

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



*“We Preach Christ Crucified...”*

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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*For to you I have  
committed my cause.*



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## As We Gather

The sinful heart is filled with bitter jealousy and selfish ambition, which causes hostility, quarrels, and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God opposes the proud with His Law, to humble towards repentance; He gives grace to the humble, to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness. This true wisdom from above is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners. He was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter, committing Himself to God, His Father, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind.

*[Today's hymns are printed on pages 9-14 of the bulletin.]*

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

TLH 1 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

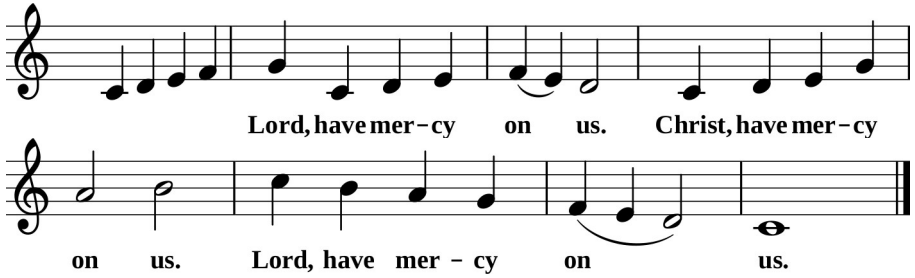
**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C** Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

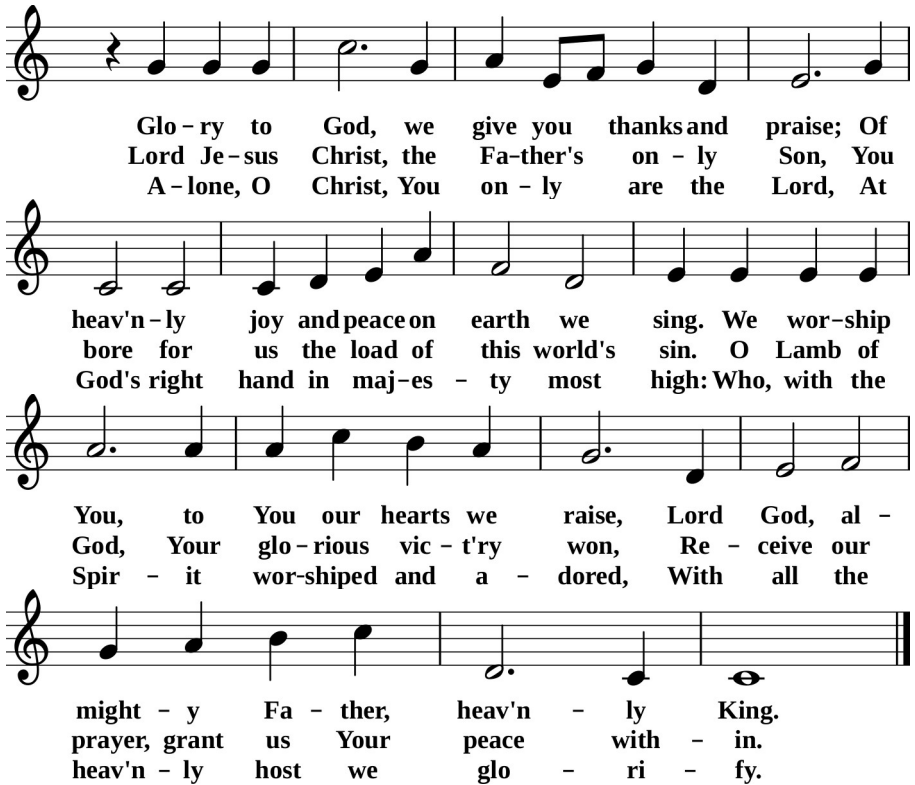
Lord, Have Mercy



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest



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

James 3:13-4:10

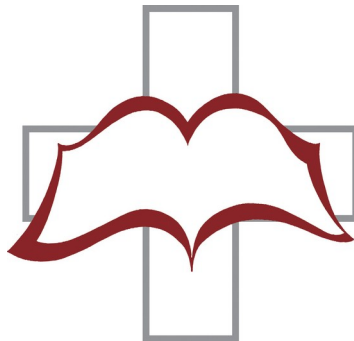
<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

- P** O God, save me by your name,
- C** **and vindicate me by your might.**
- P** O God, hear my prayer;
- C** **give ear to the words of my mouth.**
- P** For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;
- C** **they do not set God before themselves.**
- P** Behold, God is my helper;
- C** **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**
- P** He will return the evil to my enemies;
- C** **in your faithfulness put an end to them.**
- P** With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
- C** **I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**
- P** For he has delivered me from every trouble,
- C** **and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."



## 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 518 (1, 5-7) – If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee



## Sermon Text

Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup> The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup> But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." <sup>20</sup> But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.



*Sermon*

## Suffering Servants of the Suffering Servant

### Offertory

Musical notation for the offertory, consisting of five staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 142 (1, 3-4, 6) – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

# General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

## 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 334 – Let Me Be Thine Forever

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# TLH 1 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

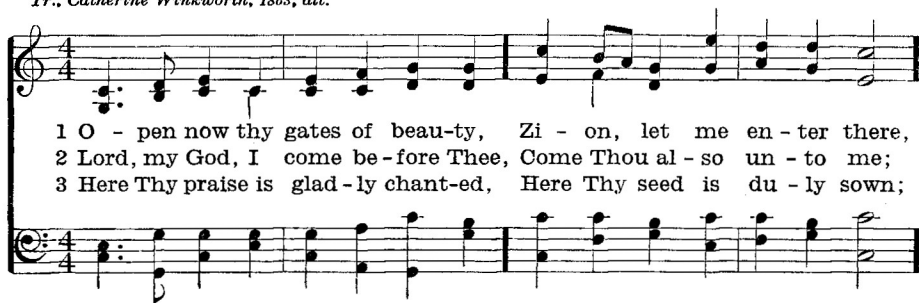
Ps. 100: 4

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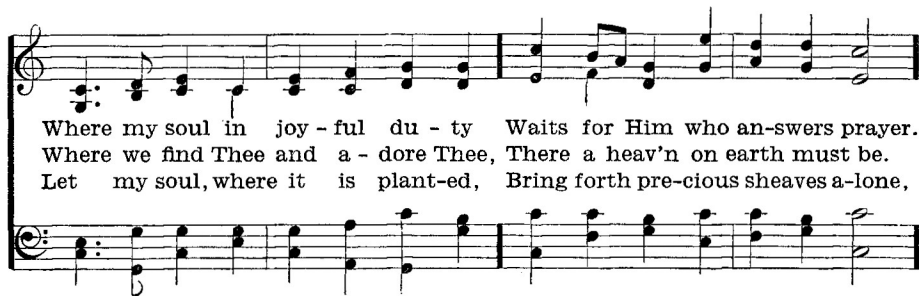
Tut mir auf die schöne Pforte  
Benjamin Schmolck, 1732, cento  
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Neander

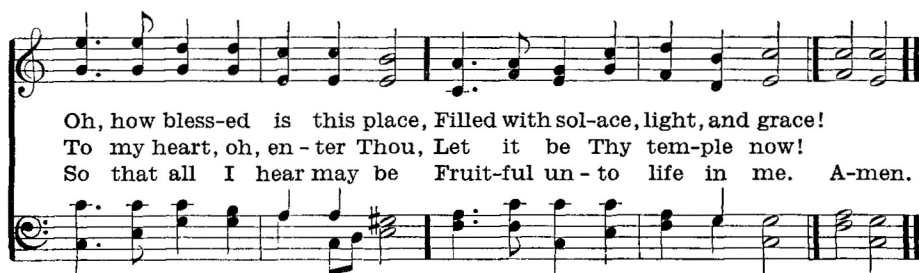
Joachim Neander, 1680



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau-ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Lord, my God, I come be - fore Thee, Come Thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, Here Thy seed is du - ly sown;



Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for Him who an - swers prayer.  
Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.  
Let my soul, where it is plant-ed, Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
So that all I hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me. A - men.

- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken, 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,  
Let me keep Thy gift divine, Let Thy will be done indeed;  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
As my guiding star through life, Here of life the fountain flows,  
As my comfort in my strife. Here is balm for all our woes.

# TLH 518 – If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Ps. 55: 22

9. 8. 9. 8. 8. 8.

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Georg Neumark, 1640

Georg Neumark, 1640

Tr.: Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

1 If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee And hope in  
 2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -  
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful  
 4 God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the

Him thro' all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be-tide thee,  
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be-wail thee  
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure  
 need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with sad - ness

And bear thee thro' the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and tri - als  
 And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our in - most  
 And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to thee all

chang - ing love Builds on the Rock that naught can move.  
 do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.  
 wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
 un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care. A - men.

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to everything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

# TLH 142 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Is. 53: 7

Ein Lämmlein geht

Paul Gerhardt, 1648, cento

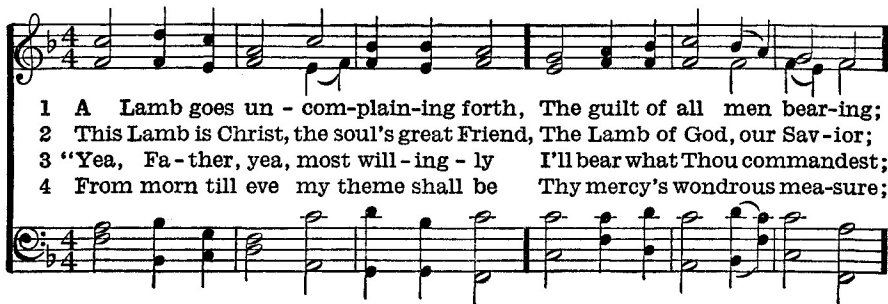
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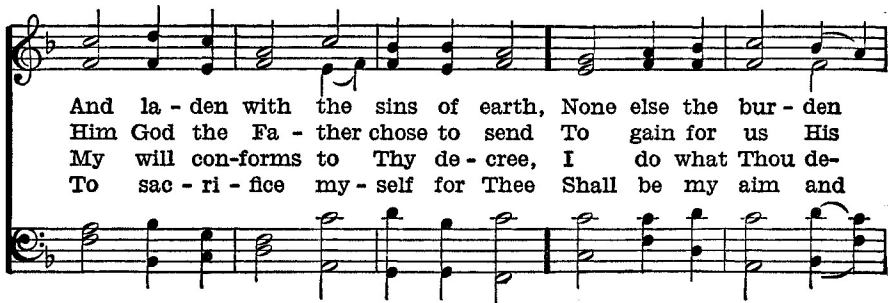
An Wasserflüssen Babylon

"Deutsch Kirchenamt"

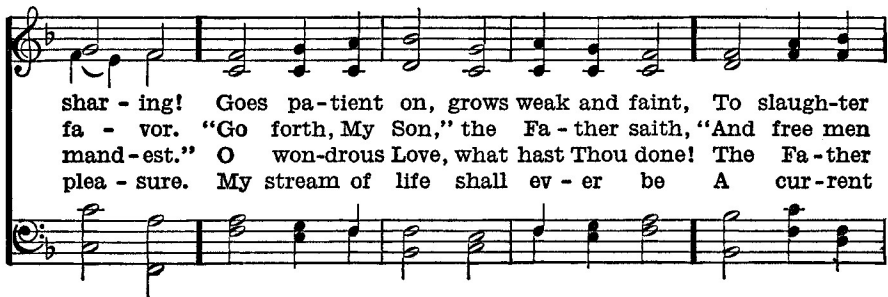
Strassburg, 1525



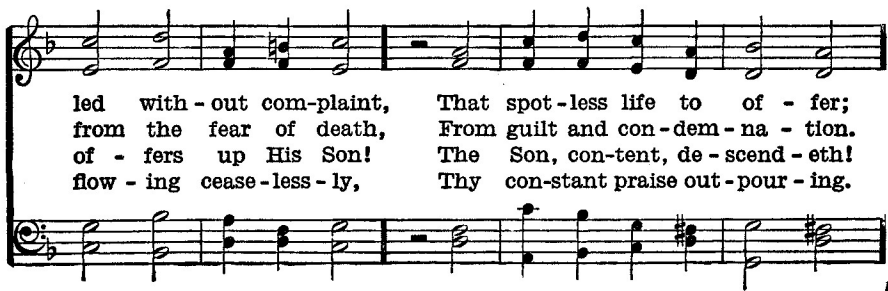
1 A Lamb goes un - com-plain-ing forth, The guilt of all men bear-ing;  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend, The Lamb of God, our Sav-ior;  
 3 "Yea, Fa - ther, yea, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what Thou commandest;  
 4 From morn till eve my theme shall be Thy mercy's wondrous mea-sure;



And la - den with the sins of earth, None else the bur - den  
 Him God the Fa - ther chose to send To gain for us His  
 My will con-forms to Thy de - cree, I do what Thou de-  
 To sac - ri - fice my - self for Thee Shall be my aim and



shar - ing! Goes pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh-ter  
 fa - vor. "Go forth, My Son," the Fa - ther saith, "And free men  
 mand - est." O won-drous Love, what hast Thou done! The Fa - ther  
 plea - sure. My stream of life shall ev - er be A cur - rent



led with - out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer;  
 from the fear of death, From guilt and con-dem-na - tion.  
 of - fers up His Son! The Son, con-tent, de - scend - eth!  
 flow - ing cease-less - ly, Thy con-stant praise out-pour - ing.

Bears shame, and stripes, and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er -  
 The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, But by Thy Pas - sion  
 O Love, how strong Thou art to save! Thou bed - dest Him with -  
 I'll trea - sure in my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all Thou hast

y, and saith, "Will - ing all this I suf - - fer."  
 men shall share The fruit of Thy sal - va - - tion."  
 in the grave Whose word the mountains rend - eth.  
 done for me, Thy gra - cious love a - dor - - ing. A - men.

5 Of death I am no more afraid,  
 New life from Thee is flowing;  
 Thy cross affords me cooling shade  
 When noonday's sun is glowing.  
 When by my grief I am opprest,  
 On Thee my weary soul shall rest  
 Serenely as on pillows.  
 Thou art my Anchor when by woe  
 My bark is driven to and fro  
 On trouble's surging billows.

6 And when Thy glory I shall see  
 And taste Thy kingdom's pleasure,  
 Thy blood my royal robe shall be,  
 My joy beyond all measure;  
 When I appear before Thy throne,  
 Thy righteousness shall be my crown,—  
 With these I need not hide me.  
 And there, in garments richly wrought  
 As Thine own bride, I shall be brought  
 To stand in joy beside Thee.

# TLH 334 – Let Me Be Thine Forever

Rom. 6 : 16

7. 6. 7. 6. D.

Lass mich dein sein und bleiben

St. 1, Nikolaus Selmecker, 1572

St. 2, 3, author unknown, 1688

Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880, alt.

Ich dank' dir, lieber Herr

"Musika Deutsch"

Nürnberg, 1532



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, Thou faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my Sal - va - tion, My Light, my Life di - vine,  
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My Com - fort - er and Guide,



Let me for - sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
My on - ly Con - so - la - tion, Oh, make me whol - ly Thine!  
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death. A - men.



## ✝ Announcements ✝

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.

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### OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

\*Online calendar at [FDLlutheran.com](http://FDLlutheran.com) or go to [facebook.com/FDL.lutheran](https://facebook.com/FDL.lutheran)

September 19	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship Hour – Back to Church Sunday
September 19-22		Pastor Sauers in Eau Claire for Mission Board meetings.
September 23	10:00 am	Bible Class
	6:30 pm	Elders
September 26	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship Meal for Vicar Sippert's last Sunday
September 27-30		Pastor Sauers at Great Lakes Pastoral Conference
October 3	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

**Pastor Away:** Pastor Sauers will be in Eau Claire this week through Wednesday. He can still be reached by phone at (920) 602-3242. In case of emergency, you may contact Vicar Sippert at (715) 523-0826.

**Potluck Next Week:** We will be having a fellowship meal next Sunday in honor of Vicar Sippert's last Sunday with us. Please plan to stay after the service and bring a dish to pass. Ham sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

**Council Meeting Notes:** Here are the highlights from the council meeting held this past Tuesday:

- **Pastor's Report:** Bible Classes have resumed. There are 12 students in catechism this year (8 from our school and 4 public school/homeschool). Two students are scheduled to be confirmed in May.
- **Financial Secretary's Report:** Offerings for August were as follows: Budgetary \$12,114.00; Mission \$2,692.52; Non-Budgetary \$2,054.00 (offerings/rent); General School Fund: \$20.00. The total offerings for the month were \$16,880.57.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Disbursements in August were: Budgetary \$12,495.01; Non-Budgetary \$1,020.89.
- **Missions:** We recently participated in Fondue Fest. We also purchased equipment to upgrade our streaming services.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** Work is beginning on our heating and cooling upgrades. Repair of the broken windows is being schedule.

**Collection:** A collection is being collected for our vicar. If you would like to make a contribution towards a monetary gift for Mr. Sippert, please place it in the green box at the back of the church.

**Back to Church Sunday:** Sunday, September 19 is Back to Church Sunday. Summer is winding down, school is starting once again, and as we get back into our normal routines, we want to encourage everyone to make church attendance a part of those routines. We also want to encourage everyone to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to church. The service that Sunday will be followed by a fellowship hour.

**CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat:** A women's retreat is planned in Myrtle Beach, SC, from November 5-7. The theme is "Walking with Jesus." The registration fee is \$40, plus the cost of transportation and hotel. Details on hotel reservations and presentations can be found on the bulletin board. Contact Amy Osborne at 651-329-3662 or [newyorker13@hotmail.com](mailto:newyorker13@hotmail.com) with any questions.



**CLC Convention Proceedings:** The 2021 CLC Convention Proceedings are now available. A number of copies have been printed and are available in our narthex. You may also read the Proceedings online, using this link: [tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc](http://tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc).

**CLC News:** Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY. + Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + Seminary graduate Nick Naumann is still considering the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

**FRUITS OF FAITH – September 5**

**Attendance: 85**

<b>Luther Memorial Church</b>		<b>Church of the Lutheran Confession</b>	
<b>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</b>		<b>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</b>	
\$2,862.00	LM General Budget (09/05)	\$250.00	CLC General Budget (09/05)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$214.92	-Under / +Over	-\$134.62	-Under / +Over
\$93,642.23	Year to Date Offerings	\$3,399.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$110,769.12	Year to Date Need	\$3,846.20	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$17,126.89	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$447.20	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<b>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</b>		<b>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</b>	
\$40.00	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$10.00	LM M & I	\$75.00	Mission Development (MDF)
\$40.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$50.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

