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As We Gather

Who is the son of Adam? When Adam and Eve held their firstborn son, Cain, in their arms for the first time, perhaps they wondered, “Who is this son?” After all, following their sin, the Lord God promised salvation from Eve’s offspring (Genesis 3:15). Could this baby boy be that Savior from sin and death? Not yet. Instead, Cain becomes the first murderer and spills the blood of his brother, Abel. Thankfully, a greater Son of Adam would fulfill the promise of a Savior. This Son would be held in the arms of another couple—Mary and Joseph. This Son would allow His very own blood to be shed for the salvation of Adam, Eve, and all their descendants.

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

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 75 – Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken

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 5

P Give ear to my words, O LORD;

C consider my groaning.

P Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God,

C for to you do I pray.

P O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;

C in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

P For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

C evil may not dwell with you.

P The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

C you hate all evildoers.

P You destroy those who speak lies;

C the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

C I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

P Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

C make your way straight before me.

P For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction;

C their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

P Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;

C because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

- P** But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,
C and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.
P For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
C you cover him with favor as with a shield.

Gloria Patri

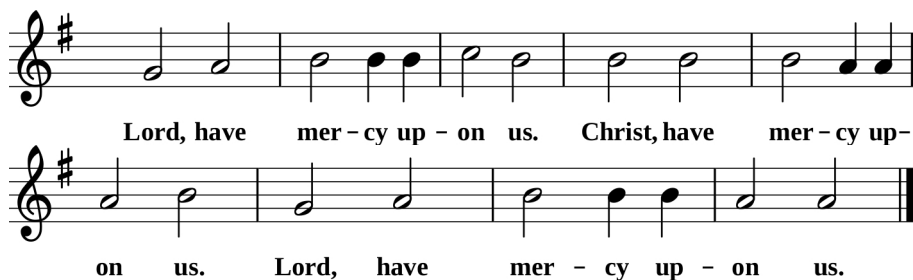
Glory be to the Father



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...
 ... for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:12-17

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.



Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:17-26

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

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!

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

Genesis 4:1-16

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

**This is My Son: Cain**

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 65 (1-4) – When Sinners See Their Lost Condition

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

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 61 – Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

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TLH 75 – Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken

Luke 3: 4, 5

7. 6. 7. 6. 6. 7. 7. 6.

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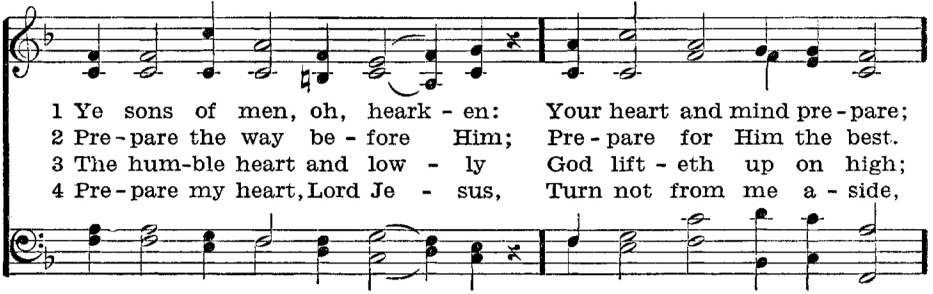
Valentin Thilo, Jr., 1659, alt.

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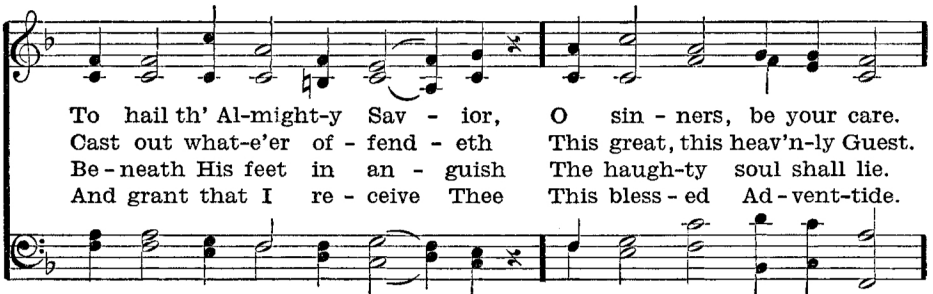
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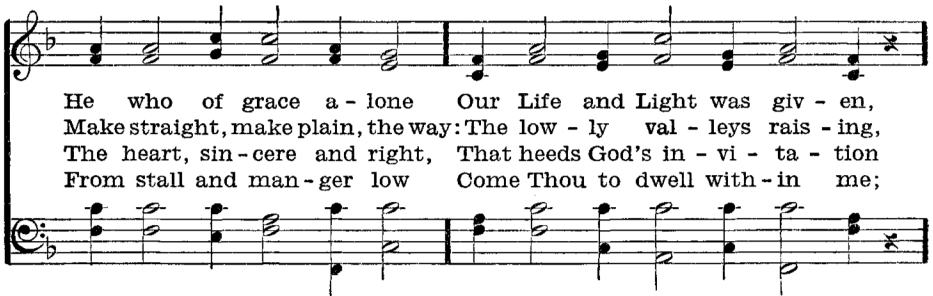
Hamburg, 1598



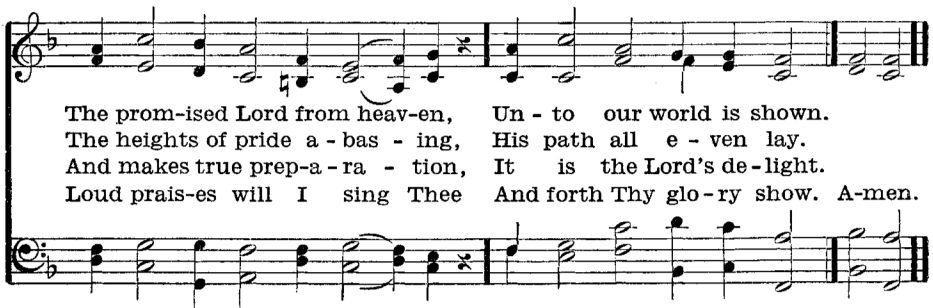
1 Ye sons of men, oh, hear - en: Your heart and mind pre - pare;
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the best.
3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God lift - eth up on high;
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus, Turn not from me a - side,



To hail th' Al - might - y Sav - ior, O sin - ners, be your care.
Cast out what - e'er of - fend - eth This great, this heav'n - ly Guest.
Be - neath His feet in an - guish The haugh - ty soul shall lie.
And grant that I re - ceive Thee This bless - ed Ad - vent - tide.



He who of grace a - lone Our Life and Light was giv - en,
Make straight, make plain, the way: The low - ly val - leys rais - ing,
The heart, sin - cere and right, That heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion
From stall and man - ger low Come Thou to dwell with - in me;



The prom - ised Lord from heav - en, Un - to our world is shown.
The heights of pride a - bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
And makes true prep - a - ra - tion, It is the Lord's de - light.
Loud prais - es will I sing Thee And forth Thy glo - ry show. A - men.

TLH 158 – Glory Be to Jesus

1 Pet. 1: 19

6. 5. 6. 5.

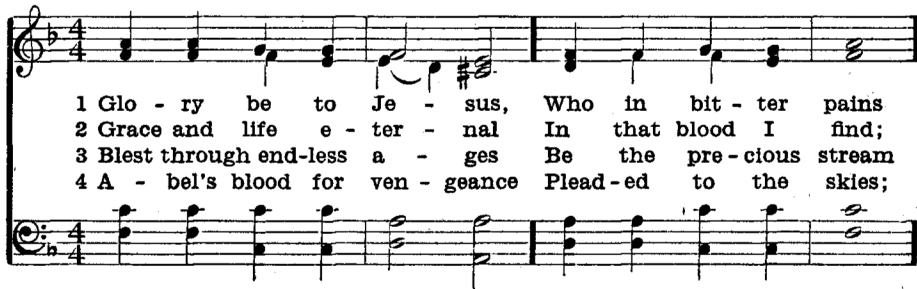
Vival! vival! Gesù

Italian, 18th century, cento

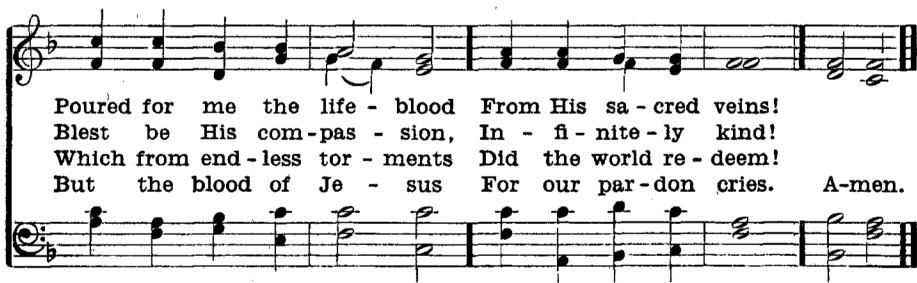
Tr., Edward Caswall, 1857

Wem in Leidenstagen

Friedrich Filitz, 1847



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end-less a - ges Be the pre-cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead-ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries. A-men.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

TLH 65 (1-4) – When Sinners See Their Lost Condition

John 20 : 19-26

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

Naar Synderen ret ser sin Vaade

Magnus B. Landstad, 1863

Tr., Oluf H. Smeby, 1909, alt.

Wer weiss, wie nahe

Christian Møck, 1820



1 When sin - ners see their lost con - di - tion And feel the
2 When Je - sus en - ters meek and low - ly To fill the
3 When Je - sus en - ters land and na - tion And moves the
4 When Je - sus comes, — O bless - ed sto - ry! — He works a



press - ing load of sin, And Je - sus com - eth on His mis - sion
home with sweet - est peace; When hearts have felt His bless - ing ho - ly
peo - ple with His love; When, yield - ing to His kind per - sua - sion,
change in heart and life; God's king - dom comes with pow'r and glo - ry



To heal the sin - sick heart with - in, All grief must flee be -
And found from sin com - plete re - lease, Then light and calm with -
Our hearts His truth and bless - ing prove, Then shall our life on
To young and old, to man and wife; Thro' Sac - ra - ment and



fore His grace, And joy di - vine will take its place.
in shall reign And hearts di - vid - ed love a - gain.
earth be blest, The peace of God on us shall rest.
liv - ing Word, Faith, love, and hope are now con - ferred. A - men.



TLH 61 – Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Is. 40: 1-8

8. 7. 8. 7. 7. 8. 8.

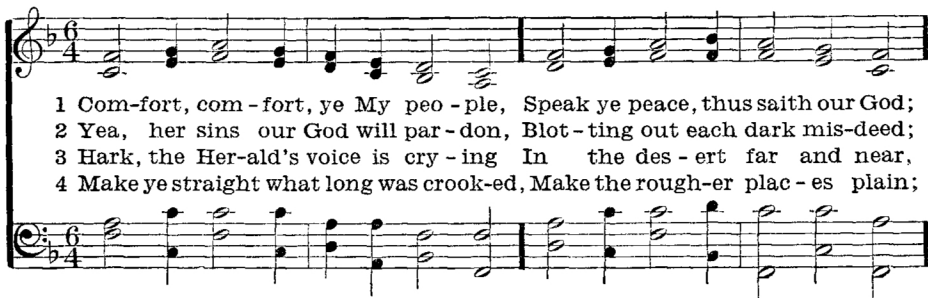
Tröstet, tröstet meine Lieben

Johann Olearius, 1671

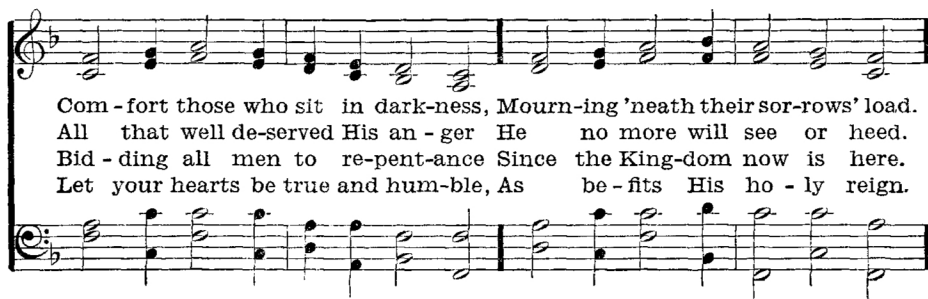
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, all.

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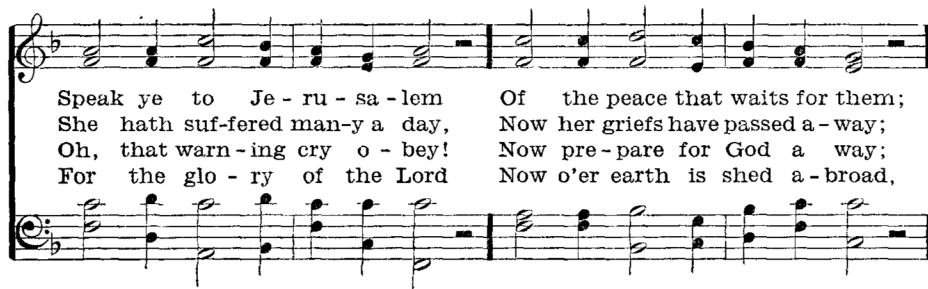
"Genevan Psalter," 1551



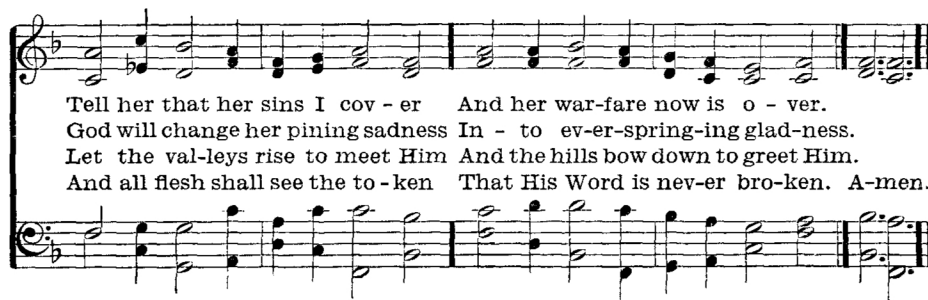
1 Com-fort, com - fort, ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
3 Hark, the Her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
All that well de - served His an - ger He no more will see or heed.
Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance Since the King - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits His ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
She hath suf - ered man - y a day, Now her griefs have passed a - way;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad,



Tell her that her sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.
God will change her pining sadness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
Let the val - leys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken. 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.

Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ FDLutheran.com/calendar

December 18	8:30 am	Christmas Eve Practice
	9:00 am	Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Special Voters' Meeting (Call Meeting)
	12:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Lunch
	2:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
December 23	8:30 am	Christmas Eve Practice
December 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Worship Service
December 27	6:30 pm	Elders
December 31	6:00 pm	New Year's Eve Worship Service
January 1	10:00 am	New Year's Day Worship Service

Special Voters' Meeting: A special voters' meeting has been called for this morning following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to call a new full-time pastor and possibly a vacancy pastor. Please attend if you are able.

Custodian Wanted: The congregation is seeking a church and school custodian. Please contact Mike Schierenbeck (920-344-9580, mike.schierenbeck@gmail.com) for duties and compensation. Start date is December 22. Our thanks go out to Chris Sabel and family for their many years of service.

Called Workers' Gift: Monetary gifts to show our thanks and appreciation for our pastor and teacher in their work for the Lord may be placed in the designated box at the back of the church, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection place, or in the black box in the hallway.

ILC Professors' Gift: We would like to thank and acknowledge the work done for our benefit by the professors at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. This work benefits our own Luther Memorial members, Salome and Joanna Seibel. We encourage you to place your monetary gifts in the designated box at the back of church, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection plate, or in the black box in the hallway.

2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

Kinship: The Church of the Lutheran Confession - India (CLCI) plans to hold a large memorial service to thank the Lord of the Church for the work and ministry of Pastor VS Benjamin, the founder of the CLCI who recently was called home to heaven. The CLCI requested financial assistance for outstanding hospital and funeral expenses, as well as for costs associated with a memorial service at which they expect 5,000 attendees. The CLC Board of Missions has sent funds from Kinship to help with these expenses. As a result, Kinship is in need of replenishment. Please consider this opportunity for us to express our gratitude to the Lord for Pastor Benjamin's service and for the blessing of Christian fellowship with the CLCI through offerings designated to Kinship.

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. An impressive video "walk-through" of the future facilities can be seen at 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 Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, is still considering the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

Fruits of Faith – December 7 & 11		Attendance: 12/07 – 38 12/11 – 73	
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$2,080.00	LM General Budget	\$465.00	CLC General Budget
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$843.08	-Under / +Over	+\$80.38	-Under / +Over
\$129,409.61	Year to Date Offerings	\$7,830.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$146,154.00	Year to Date Need	\$9,230.88	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$16,744.39	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$1,400.88	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
\$25.00	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement	\$25.00	ILC Improvement Fund
	LM M & I	\$50.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$35.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund	\$71.95	Miscellaneous