

**Isaiah 9:1, NRSV**

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## As We Gather

When Jesus appeared on the scene of human history, His coming was like the light of a new day. Isaiah had prophesied a day would come filled with joy as at the harvest or when victors divide spoils. But daylight also reveals problems covered by darkness, like the divisions at the Church in Corinth, as Paul writes. Jesus' light not only reveals, but it also forgives, heals, and enlivens. People brought the sick and demon-possessed to our Lord, and the first four disciples jumped at the opportunity to follow Him. What ills shall we bring to worship today for resolution? Sins requiring forgiveness, gloom needing joy, divisions seeking reconciliation? Jesus came into human history to die and rise for us; today He comes through Word and Sacrament in grace and mercy to meet our deepest needs. Let us rejoice in the light of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love.

*[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-13 of the bulletin.]*

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

TLH 276 – Come unto Me, Ye Weary

#### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Opening Sentences

1 Corinthians 1:18; Psalm 27:14

**P** The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

**C** but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**P** Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

**C** wait for the LORD!

#### Confession and Absolution

Matt. 4:17; Phil. 3:20; 1 Cor. 1:18

**P** St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Let us respond by confessing our sins and asking our Lord's forgiveness.

**C** Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior’s gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

**P** “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” Be assured that through Jesus’ blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are printed below the notes.

  
*Kyrie Eleison*  
LORD, HAVE MERCY

The image features a blue cross icon above the text "Kyrie Eleison" written in a stylized, cursive font. Below this, the words "LORD, HAVE MERCY" are written in a simple, sans-serif font, underlined.

# Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You  
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At



heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship  
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the



You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -  
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27:1-9

- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**C** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**  
**P** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
**C** **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**  
**P** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
**C** **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**  
**P** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
**C** **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**  
**P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**C** **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**  
**P** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
**C** **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**  
**P** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**C** **be gracious to me and answer me!**  
**P** You have said, "Seek my face."  
**C** **My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**  
**P** Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,  
**C** **O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

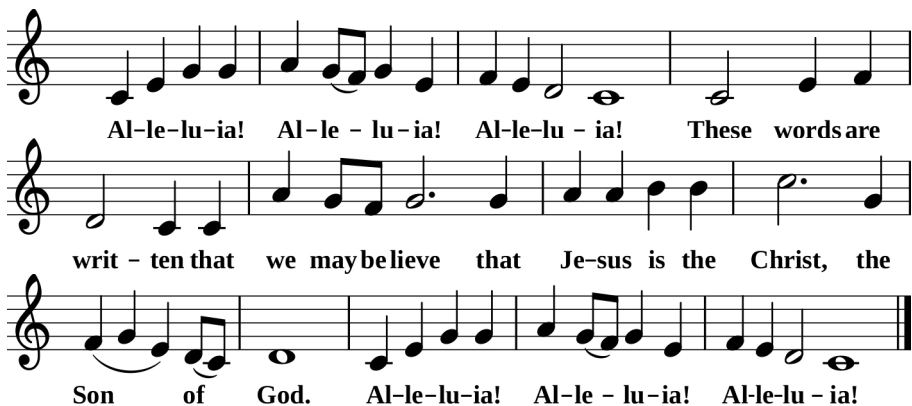
## Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-25

<sup>12</sup> Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

## Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn

TLH 359 – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

## Sermon Text

Isaiah 9:1-4

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.



## The Light Shines in the Darkness

- I. The Battle Is Won
- II. Let Your Light Shine

## Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -  
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Hymn

TLH 539 – Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star

## Offering Hymn

WS 788 (1)

Lord, You love the cheerful giver  
Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river  
That refreshes all the land.  
Grant us, then, the grace of giving  
With a spirit large and true  
That our life and all our living  
We may consecrate to You.

## General Prayer



## The Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**Hymn** TLH 399 (1-4) – Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower


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# TLH 276 – Come unto Me, Ye Weary



John 6: 37  
William C. Dix, 1867

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Anthes  
Friedrich K. Anthes, 1847




1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."  
2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan-d'rers, And I will give you light."  
3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."  
4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."

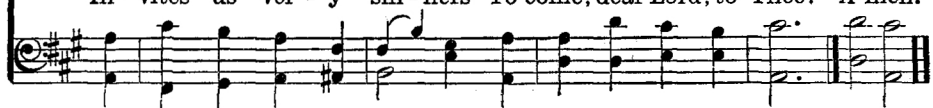
O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op - prest!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,

It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The Foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, tho' we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,

Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love which can - not cease.  
But Thou hast bro't us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee! A - men.



# TLH 359 – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

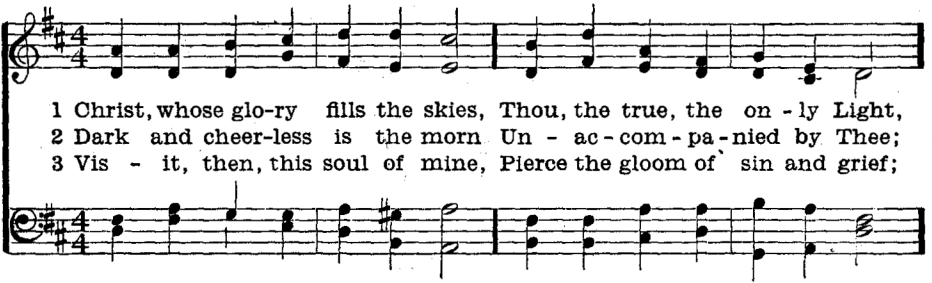
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Luke 1: 78

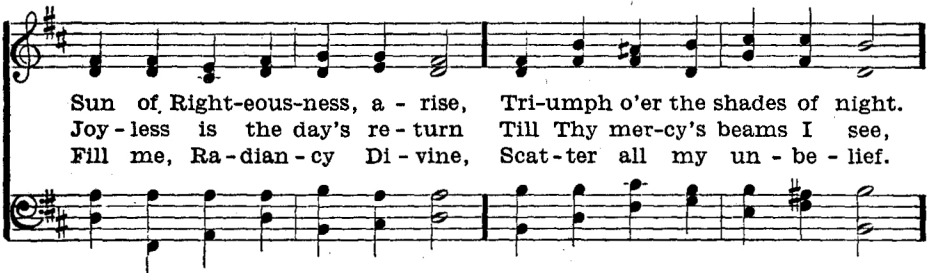
Charles Wesley, 1740

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"Sächsisches Choralbuch"

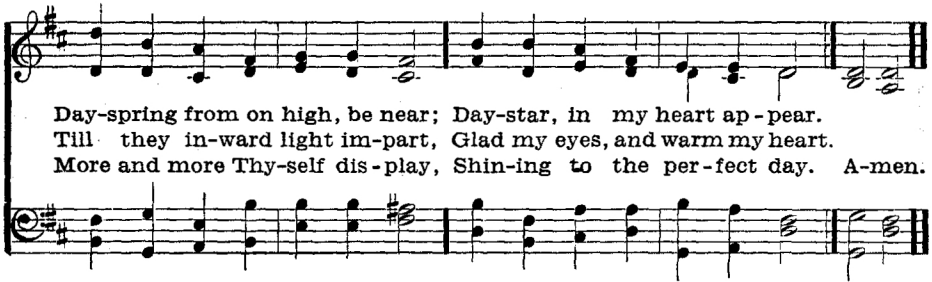
Leipzig, 1815



1 Christ, whose glo-ry fills the skies, Thou, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;  
3 Vis - it, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Right-eous-ness, a - rise, Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.  
Joy-less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, Ra-dian-cy Di-vine, Scat-ter all my un - be - lief.



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.  
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day. A-men.

# TLH 539 – Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star

Ps. 88: 13

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Morgenglanz der Ewigkeit  
 Christian K. von Rosenroth, 1684, cento  
 Tr., Richard Massie, 1857

Morgenglanz der Ewigkeit  
 "Geistreiches Gesangbuch"  
 Halle, 1704



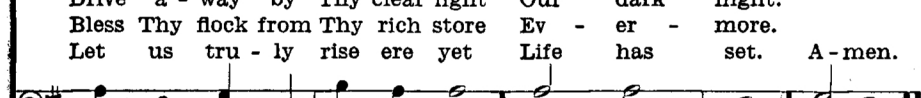
1 Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star, Light of light with-out be-gin - ning;  
 2 Let Thy grace, like morning dew Fall-ing soft on bar-ren plac - es,  
 3 May Thy fer-vent love de-stroy Our cold works, in us a - wak - ing



Shine up - on us from a - far That we may be kept from sin - ning.  
 Com-fort, quick-en, and re-new Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;  
 Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy At the pur-ple morn's first break-ing.



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.  
 Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.  
 Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set. A - men.



4 Ah! thou Dayspring from on high,  
 Grant that at Thy next appearing  
 We who in the graves do lie  
 May arise, Thy summons hearing,  
 And rejoice in our new life,  
 Far from strife.

5 Light us to those heavenly spheres,  
 Sun of grace, in glory shrouded;  
 Lead us through this vale of tears  
 To the land where days unclouded,  
 Purest joy, and perfect peace  
 Never cease.

# TLH 399 (1-4) – Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

John 14: 23

Ich will dich lieben, meine Stärke

Johann Scheffler, 1657, cento

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

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Ich will dich lieben

"Harmonischer Liederschatz"

Frankfurt, 1738



1 Thee will I love, my Strength, my Tow-er; Thee will I love, my  
 2 Thee will I love, my Life, my Sav - ior, Who art my best and  
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose radiance hath bro't  
 4 Oh, keep me watch-ful, then, and hum-ble And suf-fer me no



Hope, my Joy; Thee will I love with all my pow - er,  
 tru - est Friend; Thee will I love and praise for - ev - er,  
 light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly giv - en  
 more to stray; Up - hold me when my feet would stum - ble,



With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
 For nev - er shall Thy kind-ness end; Thee will, I  
 All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
 Nor let me loi - ter by the way. Fill all my



love, O Light Di-vine, So long as life is mine.  
 love with all my heart, Thou my Re-deem - er art.  
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra-diance strong and bright! A - men.



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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

### Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ [FDLutheran.com/calendar](https://FDLutheran.com/calendar)

January 22	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Call Meeting (If Necessary)
January 29	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
January 31	6:30 pm	Elders
February 5	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Pastor Sauers Farewell

**New Church Council:** The new church council is Dave Bernthal, President; Mike Sippert, Vice President and Treasurer; Kevin Kern, Financial Secretary; and Mike Schwersinske, Missions. We have four vacant positions on council. Please speak with Pastor if you might be willing to consider serving on council.

**Pastor's farewell:** On February 5, there will be a farewell meal after the service for Pastor Sauers and family. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad and/or dessert to share. A green box is available for cards and gifts.

**Parsonage Punch List:** You will find a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for some maintenance items in the parsonage that need to be done before our next pastor arrives. Please sign up for what you are able to do. We hope not to have to hire these items out. Work will begin February 6. Thank you - Mike Schierenbeck

**2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** The application deadline for the 2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is tomorrow, January 16th. There are still a few open slots available. Find more information and apply at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2023-nepal>.

**National Women's Retreat (Virtual):** You're Invited! A women's event is planned for two hours on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Central Time), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: Our God in All Seasons." The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations in a panel session highlighting God's guiding hand across the seasons of life. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause01282023> This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with Gethsemane participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available! Contact Tina Eichstadt ([teichstadt@gmail.com](mailto:teichstadt@gmail.com), 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!

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**ILC Building Project:** The ILC Building Committee has produced promotional materials for the new ILC Fieldhouse and Fine Arts Center project, which was approved by the 2022 CLC Convention. The Building Committee presentation and brochure are available in our narthex. The PDF presentation can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres](http://www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres). An impressive video "walk-through" of the future facilities can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru](http://www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru). Additional publicity materials will follow, including an online presence and progress reports. Contributions toward this project should be identified as "ILC Building Project."

**CLC Call News:** Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has been called to serve the vacancy at Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ has been called to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran Church and School, Lynwood, WA. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WI, has been called to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, is still considering the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

