashmore, Betty Fox  
Counters . . . . . Mark Harwick & TBA  
Guest Organist . . . . . Darlene Durns  
Parish Secretary . . . . . Ann Wong  
Custodian . . . . . Dianna Streletz  
Attendance 9/10/17 Christian Ed.: 15; Worship: 69.

**Flowers on the altar this morning** are given by Lois and Jim Altemose in memory of E. Montford Nicholas.

## Calendar

*Care-A-Lot Preschool meets Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9 AM - 12:30 PM*

**TODAY, September 17, 2017**

**9:00 AM** Christian Education for children/Adult Bible Study

**10:30 AM** Holy Communion

**Wednesday, September 20** - 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**NEXT Sunday, September 24** - Harvest Home Sunday, bring canned goods, especially meats, and \$\$\$ (use special “Harvest Home offering envelope)

**1:00 PM** Special Movie on WHY? Public TV (Channel 21 on most local cable companies) “Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World”

**5:30 PM** Opening Confirmation Gathering for Fall, here at Durham

**Saturday, October 21** - Reformation 500 event “From Conflict to Communion” at Trinity Lansdale, 10 AM - 2 PM Carpools will leave from Durham at 9 AM. Lunch will be served

**Saturday, October 28** - Lutherfest 500! At St. Andrew’s, Perkasio - see flyer in newsletter

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**Coming in the Fall** - The first 3 Sundays in October - “Mission Assessment Profile” - a survey for everyone to take to guide us in our mission. Watch for more details.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
**HURRICANES 2017**

SEPTEMBER 2017

ELCA.org/disaster

**HURRICANE RESPONSE 2017**

Very powerful Hurricane Irma – one of the strongest Atlantic storms ever recorded bore down on Florida and the Southeast United States after wreaking devastation across the Caribbean. This is just two weeks after Harvey caused catastrophic flooding on the Gulf coast, and while forecasters track two other hurricanes in the region.

We pray for all who have been affected or stand in harm’s way.

**WE CAN – MUST – DO MORE.**

Disaster response teams are gearing up to assist people along Irma’s path while helping people affected by record flooding in Texas and Louisiana begin the long road to recovery, as well as areas in the West like Montana suffering from fires.

For now, the best response is donations of cash to trusted relief agencies. Sadly, there are those who would take advantage of these tragedies. ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, and synod disaster funds, **direct 100% of your gift to help people who are affected by storms such as Irma and Harvey.** Thrivent will match gifts up to \$3 million. Synods need funds to deal with initial emergent problems, and LDR steps in to help people through the long-term process of recovery and rebuilding.

**You can use the form below, or give by phone:**

Call **800-638-3522** to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.

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**YES, I WANT TO HELP!**

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response, U.S.* \$\_\_\_\_\_ DDG0073

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most* \$\_\_\_\_\_ DDG0060

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

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Give through your congregation - Make your check out to “ELC of Durham” and write “Hurricane Response, United States” or “Lutheran Disaster Response” on your check’s memo line.



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