

Luther Memorial Church & School

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As We Gather

Look up "duty" in a thesaurus. Some of its synonyms: chore, burden, obligation, work. "Duty" can carry some strong negative connotations. Now, consider this. In the world, as you rise through the ranks, you are able to leave many duties behind. For example, if you are high-up on the corporate ladder, you can delegate things you don't want to do to someone else. In Christ's kingdom it works just the opposite. An increase in faith does not lessen duties at all. It increases opportunities to serve God and others. Increased faith means increased obligations and work. But here's the good news. The same faith that increases our duties leads us to delight in them. For through faith we know that we serve the one who first came to serve us. We consider it a privilege to imitate Christ in our service to others. Just as his service to us brought him great joy, so does our service to others.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 12-17 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

- ▶ 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 birth. 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.
- ♥ God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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 ✤

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

1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18

¹ And David the king said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God.² So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble. ¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵ For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. ¹⁶ O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸ O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of vour people, and direct their hearts toward you.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8

- **P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;
- **C** from him comes my salvation.

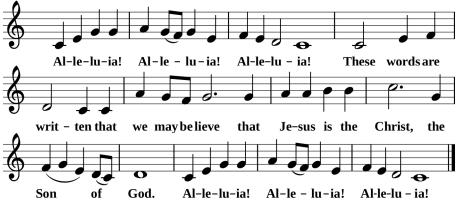
- **P** He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
- **C** I shall not be greatly shaken.
- **P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
- **G** for my hope is from him.
- **P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
- **C** I shall not be shaken.
- **P** On God rests my salvation and my glory;
- **C** my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- **P** Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
- **G** God is a refuge for us.

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. ⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering — ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia



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

Confession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

TLH 381 – I Know My Faith is Founded

Sermon Text

Luke 17:1-10

¹ And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you

were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' "



Jesus Empowers Christian Faithfulness I. He Increases Our Faith

II. He Inspires Our Humility

Sermon

Offertory



Hymn

CW 737 – Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

2. May we Thy bounties thus

To Thee our first-fruits give!

And gladly, as Thou blessest us,

As stewards true receive

Offering Hymn

TLH 441 sts. 1-2

1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

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.

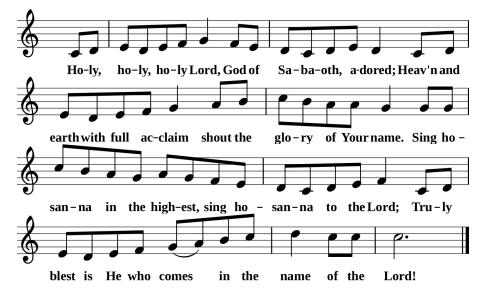
✤ The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up to the Lord.
- It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God... ...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



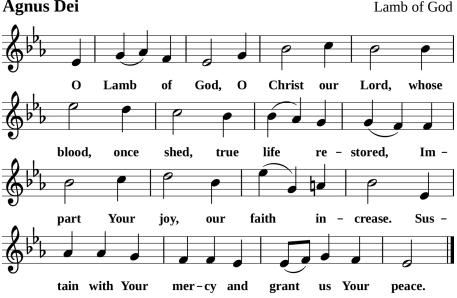
Words of Institution

Pax Domini

Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **P C** Amen.





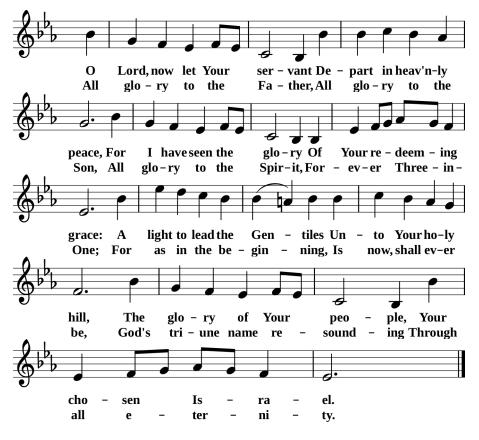
Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a 'Sacrament' because it is a "Sacred act;" not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God's Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We'd love to have you!



Nunc Dimittis

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



Thanksgiving



Benediction

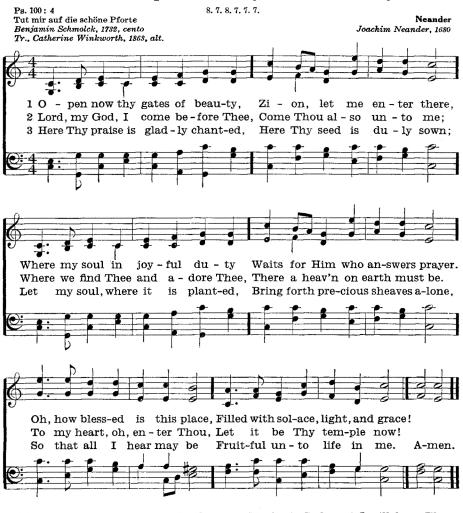
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- **C** Amen.

Hymn

WS 764 – God of Grace and God of Glory

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TLH 1 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



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



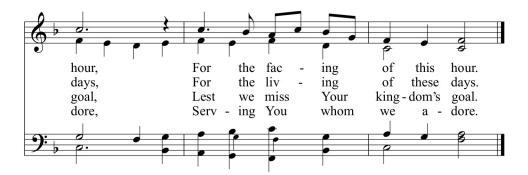
TLH 381 – I know My Faith is Founded

2 Tim. 1: 12 7. 8. 7. 8. 7. 6. 7. 6. 7. 6. 7. 6. Ich weiss, an wen ich gläube Nun lob, mein' Seel' Erdmann Neumeister, 1718 'Concentus Novi'' Tr., composite Augsburg, 1540 know my faith is found -ed Je-sus Christ, my God and Lord; 1 I On 2 In-crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by night and day 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve Thee; Tho' per-se-cu-tion, grief, and pain And this my faith con-fess - ing, Un-moved I stand up - on His Word. To rob me of this trea-sure And take my hope of bliss a-way. a stead-fast trust re-tain; Should seek to o - ver-whelm me, Let me Man's rea - son can - not fath \mathbf{om} The truth of God pro-found; But, Lord, with Thee be-side shall be un - dis-mayed: me, I de - par ture Take Thou me home to Thee And then at my Who trusts her sub - tle wis dom Re - lies on shift-ing ground. it, And Thy good Spir Ι shall be un - a-fraid. led by it And let me there in - her All Thou hast prom-ised me.

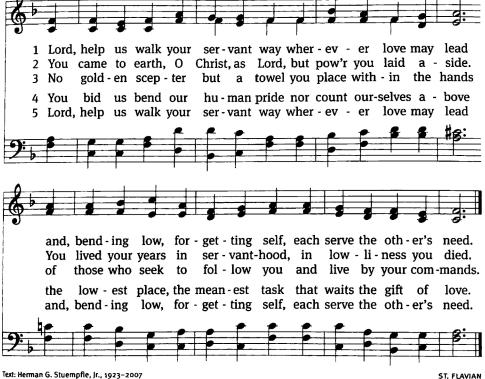




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CW 737 – Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



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Jn 13:4-17; Mk 10:35-45

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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 Sche	dule – Onlin	e Calendar @ FDLlutheran.com/calendar	
October 2	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class	
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	
	11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	
October 9	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class	
	10:00 am	Worship Service	
October 10	6:30 pm	School Committee	
October 11	6:00 pm	Council	
October 12	9:00 am	Lakeview Place Worship Service	
	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services	
	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship Service	
October 13	10:00 am	Bible Class	
October 14	6:30 pm	Fellowship Gathering – Game Night	
October 16	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class	
	10:00 am	Worship Service	

Peter Cappozzo Funeral: The funeral service for Peter Cappozzo will be Monday, October 3. Visitation will be at Luther Memorial from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The worship service will be at 12:00 pm with a meal to follow.

Great Lakes Pastoral Conference: Pastor Sauers will be away at the Great Lakes Pastoral Conference October 4-6. He can be reached on his cell phone for any pastoral needs. There will be no Wednesday night worship service.

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

Ladies' Group: The ladies of the congregation are asked to gather at the back of church following the worship service for a brief meeting.

Joint Reformation Service: Luther Memorial is hosting the area Joint Reformation Service on Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 pm. A fellowship meal will follow the service.

CLC Call News: Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran, Jamestown, ND, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA. + Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla, SD, is still considering the call to serve as Resident East Africa Missionary, third full-time CLC missionary, to reside in Arusha, Tanzania. + 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.

Fruits of Fa	ith – Week of September 18 ^t	h Attenda	ance: Sun – 46 Wed – 12	
Luther Memorial Church		<u>Church o</u>	Church of the Lutheran Confession	
Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Budge	Budgetary (Regular Expenses)	
\$2,096.00	LM General Budget	\$320.00	CLC General Budget	
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need	
-\$827.08	-Under / +Over	-\$64.62	-Under / +Over	
\$101,280.88	Year to Date Offerings	\$3,775.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings	
\$111,077.04	Year to Date Need	\$4,615.44	Fiscal Year to Date Need	
-\$9,796.16	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$840.44	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)	
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		
\$25.00	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund	
\$5.00	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund	
\$10.00	LM M & I	\$75.00	Mission Development (MDF)	
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$25.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage	
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival	
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous	

Fruits of Fa	ith – Week of September 25 th	Attendance: Sun – 67 Wed – 10		
Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession		
Budgetary (Regular Expenses)			etary (Regular Expenses)	
\$1,865.00	LM General Budget	\$240.00	CLC General Budget	
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need	
-\$1,058.08	-Under / +Over	-\$144.62	-Under / +Over	
\$103,145.88	Year to Date Offerings	\$4,015.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings	
\$114,000.12	Year to Date Need	\$5,000.06	Fiscal Year to Date Need	
-\$10,854.24	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$985.06	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)	
Non-Budg	etary (Unplanned Expenses)	Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		
\$60.00	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund	
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund	
	LM M & I	\$80.00	Mission Development (MDF)	
\$60.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$20.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage	
\$20.00	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival	
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund	\$10.00	Miscellaneous	



