

October 17, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



***“We Preach Christ Crucified...”***

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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**MARK**  
**10:27,**  
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**“WITH MAN THIS  
IS IMPOSSIBLE,  
BUT NOT WITH GOD;**

**ALL THINGS  
ARE POSSIBLE  
WITH GOD.”**



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## As We Gather

We all agree that certain things can be difficult to do and other things impossible. It is only slightly difficult, but not impossible, to get used to where all the controls are on a new car. Even more difficult, but still not impossible, is to drive that new car through fog. On the other hand, there are no degrees of the impossible. If something is impossible, that is it. Certainly some people thought it impossible that Thomas Edison's lightbulb would ever replace candles or that Henry Ford's automobile would ever replace the horse. But in those cases, the possible was just a little more difficult to produce. When it comes to entering the kingdom of God and salvation, many wrongly think it is possible by your own reason, strength, or works. Today, Jesus reminds us that on our own, salvation is actually impossible for everyone. "But with God all things are possible." Every baptized Christian is a walking, talking miracle of God's creation and re-creation! Thus following Jesus and living the Christian life is not impossible. Thanks be to God!

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

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

#### Hymn

TLH 475 – Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

[Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**C** **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**P** Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90:12-17

**P** So teach us to number our days

**C** that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**P** Return, O LORD! How long?

**C** Have pity on your servants!

**P** Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**C** that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**P** Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,

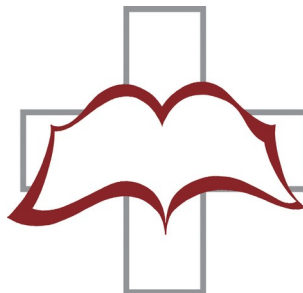
**C** and for as many years as we have seen evil.

**P** Let your work be shown to your servants,

**C** and your glorious power to their children.

**P** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**C** yes, establish the work of our hands!



## Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - ginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

## Kyrie

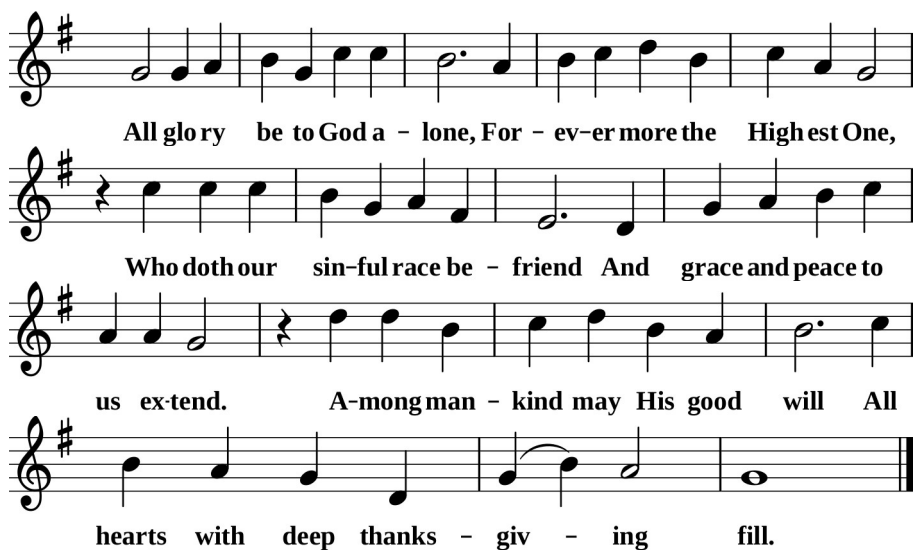
Lord, Have Mercy



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on High - Hymn 238, st. 1



All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,  
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to  
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All  
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

## 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

2 Kings 5:14-27

<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." <sup>16</sup> But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. <sup>17</sup> Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. <sup>18</sup> In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." <sup>19</sup> He said to him, "Go in peace." But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, <sup>20</sup> Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." <sup>21</sup> So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" <sup>22</sup> And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.' " <sup>23</sup> And Naaman said, "Be pleased to accept two talents." And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. <sup>24</sup> And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. <sup>25</sup> He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." <sup>26</sup> But he said to him, "Did not

my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? <sup>27</sup> Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

## Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## 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.

## Hymn

TLH 270 (1, 3-5) – Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”  
<sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ ” <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

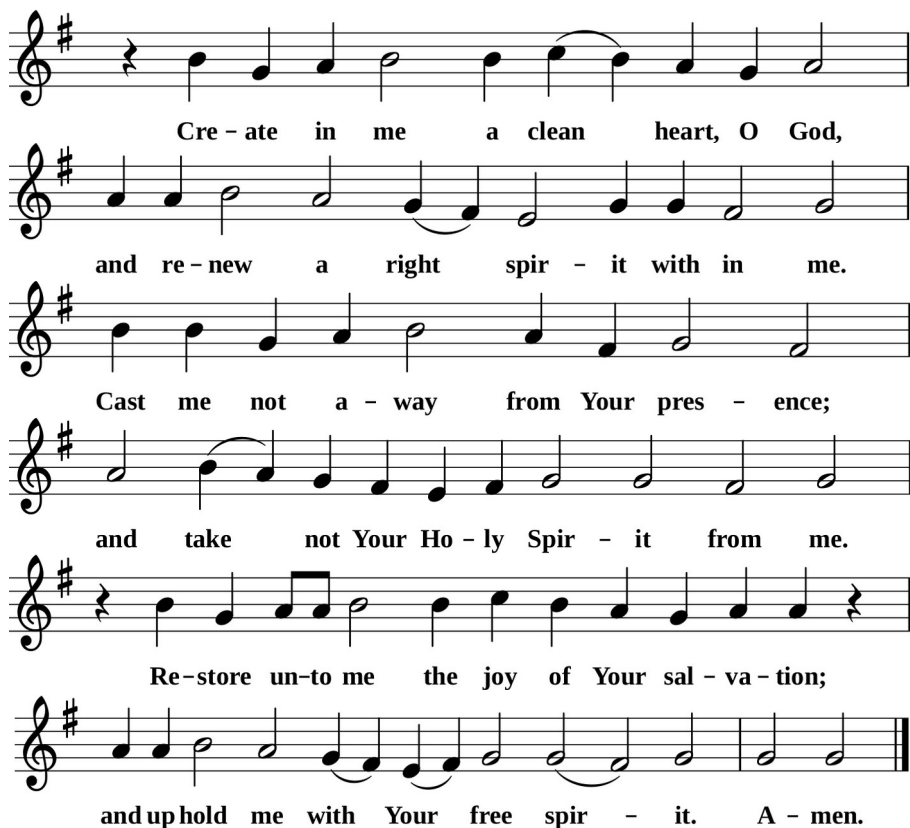


*Sermon*

**You Can't. He Has!**



## 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;  
and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion;  
and uphold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

## Hymn

TLH 376 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

## Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

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 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 400 – Take My Life and Let It Be

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# TLH 475 – Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

L. M., with Alleluias

Ps. 148

John A. L. Riley, 1906

Lasst uns erfreuen  
 "Geistliche Kirchengesang"  
 Cologne, 1623

1 Ye watch-ers and ye ho-ly ones, Bright ser-aphs, cher-u-bim, and thrones,  
 2 O high-er than the cher-u-bim, More glo-rious than the ser-a-phim,  
 3 Re-spond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye pa-tri-archs and proph-ets blest,  
 4 O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, Su-per-nal an-thems ech-o-ing,

Raise the glad strain, Al-le-lu-ia! Cry out, dominions, princedom, pow'rs,  
 Lead their prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou Bear-er of th' e-ter-nal Word,  
 Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Ye ho-ly Twelve, ye mar-tyrs strong,  
 Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! To God the Fa-ther, God the Son,

Vir-tues, arch-an-gels, an-gels' choirs, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Most gra-cious, mag-ni-fy the Lord, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 All saints tri-um-phant, raise the song, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 And God the Spir-it, Three in One, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!


Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

# TLH 270 (1, 3-5) – Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult



John 1: 40  
Cecil F. Alexander, 1852

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Stuttgart  
"Psalmodia Sacra"  
Gotha, 1715



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild,  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it By the Gal - i -  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and



rest - less sea, Day by day His sweet voice sound - eth,  
le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and kin - dred,  
gold - en store, From each i - dol that would keep us,  
hours of ease, Still He calls, in cares and plea - sures,



Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low Me."  
Leav - ing all for His dear sake.  
Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love Me more."  
"Chris - tian, love Me more than these." A - men.



5 Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies,  
Savior, make us hear Thy call;  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

# TLH 376 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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1 Cor. 10: 4

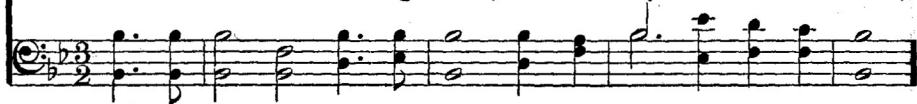
Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.

Toplady

Thomas Hastings, 1850



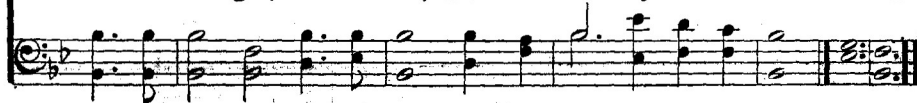
1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fil Thy Law's de-mands;  
3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring, Sim-ply to Thy cross I cling;  
4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood From Thy riv - en side which flowed  
Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judg-ment-throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a-lone.  
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly, — Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee! A-men.



# TLH 400 – Take My Life and Let It Be

Eph. 6: 24

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

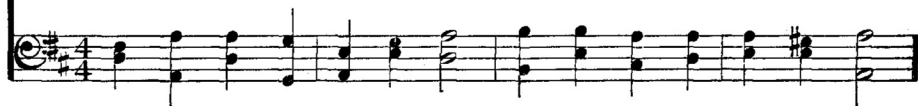
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Patmos

William H. Havergal, 1869



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti-ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sag-es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel-lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose. A-men.



5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all, for Thee.

## ✝ 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)

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|------------|----------|--|
| October 17 | 9:00 am  | Sunday School/Bible Class  |
|            | 10:00 am | Worship Service  |
| October 21 | 10:00 am | Bible Class  |
| October 24 | 9:00 am  | Sunday School/Bible Class  |
|            | 10:00 am | Worship Service  |
|            | 11:00 am | Quarterly Voters' Meeting  |
| October 26 | 6:30 pm  | Elders   |
| October 28 | 10:00 am | Bible Class  |
| October 31 | 9:00 am  | Sunday School/Bible Class  |
|            | 10:00 am | Worship Service  |
|            | 4:00 pm  | Area Joint Reformation Service at<br>Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL |

**Altar Flowers:** The Altar flowers this month are in loving memory of Iris Jacobs and Bob & Jeanette Roehl.

**In Our Prayers:** Dick Nast went into the emergency room last Sunday. The doctors found a brain bleed and initially did not expect him to live. However, the Lord has brought healing to Dick, and he continues to improve with each day. Please remember to keep him in your prayers. Also, remember Don Seibel in your prayers as he has recently gone on hospice.

**Joint Reformation Service:** Our area Joint Reformation Service will be held at Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 4:00 pm. A fellowship meal will follow the service. If you are interested in car-pooling, please speak with Pastor.

**Advent by Candlelight:** Save the Date! Luther Memorial Church is excited to host an Advent by Candlelight event for ladies on Sunday, December 5th at 3:30 pm at Luther Memorial. Ladies of Luther Memorial and other CLC congregations are invited. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful afternoon of encouragement from God's Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent and Christmas season! Reservations will be available at the beginning of November. Need more info? Want to bring an appetizer or dessert? Contact Kate at 314-540-8781.

**Quarterly Voters' Meeting and Ladies' Meeting:** Our quarterly voters' meeting will be held on October 24 following the worship service. There will also be a brief ladies' meeting following the service. In addition to the regular reports, the voters will consider the following:

- A recommendation from the council to use part of a recent memorial to pay off a \$25,000 member loan.
- The release of Ken and Karlene Ditter from membership
- Replacing the Air Conditioning units in the duplex (a cost of approximately \$8,000).

**CLC Fall Coordinating Council Report:** There are copies of the Fall CC report in the narthex, of you can access it from the following link: [tinyurl.com/clc-cc-fall-21](http://tinyurl.com/clc-cc-fall-21).

**Snow Removal:** As we are seeking out bids for removing snow in the parking lot, we also need to address the sidewalk. For many years the students in the school handled this but this is no longer an option. In the past few years the sidewalks have not always been cleared in a timely manner. If you are able to help, please speak to Tyler Kern or Mike Schierenbeck in the next few weeks. There is a snowthrower available for use in the shed so hopefully this will open up the number of people who could do this much needed work. Ideally we could have enough volunteers to make a schedule in a similar fashion to the way that we take turns with lawnmowing. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you for your consideration.

**2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: [mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa).

**CLC News:** Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

**FRUITS OF FAITH – October 10**

**Attendance: 53**

| <b>Luther Memorial Church</b>             |                             | <b>Church of the Lutheran Confession</b>  |                               |
|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>       |                             | <i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>       |                               |
| \$4,536.00                                | LM General Budget (10/10)   | \$720.00                                  | CLC General Budget (10/10)    |
| \$3,076.92                                | Weekly Need                 | \$384.62                                  | Weekly Need                   |
| +\$1,459.08                               | -Under / +Over              | +\$335.38                                 | -Under / +Over                |
| \$106,543.83                              | Year to Date Offerings      | \$5,336.00                                | Fiscal Year to Date Offerings |
| \$126,153.72                              | Year to Date Need           | \$5,769.30                                | Fiscal Year to Date Need      |
| -\$19,609.89                              | Year to Date (+/-)          | -\$433.30                                 | Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)     |
| <i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i> |                             | <i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i> |                               |
|   | LM School                   |   | ILC Student Aid Fund          |
| \$20.00                                   | LM Student Aid Fund         |   | ILC Building Fund             |
|   | LM Debt Retirement          |   | ILC Improvement Fund          |
|   | LM M & I                    | \$25.00                                   | Mission Development (MDF)     |
|   | LM Local Missions/ Outreach |   | Project Kinship/Orphanage     |
| \$20.00                                   | LM Building Fund            |   | Fall Mission Festival         |
|   | LM Ladies Orphan Fund       |   | Miscellaneous                 |

