

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music


* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year C, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **August 31: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Psalm 112; Proverbs 25:6-7; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.**

Lectionary Year C, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 7: Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 1, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.**



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Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025 10 a.m.

LARGE PRINT

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Maelyn Goodman.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

One: Though the strong wind of judgment blows,
all is not ended. God will renew stubborn hearts
and soften stiff necks,
All: for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them;

One: so we boldly come to make an offering of worship
to the God of mercy, who seeks and saves the lost.
All: Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!

*Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, rather than accepting your hand to hold us up. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate this world, and find direction through your grace, Help us to share the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus so well that it shines through our lives for all to see. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

* Sung Response *Glory to God,* Song sheet
 Whose Goodness Shines on Me

First Scripture Reading *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *With a Voice of Singing*
 - arr. Jerry Weseley Harris

Children’s Message

Children from age 4 -5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 15:1-10*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message *99 Problems and an Elder Son*
 Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection *The Lost Coin* - Dustin,
 an inmate at Hutchins State Jail in Dallas, Texas

If you feel like a big disgrace;
Feel like you’re lost and out of place;
Don’t have any idea where you’re going;
Feel like an old and discarded lost coin.

Do not fear what is around;
He will not give up until you are found.
He is eager and waiting for you to join;
He will never give up on the lost coin.

We celebrate the Savior, we celebrate the saved;
Like the coin that was lost but found today.
We run in the streets welcoming others to join;
To celebrate the finding of the lost coin.

We didn’t deserve it;
But we received it that day.
For it is by grace through faith
That we have been saved.

He sacrificed Himself,
Not thinking the cost;
He gave us his life
For the coin that was lost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
King James Version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you,
even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued
life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts
directly to the church, or use our online giving platform,
at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
 Song sheet

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Sending Hymn *Just as I Am, without One Plea*
 Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song
to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward
commitment to life in the light of Christ.

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