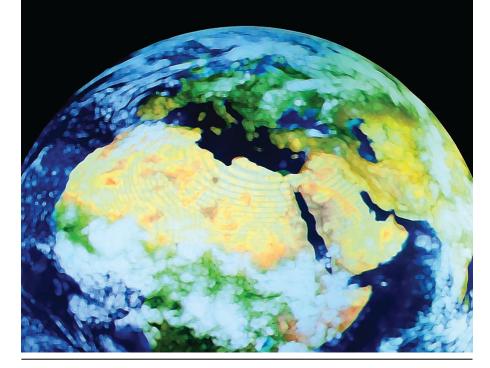


THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MATTHEW 28:19, NIV



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As We Gather

In today's Gospel reading, Christ commissions His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations through Baptism and teaching. Christ promises to be with us, and He is the one who makes disciples through our baptizing and teaching. Today, remember your Baptism and confirmation in the faith, which are precious blessings for the Lord's disciples. His love and care are new for you every morning. And so, pray that the Lord would send you to make disciples in His name in accordance with our callings in life.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-14 of the bulletin.]

→ Preparation for Worship →

Hymn

TLH 658 - Onward, Christian Soldiers

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 22:27; 24:1-2; 66:4

- **P** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
- **C** the world and those who dwell therein,
- **P** for He has founded it upon the seas
- **C** and established it upon the rivers.
- P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
- and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.
- **P** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
- **C** they sing praises to Your name.

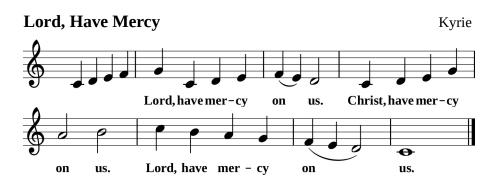
Confession and Absolution

Psalm 140:6; 141:1; 145:8, adapted

- P O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!
- **G** Give ear to my voice when I call to You!
- **P** I say to the LORD, You are my God;
- **G** give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!
- **P** With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.
- **©** For the LORD is gracious and compassionate and rich in forgiveness.

- As people gathered around God's Word, we confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and admit that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. As people called to walk in His ways and to share God's love, let us take refuge in His infinite mercy, seeking and imploring His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and saying, "God be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being." In repentance, let us confess our sins unto our gracious God.
- Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called 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. To them who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

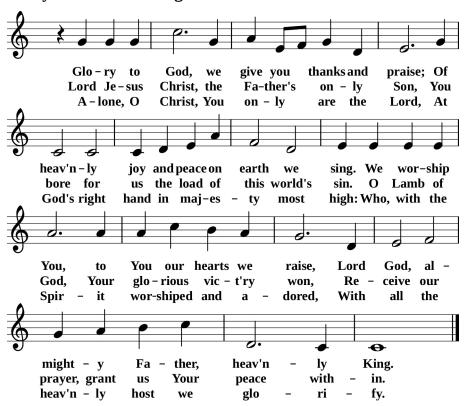
♣ The Service of the Word **♣**





Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



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.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 6:11-16; 7:2-8, 19-22

¹¹ Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. ¹² And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The

LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!" 13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saving, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." 14 Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" 15 So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." 16 And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man." ² And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3 Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.' " And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained. 4 But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." ⁵ So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." ⁶ And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. 7 Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place." 8 So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all the rest of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley. 19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands. ²⁰ Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" 21 And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled. 22 When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

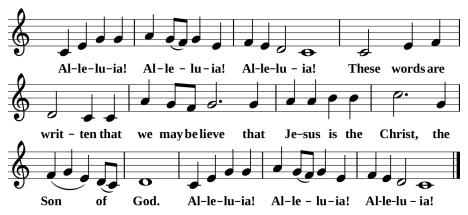
- **P** Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
- **C** Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- **P** Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
- **©** Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
- **P** Declare His glory among the nations,
- C His wonders among all peoples.
- **P** For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
- **C** He is to be feared above all gods.
- **P** For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
- **C** But the LORD made the heavens.
- P Honor and majesty are before Him;
- **©** Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
- **P** Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
- **G** Give to the LORD glory and strength.
- **P** Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
- **©** Bring an offering, and come into His courts.
- **P** Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!
- **C** Tremble before Him, all the earth.
- P Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved;
- **C** He shall judge the peoples righteously."
- **P** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
- **C** Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.
- **P** Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD. For He is coming,
- **©** for He is coming to judge the earth.
- **P** He shall judge the world with righteousness,
- **C** And the peoples with His truth.



¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, ¹⁵ which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Alleluia

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



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.

Sermon Text

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.



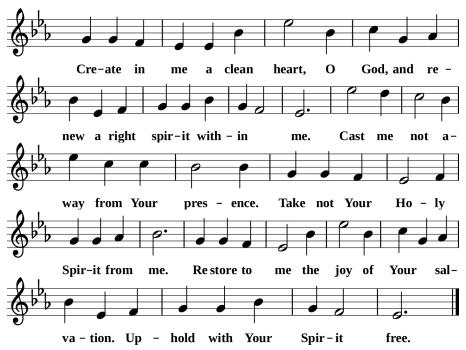
The Great Commission Means the Great War

I. The Strategy

II. The Weaponry

III. The Personnel

Offertory



Hymn

TLH 452 - The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

- 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.

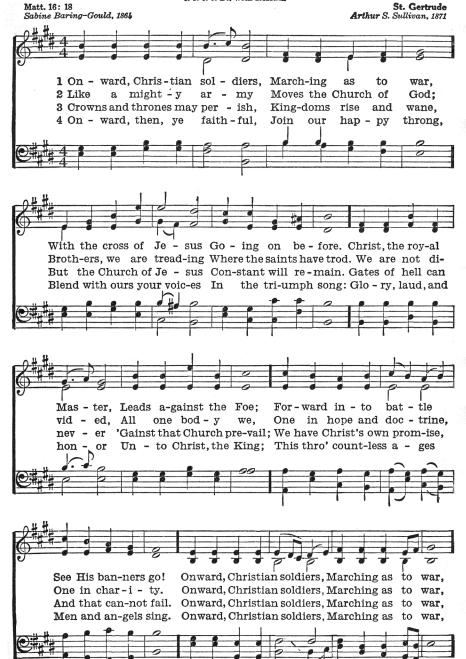
Hymn

TLH 451 – Stand Up! – Stand Up for Jesus

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♣ 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.

Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ FDLlutheran.com/calendar		
September 25	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service (Mission Festival)
	11:00 am	Fellowship Meal (Potluck)
September 27	6:30 pm	Elders
September 28	6:30 pm	Worship Service (Sunday Repeat)
September 29	10:00 am	Bible Class
October 2	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
October 4	6:30 pm	School Committee
October 5	6:30 pm	Worship Service (Sunday Repeat)
October 9	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service

Mission Festival: This Sunday is our fall mission festival. We thank Former Missionary Dave Koenig for sharing a mission presentation and the sermon this morning. Please consider staying for a fellowship meal following the worship service.

Midweek Worship Service: A repeat of the Sunday worship service will be held on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. Please spread the word to those you know who are unable to make it to church on Sundays.

Membership Request: Wendy Holz wishes to apply for communicant membership at Luther Memorial. Wendy is the sister of Vicki Pilak. She was baptized and confirmed at Luther Memorial. Her family left Luther Memorial when she was in High School and joined an area WELS congregation. She would now like to return to our congregation having expressed her agreement with our teachings. According to section 1 of Luther Memorial's bylaws, her candidacy for membership is to be announced "on two Sundays before the meeting of the congregation so that any protest on the part of the members may be properly made and lodged with the Pastor or one of the members of the Church Council. If there is no

protest, the application shall be received at the next meeting of the congregation."

Property Needs: There are several needs currently for our church property. We may need to hire out the work on the trees. In that case, any references would be helpful. If you can help, please contact Tyler Kern at 920-266-9366 or tyler@kernhome.org

- 1. Branches need to be trimmed away from the roof at the parsonage
- 2. Dead tree needs to be taken down in yard of 146 teacherage
- 3. Dead tree needs to be removed by backstop

CLC Call News: Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla, SD, has received the call to serve as Resident East Africa Missionary, third full-time CLC missionary, to reside in Arusha, Tanzania. + Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran, Jamestown, ND, is still considering the call to Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran, New Ulm, MN, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, is still considering the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA.



