

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FLORISSANT, MISSOURI**



*"EMPOWERED BY GOD'S HOLY WORD,  
WE JOYFULLY SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH ALL PEOPLE;  
THROUGH WORSHIP, TEACHING, FELLOWSHIP,  
SERVICE AND WITNESSING."*

*THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2013*

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD**

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## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013

**WE WELCOME YOU** to our worship service this morning. We pray God's rich blessings upon you as you hear His Word and praise His holy name. We ask our members and visitors to please use the friendship pad found on the pew. Kindly hand the friendship pad to the person sitting next to you. The Ushers will collect them after the service. Thank You.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be offered during our worship services this week. You are encouraged to prepare for communion by meditating on the Christian Questions and Answers located on pages 329 & 330 in the front of the hymnal.

We rejoice in this celebration of the **LORD'S** Supper as the Lord Jesus indeed comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body & Blood in and with the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. Members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. We practice close communion and ask that ALL guests who desire to commune; kindly speak to the Pastor before the service. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care, BSLC.

**THIS WORSHIP FOLDER / CHURCH BULLETIN** is prepared for your convenience and contains the entire order of worship with all spoken and sung responses. However, if you are more comfortable using the hymnal, you may use the order of worship found in the front pages of Lutheran Service Book where all the melodies are shown for the sung responses of the congregation.

**Greeting of Peace** The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

**Opening Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #802**

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
  
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Ps. 30:2-5; antiphon: Ps. 30:11a, 12b



- You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*
- O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!**
- O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*
- and you have | healed me.**
- O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*
- you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**
- Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*
- and give thanks to his | holy name.**
- For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*
- Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.**
- 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.**
- You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*
- O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!**

### Kyrie

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise* 🎵 “This Is the Feast” p. 155

- C **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Salutation and Collect of the Day*

- P The Lord be with you.
- C 🎵 **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.

- C **Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

*Old Testament Reading*

*Ezekiel 34:11-24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one

shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual*

*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

- C **Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

*Epistle*

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*Alleluia and Verse* 

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- C **Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.


C  **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

*Children's Message*

*Sermon Hymn “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”*

# 609

*Sermon*

*Offering*

*Stand*

*Offertory* 

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C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence**



**of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### *Prayer of the Church*

*After each petition of the prayers:*

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition:*

P Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

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### *Preface*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### *Sanctus*

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer*

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**


## The Words of Our Lord

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- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C  Amen.

## Agnus Dei

- C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymns

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”	#611
“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”	#710
“Amazing Grace”	#744

Stand

## Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord” p. 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

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A Let us pray.

A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  **Amen.**

**Benediction**

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you  
peace.

C  **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #709**

**Announcements**

*After the announcements, please stand for the closing  
Doxology.*

**Doxology**

#805

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**Go and Serve the Lord**

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The Liturgist:	Vicar David Rolf
The Organist:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E –Nikki Shea & L- Don & Ruth Woodson
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Jim Steinbruegge & L- Dennis Henneman
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 a.m.:Zach Helmich Sunday10:30 a.m.:Zach Roeglin
Christian Education:	Sunday 9:15 a.m. Adults, Young Adults, Youth, and Sunday School Wednesday morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

**Altar Flowers** - are placed by Ray & Cheryl Ehrhard in loving memory of Ilda Adams and Earl & Margaret Ehrhard.



**KFUO Sponsor week of September 15, 2013**

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*Norman & Bernice Loeb's*

*In celebration of Bernice's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday and in memory of their parents.*

Announcer: Ray Ehrhard

**BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR**  
**September 15 – September 22, 2013**

**TODAY:** 8:00 a.m. (KFUO) & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**SUNDAY** with Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. **Confirmation Classes**  
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes**  
**Sept. 15** 11:45 a.m. **Stewardship (after late service)**

**MONDAY:** Shut Ins  
**Sept. 16**

**TUESDAY:**  
**Sept. 17**

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
**Sept. 18** 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (McKenna)  
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Pastor/Ehrhard)

**THURSDAY:** 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed  
7:00 p.m. Elders  
**Sept. 19** Shut Ins

**FRIDAY:** Pastor & Vicar - Day with family  
**Sept. 20**

**SATURDAY:** 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's  
**Sept. 21** 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

**NEXT** 8:00 a.m. (KFUO) & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**SUNDAY** 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes  
9:15 a.m. Confirmation  
**Sept. 22** 12:00 p.m. Youth Tour De Park

**Scrip Cards** is fundraising for Blessed Savior while you shop!

You purchase a Scrip card (something like a gift card) for all the stores where you shop and Blessed Savior earns money. You can order certain cards or I have several in stock. With the holidays not too far away they also make a great gift for relatives out of town or college students. I will be in fellowship hall if you need any cards. Any questions, please call Patti Henneman

**Help for Urgent Need:** The church desperately has a need for a new riding mower. We have a used one on hold and the cost is \$625.00. Any help to defray this cost would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Dennis Henneman.

**Sept. 25th – Fall Blood Drive** - Our blood drive is coming up on Wednesday, September 25th with blood collection scheduled from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. There are sign-up sheets for donating blood as well as for volunteering to help with the blood drive; sheets are located in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to donate and/or to help. If you have a Facebook page or Twitter account, please share our upcoming drive with your friends and ask them to join us in this lifesaving activity.

**October 12<sup>th</sup> Table and Tailgate Sale** –Blessed Savior is sponsoring a Table and Tailgate Sale on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The sale will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 a.m. for set up. Here is your chance to sell those unwanted knick knacks, toys, clothing and collectibles. Clean out your closets, basements and garages; then, purchase a table or some parking lot spaces to sell your wares. Table space will be available in the Fellowship Hall for \$15 per table. Tailgate space will be three adjacent parking spots for \$15 (you will have to provide your own table(s) for outside). Space is limited. If interested, please sign up in fellowship hall. If you are paying by check, ***please make it out to: Blessed Savior and in the memo line mark “table #908”.*** Any questions, call Paula, Debbie Haynes or Pat Janovsky.

**It's Applebutter Time** - at Salem Lutheran Church and School  
5180 Parker Road, Florissant, MO. Place your order now by  
calling: Judy at 314-839-2157 or Kathy at 314-839-0823. More  
information is on the table in fellowship hall.

**You are invited** to a fun afternoon of christian fellowship &  
shopping at the Annual Lutheran High School North

## **Auction Boutique- Today!**

**Sunday, September 15, 2013**

**1-4pm in the Lutheran High School North Cafeteria**

\* A perfect time to shop for yourself, the holidays or your family's  
donation to the Lutheran High School

Association (LHSA) Auction in November.

\* Receive a special gift from LHSA when you make a purchase on  
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Fields Dermatologists, Miche Bags,

Organo Gold Coffee & Tea, Dot the i Embroidery, Juice Plus,  
Silpada Jewelry, Initials Outfitters,

Cash-4-Cards, light refreshments & attendance gifts.

\* Please feel free to bring your family & friends with you to this  
special event all while supporting the  
Lutheran High Schools of St. Louis!

Sincerely, Cheryl Ehrhard





**Concordia Seminary announces the Fall Lay Bible Institute presentation “Influenced by a Cloud of Witnesses: Reading the Psalms for Spiritual Strength” by Dr. Tim Saleska, Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology on October 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2013, 7-9 p.m. in Sieck 202 on the Seminary campus.**

We approach the Psalms with the assumption that reading them is more like having a conversation with other people than analyzing an object or mining for jewels. The shift of perspective makes it more difficult to keep the Psalm at arm’s length and opens us up to being influenced and changed by the voices we hear speaking to us. We will have the opportunity to read and meditate on individual psalms, and we will discuss questions such as: “Why is there poetry in the Bible?” “How do we read the poetry of the Psalms?” “What am I doing as I read and listen to the speakers in the Psalms?” “What is the speaker doing to me as I listen to him?” “How do we meditate on the Psalms?” “How can we teach others to use the Psalms for their own spiritual growth?”

Cost per person is \$30, which includes refreshments and handouts (if any). To register visit [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu) and follow the links under Continuing Education. You may also send payment to Continuing Education, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. Walk-ins are accepted but pre-registration is preferred. If you have questions, please call 314-505-7286 or email [ce@csl.edu](mailto:ce@csl.edu).

**Chapel of the Cross  
Vendor & Craft Fair  
Saturday, November 23, 2013  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Chapel of the Cross Lutheran, St. Louis is hosting our second Vendor & Craft Fair on November 23, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Vendor & Craft Fair provides friends with a unique and timely holiday shopping experience and small businesses and individuals a nice opportunity to present their products available for order, purchase and general marketing. Eligible vendors and crafters may include, but are not limited to: Avon, Thirty-one, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Discovery Toys, Cutco Knives and Accessories, handmade jewelry, crafts, fashions and accessories, home designs, private tutoring or music lessons, and computer services.

Vendors and Crafters whose mission and values are in keeping with the mission and values of Chapel of the Cross should submit a completed application to Chapel of the Cross before 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2013. The cost remains \$25.00 per table and \$30.00 per table with electricity. Set begins after 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, before the doors open at 10:00 a.m. to the public. No duplicate vendors will be presented – this is a first come first served event with 36 tables available. A youth led concession will again be available.

**Sept. 15    The 17<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost    Luke 15:2**

And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can't understand, we praise: the grace of God. We live by that grace and the more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord.