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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



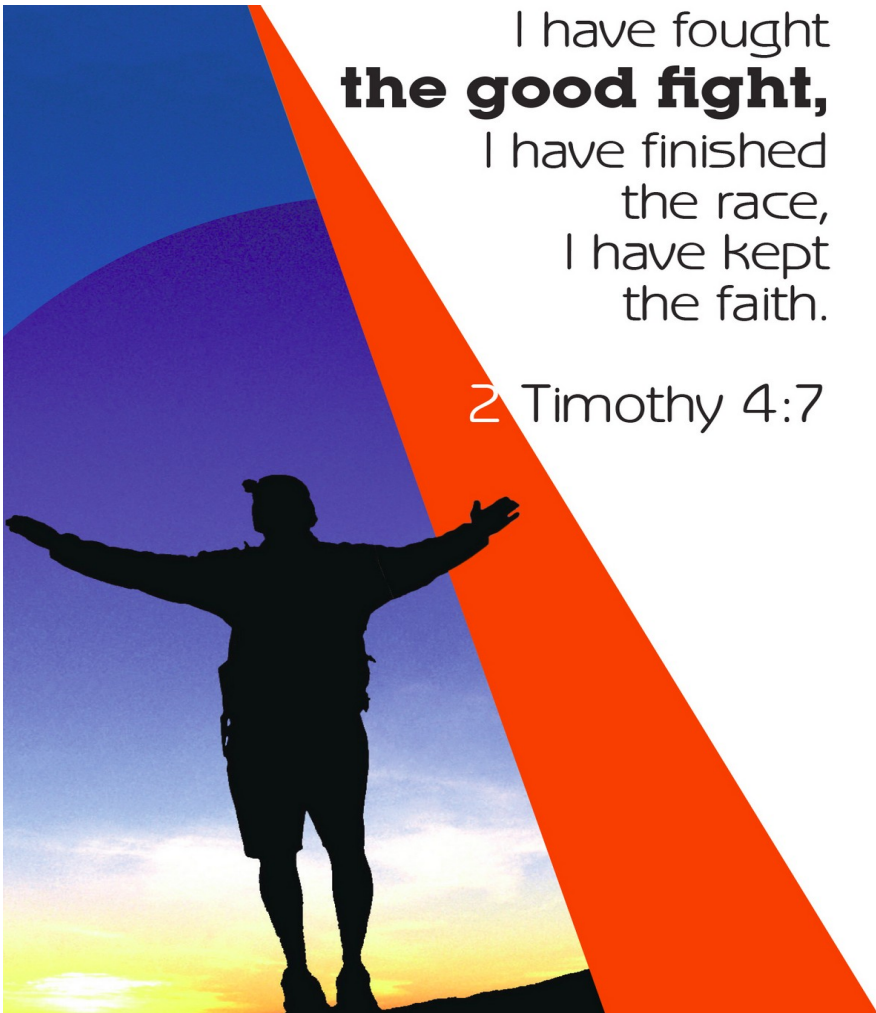
“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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I have fought
the good fight,
I have finished
the race,
I have kept
the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

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As We Gather

In today's sermon text, Paul recognizes that his time on earth is short. The Lord is about to bring glory to His own name through Paul's martyrdom. Yet what is in store for Paul is a crown of righteousness from the Lord's gracious hand. There are those who put their own safety ahead of service to God and support for His kingdom work. But for those who put Him first, the Lord is faithful and will bring us to His heavenly kingdom. Paul had spent a life in ministry serving Christ above all; now he looked forward to the end of the fight, the rest from the race, and the receipt of the crown.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 12-15 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 342 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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 6:8-17

⁸ Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp."

⁹ But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there." ¹⁰ And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice. ¹¹ And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?" ¹² And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." ¹³ And he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him." It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan." ¹⁴ So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 136:1-9

P Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

C for his steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to the God of gods,

C for his steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

C for his steadfast love endures forever;

P to him who alone does great wonders,

C for his steadfast love endures forever;

P to him who by understanding made the heavens,

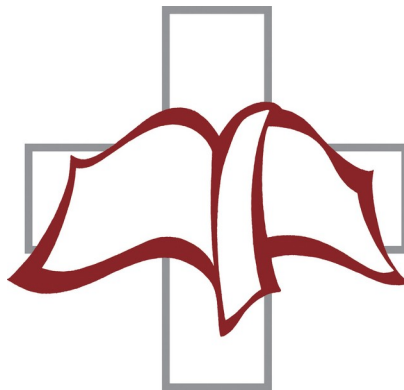
C for his steadfast love endures forever;

- P** to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
C **for his steadfast love endures forever;**
P to him who made the great lights,
C **for his steadfast love endures forever;**
P the sun to rule over the day,
C **for his steadfast love endures forever;**
P the moon and stars to rule over the night,
C **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.



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! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

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

TLH 323 – With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Sermon

Better Than a Birthday

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. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

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

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-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!

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

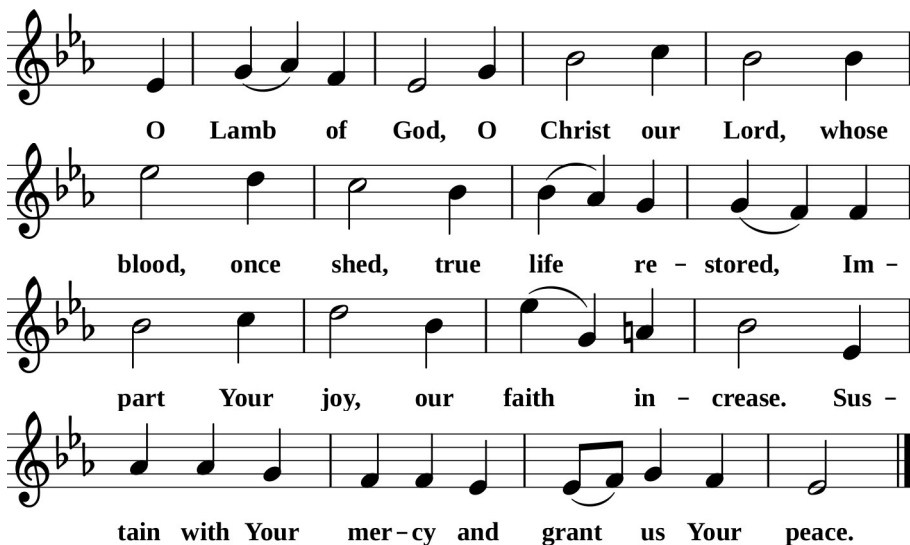
Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

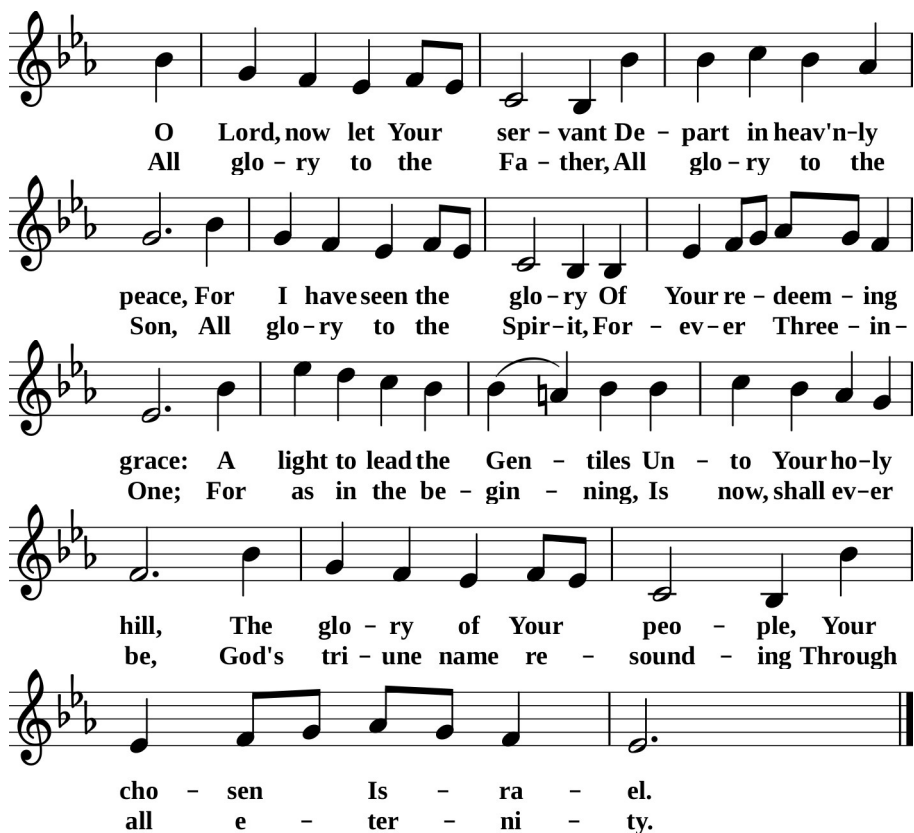
Distribution

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



Nunc Dimittis

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



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



Nunc Dimittis

SONG OF SIMEON

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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 598 (1-3, 7, 11) – Who Knows when Death May Overtake Me

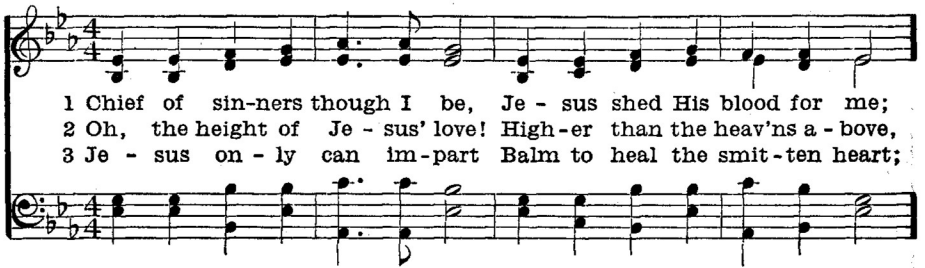
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TLH 342 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be

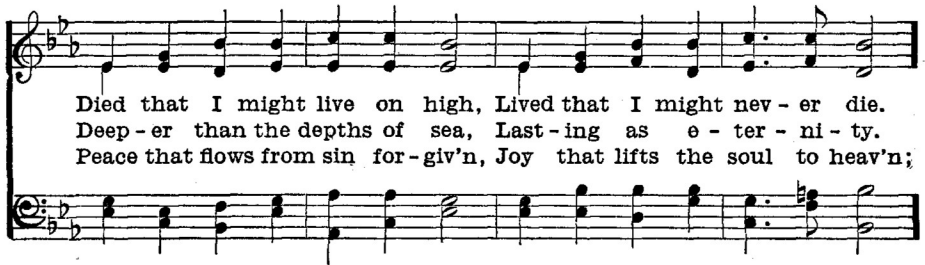
Rom. 5: 8
William McComb, 1864

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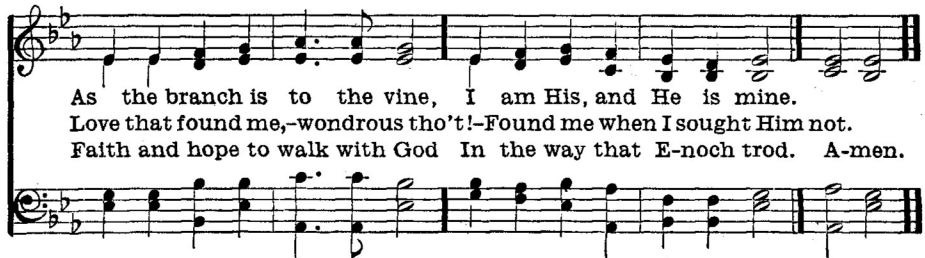
Gethsemane
Richard Redhead, 1858



1 Chief of sin-ners though I be, Je - sus shed His blood for me;
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High-er than the heav'ns a - bove,
3 Je - sus on - ly can im-part Balm to heal the smit-ten heart;



Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might nev - er die.
Deep - er than the depths of sea, Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n;



As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
Love that found me, - wondrous tho't! - Found me when I sought Him not.
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that E - noch trod. A - men.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife,
He sustains the hidden life.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

TLH 323 – With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

Luke 18: 13
Cornelius Elven, 1852

L. M.

St. Luke
Jeremiah Clarke, 1707

1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A trem - bling sin - ner,
2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With deep and con - scious
3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor dare up - lift them

Lord, I cry. Thy par - d'ning grace is rich and free, —
guilt op - prest; Christ and His Cross my on - ly plea, —
to the skies; But Thou dost all my an - guish see, —

O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
O God, be mer - ci - ful to me! A - men.

4 Nor alms nor deeds that I have done
Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee, —
O God, be merciful to me!

5 And when, redeemed from sin and hell,
With all the ransomed throng I dwell,
My raptured song shall ever be,
God has been merciful to me.

TLH 448 – Brief Life Is Here Our Portion

Heb. 13: 14

Hic breve vivitur

Bernard of Cluny, c. 1145, cento

Tr., John M. Neale, 1853

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Ewing

Alexander Ewing, 1853

1 Brief life is here our por - tion; Brief sor - row, short-lived care.
 2 And now we fight the bat - tle, But then shall wear the crown
 3 But He whom now we trust in Shall then be seen and known;

The life that knows no end - ing, The tear - less life, is there.
 Of full and ev - er - last - ing And pas - sion - less re - nown;
 And they that know and see Him Shall have Him for their own.

O hap - py ret - ri - bu - tion: Short toil, e - ter - nal rest;
 And now we watch and strug - gle, And now we live in hope,
 And there is Da - vid's foun - tain And life in full - est glow;

For mor - tals and for sin - ners A man - sion with the blest!
 And Zi - on in her an - guish With Bab - y - lon must cope.
 And there the light is gold - en, And milk and hon - ey flow. A - men.

4 The morning shall awaken,
 And shadows shall decay,
 And each true-hearted servant
 Shall shine as doth the day.
 There God, our King and Portion,
 In fulness of His grace
 Shall we behold forever
 And worship face to face.

5 O sweet and blessed country,
 The home of God's elect!
 O sweet and blessed country
 That eager hearts expect!
 Jesus, in mercy bring us
 To that dear land of rest,
 Who art, with God the Father
 And Spirit, ever blest.

TLH 598 – Who Knows when Death May Overtake Me

Ps. 90 : 12

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Wer weiss, wie nahe mir mein Ende

Amilie Juliane, 1686, ab.

Tr., composite

Wer weiss, wie nahe

Christian Mück, 1818



1 Who knows when death may o - ver - take me! Time pass - es
 2 The world that smiled when morn was break - ing May change for
 3 My end to pon - der teach me ev - er And, ere the



on, my end draws near. How swift - ly can my breath for - sake me!
 me ere close of day For while on earth my home I'm mak - ing
 hour of death ap - pears, To cast my soul on Christ, my Sav - ior,



How soon can life's last hour ap - pear! My God, for Je - sus'
 Death's threat is nev - er far a - way. My God, for Je - sus'
 Nor spare re - pen - tant sighs and tears. My God, for Je - sus'



sake I pray Thy peace may bless my dy - ing day.
 sake I pray Thy peace may bless my dy - ing day.
 sake I pray Thy peace may bless my dy - ing day. A - men.



7 Naught shall my soul from Jesus sever; 11 And thus I live in God contented
 In faith I touch His wounded side And die without a thought of fear;
 And hail Him as my Lord forever, My soul has to God's plans consented,
 Nor life nor death shall us divide. For through His Son my faith is clear.
 My God, for Jesus' sake I pray My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
 Thy peace may bless my dying day. Thy peace may bless my dying day.

✝ 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.

OUR SCHEDULE:

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

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August 1	9:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
August 8	9:00 am	Worship Service
August 9	6:30 pm	Elders
August 10	6:00 pm	Council
August 11	9, 10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services
August 15	9:00 am	Worship Service

Heating/Cooling System Overhaul: At the last Quarterly Voters' Meeting, it was reported that the congregation has received \$102,000 in undesignated memorials in the last quarter. In light of that, the voters approved a plan to update our current heating and cooling system. The total cost of the project was quoted at \$37,275. You can see details of the project are posted on the bulletin board. It was also decided that there would be a delay of two weeks before signing any contracts so that there would be time to hear comments from the congregation. If you have any questions or wish to comment on this project, please contact Buildings and Grounds chairman Tyler Kern (920-266-9366, Tyler@kernhome.org).

Thank You: Thank you to all who sent cards, sympathies and prayers in Fern Kern's going to her heavenly home. She loved coming to church and getting to know some of you, to say "good morning" and see your smiling faces. She enjoyed spending time with you at the "Young at Heart" parties that you so graciously welcomed her to. For all these things, we deeply appreciate. Thank you from the Rodney Kern and Becky Shafer families.

Housing for Our Vicar: Seminary Student Zack Sippert will be vicaring with us from August 15 – September 26. He will need housing while he is here. Please speak to Pastor if you can help out.

Pastoral Visits: During the summer months (and beyond), Pastor would like to visit with each member of the congregation. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please sign up on the bulletin board or from the front page of our website: www.fdllutheran.com.

Escape Room: The teens are hosting escape rooms! Can you escape? Come find out! The escape rooms will be on August 20th and 21st from 3-7PM and 10AM-5PM respectively! The Sunday school themed room will last for 30 minutes and the spy themed room will last 1 hour, so plan accordingly! Each room can hold teams of 4 to 5 players, so form a team and contact April Kern to schedule a slot! 920-257-9308 or aprilkendall3@yahoo.com

Fondue Fest: Fondue Fest is September 11, and we are, once again, planning to participate. The mission committee will be planning for our booth at their meeting on August 16 at 6:30 pm. Please make plans to attend that meeting if you are able to help out this year.

Women's Retreat West: Plans are being made for the 2021 Women's Retreat West. The dates are September 17-19, 2021, at Chadron State Park near Chadron, Nebraska. We will be sending out more information in the near future, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Colleen Kalblinger (womensretreatwest@gmail.com) or Candy Ohlmann (ocandice@hotmail.com) We look forward to welcoming you back to Nebraska for a weekend of Christian inspiration, fun, and fellowship.

Men's Retreat: The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

