

Sermon, September 11, 2016 – Pentecost 17

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## **HEALING WORSHIP**

### **Worshiping in Spirit and Truth**

[Psalm 95:6](#)

- Worship heals us! works.
- What is worship?, where does it begin and how it is done.

#### **I. What is Worship?**

- From the old English word “worth-ship,” “to the One who is worth it” worth our “reverent honor and homage paid.”
- The need or desire to worship is born in every person.
- So the question is not should we worship? But WHO are we to worship? And why?
- [Psalm 95:6-7a](#),

#### **II. Where does worship begin?**

- Worship starts with God and what he does.
- [John 9:1-7](#)
- It is Jesus who heals this man from his sickness, from that which made him a despised man of society.
- He opens our eyes, he comes and heals us from that disease called sin.
- [John 9:35-38](#)
- The now-seen-man, believed in him, and worshiped Jesus!
- Worship starts with God, starts with his actions, in what he does for us through his Son Jesus Christ.

#### **III. How do we worship?**

- In the Lutheran Church we use a liturgy = an order of worship service.
- Diagram
- The word liturgy, literally means the “work of the people.”
- We worship in Truth and Spirit
- [John 4:23](#)
- “When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words be without heart.” Oswald Chambers
- If our knowledge of God is superficial, our worship will be superficial. God is not moved or impressed with our worship until our hearts are moved and impressed by Him.
- Genuine worship overflows from a mind renewed by the truth of God.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

[Philippians 2:10-11](#)