

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham*

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September 24, 2017 - 10:30 AM - ELW Service of the Word  
Harvest Home

Prelude and 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 . . . *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* . . . **ELW #689**

\* Greeting (*Pastor*) . . . . . ELW page 213

\* Prayer of the Day (*lay worship assistant*) . . . . . TR

First Reading . . . . . **Jonah 3:10, 4-11** . . . . . TR

**Psalm 145:1-8** (*read responsively*) . . . . . TR

Second Reading . . . . . **Philippians 1:21-30** . . . . . TR

\* Gospel Acclamation . . . . . *"Alleluia"* . . . . . ELW p. 216

\* Gospel . . . . . **Matthew 20:1-16** . . . . . TR

Children's Sermon

Sermon - *"If I were God ... but I'm Not"*

\* Hymn of the Day . . . . . *"Now is the Time"* . . . . . Insert

\* Creed . . . . . ELW page 217

\* Prayers of Intercession Each prayer ends with these words:

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

\* Peace . . . . . ELW page 218

Offering

Choir . . . . . *"I Worship You Almighty God"*

\* Offertory Song . . . . . *"We Are an Offering"* . . . . . **ELW #692**

\* The Lord's Prayer

Mission Announcements

\* Blessing (*pastor*) . . . . . ELW page 221

\* Sending Song *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* **ELW #693**

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. TR is the Today's Readings insert found in your Bulletin.*

**The food basket on the altar** this morning is presented by Virginia Hager in memory of Nancy Fox.

**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:

Acolyte . . . . . TBA  
Lay Worship Assistant . . . . . Joe Hlavaty  
Greeter . . . . . Frank and Addyson Mammana  
Head Usher . . . . . Helen Dungan  
Altar Guild . . . . . Serena Ashmore, Betty Fox  
Counters . . . . . Cathy Mueller, Mark Harwick  
Organist/ Choir Director . . . . . Carolyn Williams  
Parish Secretary . . . . . Ann Wong  
Custodian . . . . . Dianna Streletz  
Attendance for 9/17/17 - Christian Ed: 10; Worship: 48.

## **Calendar**

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

**TODAY, September 24, 2017** - Harvest Home Sunday

**9:00 AM** Christian Education - children and adults

**10:30 AM** Worship - Blessing of food for the hungry

**1:00 PM** Special on PBS/WHYY "Martin Luther - The Idea that Changed the World"

**5:30 PM** Confirmation gathering here at Durham

**Tuesday, September 26 2-2:30 PM** -New Adult small groups begins - Select Learning - "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" DVD, Study Guide, discussion. Meet in church Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday, September 27** - 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, October 1** - Worldwide Communion

**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, 11 AM - 4 PM Lots of fun, food, music, games, and other activities - see flyer on church doors!

**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.