

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      SEPTEMBER 28, 2025  
(DIVINE SERVICE 4)      8:00 AND 11:00

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## PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Heavenly Father, to whom belongs the wisdom of the ages, guide us to decisions that comfort us, but more than any other, guide us to Yourself, lest having great comfort here we forfeit the glory to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS (Luke 16:19-31) When the Jesuit priest Francis Xavier landed in Japan at Kagoshima in 1549 and began to preach the Gospel of Christ, he noted that one of the greatest hindrances was the Japanese concern for the fate of their non-Christian relatives. “Will our ancestors be pleased if we receive Baptism and become Christians?” they asked Xavier.

Enter the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, revealed only in the Gospel according to Saint Luke (16:19-31). For the last few weeks, we have heard Jesus' clear warnings about the dangers of earthly possessions. This story functions as the summary to Luke's presentation on this topic. The parable centers on the pitiful character of Lazarus. He is so helpless and weak he longs merely for the scraps of food that fall from the rich man's table. It is to helpless beggars such as Lazarus that God comes and saves. It is to helpless beggars who put their trust in God's abundant mercy that Christ comes and redeems.

Even in the torment of eternal suffering, the rich man continues his obsession with self. The “Great Reversal” – a major theme in the Gospel according to Saint Luke – is again revealed this morning. Trust in worldly riches that blessed the rich man now condemns him, while trusting in the riches of heaven that seems to condemn Lazarus during his earthly life finally is revealed as the greatest treasure.

The last writing of Martin Luther before his death in 1546 was short and simple, but summarized Luther's whole approach to Christian faith and life: "We are beggars. This is true." May Christ preserve us also from the dangers and snare of the world's riches, that we may be carried by the angels into the presence of the prophets, the apostles, and our Lord Himself.

# PRELUDE

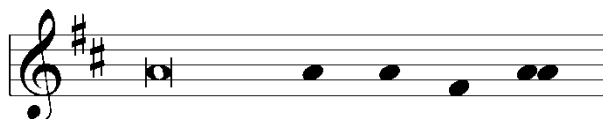
## OPENING VERSE

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

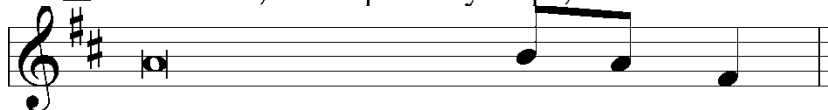
**Cong.: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

(Psalm 118:24)

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

## HYMN

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” [LSB hymn 802]**



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most    bless - ed,    most    glo - rious,    the    An - cient    of    Days,  
Thy    jus - tice    like    moun - tains    high    soar - ing    a - bove  
We    blos - som    and    flour - ish    as    leaves    on    the    tree  
All    laud    we    would    ren - der:    O    help    us    to    see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

*Stand*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong.: Amen.**

(Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Cong.: who made heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13b)

**Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained 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.

**Cong.: Amen.**

(John 20:19-23)

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

(Psalm 119:73-75, 77; *antiphon*: Psalm 119:76)

Pastor: Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant.  
Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

**Cong.: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,  
because I have hoped in your word.**

Pastor: I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

**Cong.: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant.

## KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



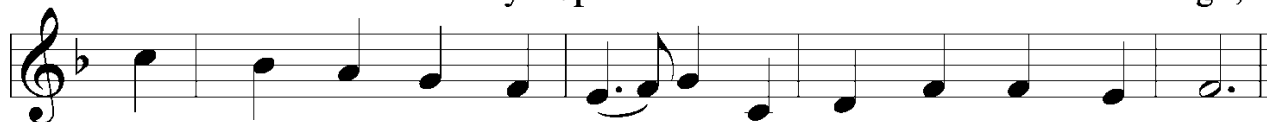
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And with your spirit.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

# ANTHEM

## “Doxology of Praise”

Arranged by Tom Fettke / Orchestrated by Michael Lawrence

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation, God of pow’r, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur  
stills: To God all praise and glory. What God’s almighty pow’r hath made His gracious mercy  
keep-eth, By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye never sleep-eth. With in the  
kingdom of His might, Lo! All is just and all is right” To God all praise and glory!*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Old Testament Reading** (page 768 in the pew Bibles)

**Amos 6:1-7**

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** (page 993 in the pew Bibles)

**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. (John 20:31)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel** (page 876 in the pew Bibles)

**Luke 16:19-31**

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

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And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’

But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

**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.**

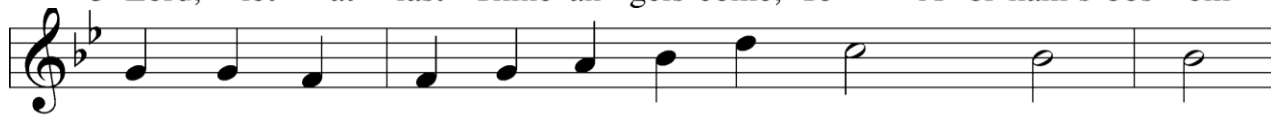
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

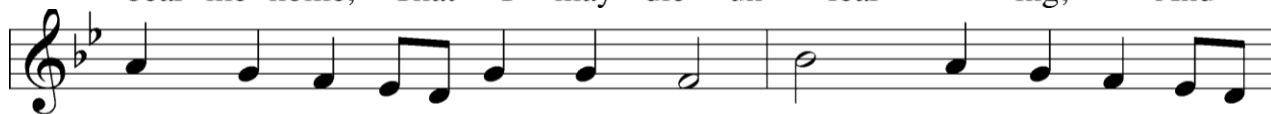
## “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” [LSB hymn 708]



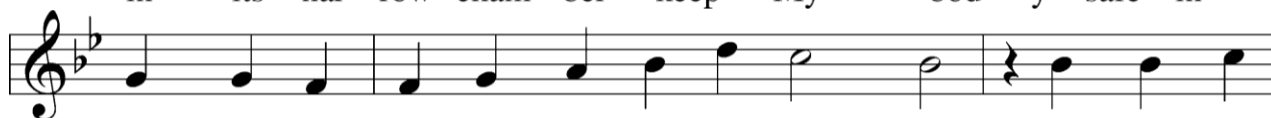
1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun - ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



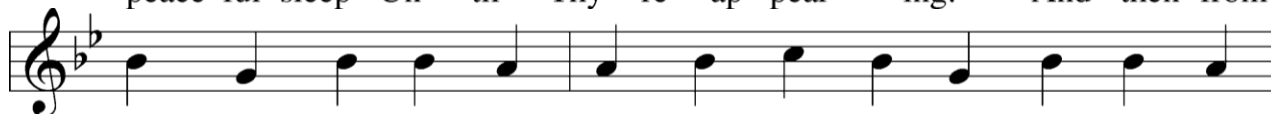
me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



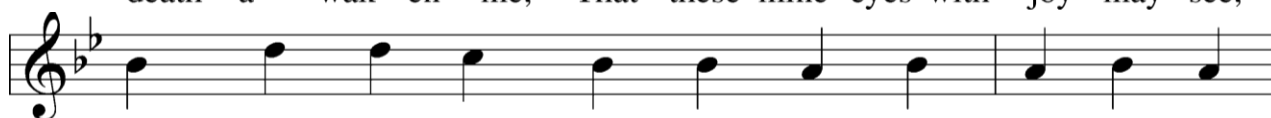
has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



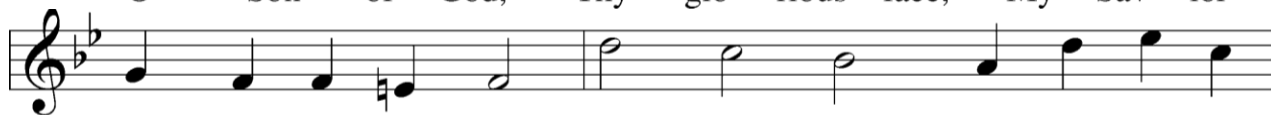
void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.



SERMON  
“Belief: Hearing, NOT Seeing”  
(Pastor Miller)

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING

*You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.*

*Stand* PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (1 Timothy 2:1- 4)

Pastor: *Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

Lord of life, You provide us with daily bread in abundance. Preserve us from the worship of idleness and love of leisure lest we misuse Your gifts to our ruin. Foster in us contentment, righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, as You once gave Moses and the prophets so that people might hear Your Word, continue to provide pastors and other laborers to make Your Gospel known among the nations. Preserve those who currently serve within Your Church, and raise up more workers to labor in the harvest. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, preserve our homes from idols and sins of idleness. Bless fathers and mothers as they catechize their children, that generations to come might faithfully guard their hearts and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful God, You have promised to hold accountable all who hold authority over us. Bless our president; our governor; all legislative bodies; all judges and magistrates; and all who serve the public trust, that they may act with integrity and honor in the fulfillment of all their duties and serve the causes of peace and justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You open the eyes of the blind and lift up those who are bowed down. Hear our prayers on behalf of those in need of Your mercy *especially* .... Provide restoration and deliverance according to Your good and gracious will, and in the time of affliction that is given to them, strengthen their faith that they would cling to Your promises and praise Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, grant that we who commune on Christ's holy body and blood would repent of our sins, trust Christ's full forgiveness, and receive Him for strengthening of our faith and for greater love to serve those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, embolden all faithful Christians here and scattered throughout the world. Grant that we may always make the good confession, even in the midst of persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we praise Your name for Your faithfulness to Abraham, Lazarus and to all the saints who have gone before us. Enliven us by Your Word and Sacraments, that convinced of Jesus' death and resurrection, we may eagerly await the day of our resurrection for His sake; through Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Cong.: We lift them to the Lord.**

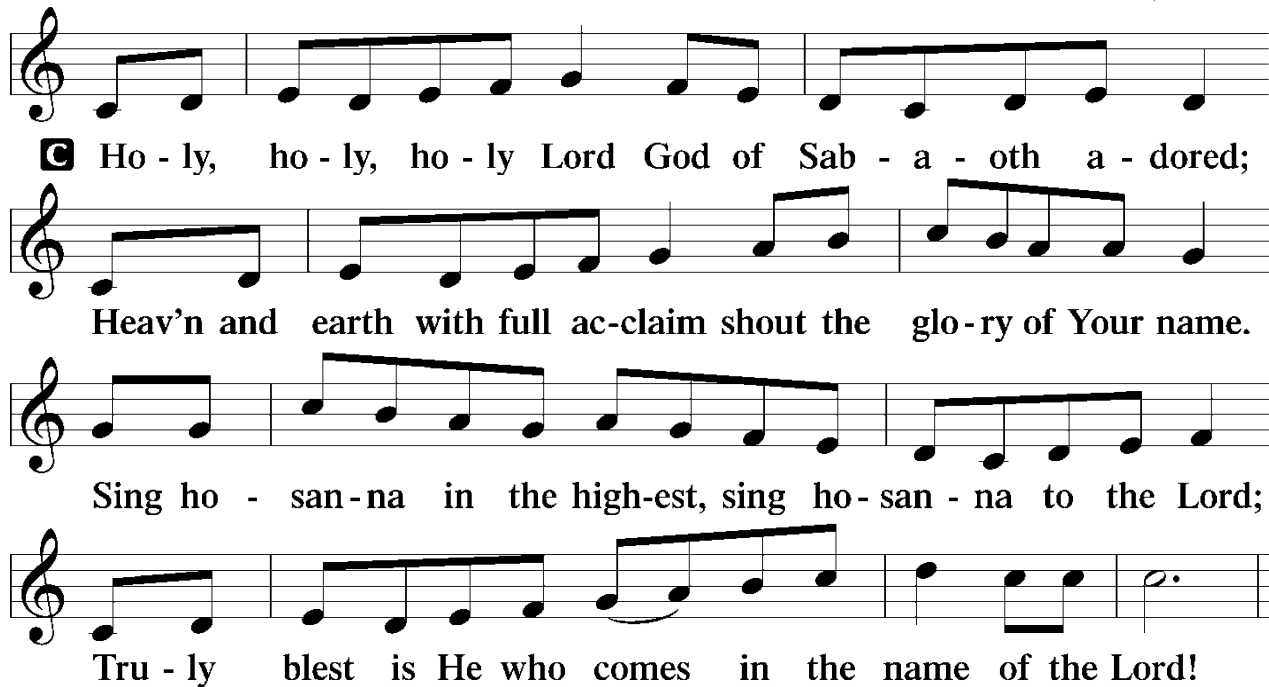
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Cong.: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

# LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

# WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Cong.: Amen.**

# AGNUS DEI

(John 1: 29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.*

### ***What actually is the Lord's Supper?***

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal.

### ***Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper?***

You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you:

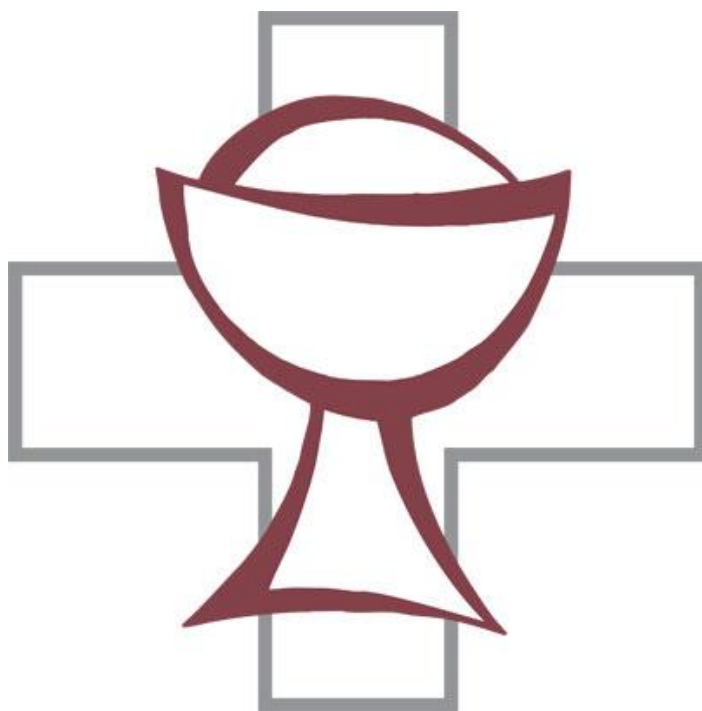
- ☐ have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit);
- ☐ repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you;
- ☐ put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation;
- ☐ are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32);
- ☐ believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins;
- ☐ sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible;
- ☐ have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation.

*I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.*

## **PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING**

*Almighty Lord Jesus Christ,  
as often as I shall come  
to Your holy table to refresh my spirit,  
I pray You to make me,  
unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;  
impure as I am, to make me clean; naked as I am, to clothe me,  
so that Your body, so full of divine power,  
and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant,  
the occasion for judgment or punishment,  
but a memorial of the death You underwent for me,  
a strengthening of my faith,  
a proof of the taking away of my sins,  
a bond of closer union with You and Your people,  
an increase of holiness,  
the basis of a glad resurrection,  
and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



## HYMN OF THE MONTH

**“Fight the Good Fight”** [LSB hymn 664]

1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es

strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

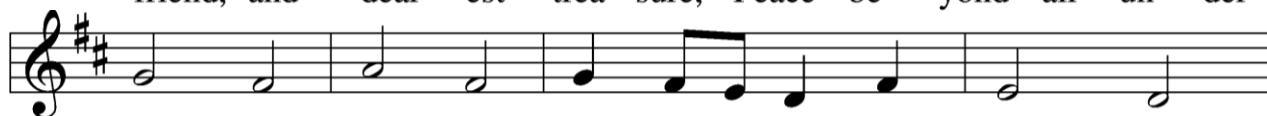
# **“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” [LSB hymn 636:1-5]**



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver  
 5 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, Tru - est



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is  
 friend, and dear - est trea - sure, Peace be - yond all un - der -



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:  
 stand - ing, Joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to  
 Hum - bly now, I bow be - fore You; Love in - car - nate,



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -  
 I a - dore You; Wor - thi - ly let me re -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!  
 ceive You And, so fa - vored, nev - er leave You.

*Verses 6-8 on next page*

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven,  
 For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You once left Your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness  
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your love I am invited,  
 Be Your love with love requited;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
 Through the gift of grace You give me  
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

### “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” [LSB 623]



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.



Stand

## NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2:29-32)



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

(Psalm 103:1)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.

Cong.: Amen.

## HYMN

### “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” [LSB hymn 549]



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

(Psalm 103:1)

# POSTLUDE

## SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

	<i>8:00 Service</i>	<i>11:00 Service</i>
Acolytes:	Ryker Deen	Matthew Witkamp
Ushers:	Ron Smith	Gary Yudin
		James Burns
Elders/Readers:	Adam Volkert	Rick Ritchie
	Dan Rugg	Reinhard Stenzel
Organist:	Matt Laub	
Altar Guild:	Chris Ohlendorf, Marie Jurenka, Margaret Button, Mary Tesmer	

### LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

**HEALING** Joan Harris had major surgery and is now recuperating. We pray for a speedy recovery and for her further cancer tests. Helen Dickinson, sister-in-law of Margaret Button has been hospitalized with a kidney infection. Update on Chris (long-time friend of Chris Lundgren): Today at 2pm they will be giving Chris a bronchoscopy, which will be a camera to show what is going on in his lungs. Prayers for procedure and for the medical personnel involved.

**COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN** Prayers for the family as they mourn the loss of Charlie Kirk. Pray for Charlie's wife Erica and their 2 kids.

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:** Paul Zurawski 9/28; Suzanne Jones 9/29; Calla Deen 9/30; Nolan Dunlop 10/1; Steve Semingson 10/1; Dave Barnes 10/2; Jacob Jurenka 10/2; Samuel Miller 10/2; Elaine Ohgi 10/2; Ryker Deen 10/3; Lorelei Jurenka 10/3; Mary Marth 10/3; Jill Olmstead 10/3

**THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Ellie Goad-Chandler 9/30; Esther Grove 9/30; Jane Andrews 10/1; Jeff Miller 10/4

**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Reinhard Stenzel in honor of his wife, Paula Stenzel's birthday on 9/26.

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

### Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

28 Sunday	<b><i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 11:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Youth/6 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation	9:30 AM
	<b>Adult Bible Study “Didache”</b>	9:30 AM
	(in the Sanctuary with Pastor Jeong)	
29 Monday	Church Office Closed	
	<i>Pastor Jeong’s Day off</i>	
	Al Anon	10:00 AM
	Celestial Ringers	6:00 PM
	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
30 Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation	4:30 PM
	Al Anon	6:00 PM
	Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM
1 Wednesday	<b>Preschool Chapel</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	<b>Foundations of the Faith</b> with Pastor Jeong	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	<b>Hitchhiking with Prophets</b> with Pastor Miller	<b>7:00 PM</b>
2 Thursday	Quilting Group	10:00 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	7:00 PM
3 Friday		
4 Saturday	SCAN information Breakfast	9:00 AM
	Sewing Group	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
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## BIBLE STUDIES

**“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ”** (Romans 10:17)

### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**“Didache”** (9:30 AM with Pastor Jeong in the Sanctuary)

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

**“Hitchhiking with Prophets”** (7:00 PM with Pastor Miller in the Priscilla Circle Room)

**“Foundations of the Faith”** (7:00 PM with Pastor Jeong in the Music Room)

### FIRST THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

**“Isaiah 40-55”** (7:00 PM with Karen Miller in the Music Room)

## REDEEMER'S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 126

*God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to  
"use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ".*



**SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP** Amos 6:1a "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion." The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations — chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions — to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

## AROUND REDEEMER

**WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER** are offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 AM and available online at 8:00 AM as a YouTube live stream, on [www.youtube.com/@redeemerlutheranchurchhb7093/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@redeemerlutheranchurchhb7093/streams) and accessible from [www.redeemer-lutheran.net](http://www.redeemer-lutheran.net). Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** the children will learn about "**Jesus Calls Matthew**". Mark 2:13-17. We sinners rejoice, for we, like Matthew, have been called from our own sin to dine at the table of the friend of sinners, Jesus.

**BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** will be October 11<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend this very informative presentation. Please RSVP to the church office for breakfast.

**OLD GUYS BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S** (You don't have to be old) If you would like to join in on the fellowship and food (everyone pays for their own meal) we meet at Denny's at 18477 Beach Blvd. HB (cross street is Ellis), on Fridays at 11:30 AM. Call the church office if you would like more information.

★ **NEW WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will begin on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. We will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month in the Music Room. Our Study of **Matthew** will be based on the Concordia Commentary Bible Study Series.

**GAME NIGHT** Come join us in faith, friendship and Tabletop Board gaming every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 5:30 to 10:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is intended for all members of the Congregation who like games, and we encourage you to come and invite your friends. This is a fun outreach opportunity, and we have a few regular attendees who are not members of our Congregation. You can also contact Christopher Lundgren via the Church Office for more information.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION** are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.

## SEPTEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

**FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT LSB 664** John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-75) was a prolific writer of poetry, prose and hymnody, yet only a handful of his approximately three hundred hymns are considered to have enduring quality. Two are found in *LSB* (this one and “Sing to the Lord of harvest,” *LSB* 893).

The four stanzas in *LSB* have been altered little from the original and largely for modernization of language. The hymn is properly located under the theme “The Church Militant”; though far from a triumphalistic call to arms, it is instead a call to remain in God-given faith, under the cross, during the daily assaults of temptation.

1 Timothy 6:12 serves as the basis for the first stanza, as St. Paul exhorts Timothy to “fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” The preceding verses inform us that the battle is the daily struggle against temptation. Like Timothy, Christians have been called to new life in Christ; the victory over sin and death is the one He won on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:57) and gives to us in His Gospel. In the second line, Monsell makes clear that our might is the Lord’s: “Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.” “Right” should not be understood in the popular notion of “that which everyone naturally deserves.” Rather, this “right” has the sense of the righteousness we possess because we are justified for Jesus’ sake. To “lay hold on life” is a reference to faith that clings to Christ.

Stanza 2 is built on Hebrews 12:1-2: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” These verses summarize the Christian’s life and fight well: Jesus has already endured the cross for us. Now, as His forgiven people, we run our race. How? By repentance and laying aside the sin that clings so closely. As Monsell puts in, we run “through God’s good grace.” Alive in Christ, we continue toward our heavenly home.

Stanza 3 is rooted in 1 Peter 5:6-7: “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.” The chapter warns against both pride, which leads one to see no need for God’s help, and worry, which tempts one to question it. Shortly thereafter, it warns that the devil prowls about like a lion, seeking someone to devour. Monsell thus bids the people of God to cast their cares upon the Lord, whose mercy is boundless: and while faith trusts in Christ’s gifts of life and love now, it will be proved in the end.

Thus we have stanza 4, with its reference to Colossians 3:11: “Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free, but Christ is all, and in all.” In the surrounding verses, St Paul reminds Christians that they have died to sin and now live in Christ. Thus they are to resist temptation, repent of their sin, and rejoice that their salvation is found in Jesus. For those weary of the grinding temptations, the final verse is of great comfort: the Lord is near, He will not fail, and He remains the Christian’s help and life for eternity.

DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2025:	
Sunday, September 28:	Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
Monday, September 29:	Deuteronomy 1:19-36 & Matthew 5:21-48
Tuesday, September 30:	Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15 & Matthew 6:1-15
Wednesday, October 1:	Deuteronomy 2:16-37 & Matthew 6:16-34
Thursday, October 2:	Deuteronomy 3:1-29 & Matthew 7:1-12
Friday, October 3:	Deuteronomy 4:1-20 & Matthew 7:13-29
Saturday, October 4:	Deuteronomy 4:21-40 & Matthew 8:1-17
Sunday, October 5:	Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

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