

## **Luther Memorial Church & School**

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#### As We Gather

When it comes to the difficult and uncomfortable topic of who goes to heaven and who goes to hell, it is natural to want to avoid the issue. One way we do that is to direct our attention to theoretical questions. "What is heaven like?" "How old will we be there?" Today, someone asks Jesus, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?" Jesus brushes these questions aside. Instead, he answers the question we should be asking. Rather than talking about how many will be saved, Jesus explains how to be among the saved. What he teaches today through his Word is a hard truth. The doorway into heaven is narrow. Scripture consistently teaches that those individuals who are certain they will be first through that door are more likely to be last, if they make it through at all. Instead, the one who believes he is the last one God should let into his kingdom and that his only chance of getting in is through the grace of Christ will enter first.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-14 of the bulletin.]

## **♣** Preparation for Worship **♣**

#### Hymn

TLH 235 (1-4) – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

#### Invocation

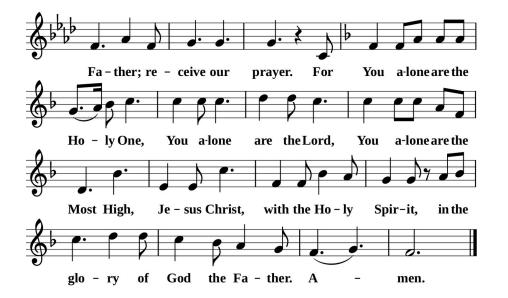
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

- P Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness
- Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- 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. Your are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C Amen.

#### **★** The Service of the Word **★**





#### Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 66:18-24

<sup>18</sup> "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup> and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. <sup>22</sup> "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says

the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. <sup>23</sup> From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD. <sup>24</sup> "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

#### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 103:1-5, 8-12

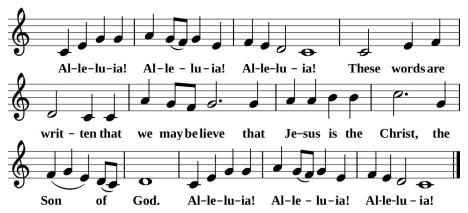
- **P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- **©** and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- **P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- and forget not all his benefits,
- **P** who forgives all your iniquity,
- C who heals all your diseases,
- **P** who redeems your life from the pit,
- who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- **P** who satisfies you with good
- **©** so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- **P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,
- **©** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- **P** He will not always chide,
- **C** nor will he keep his anger forever.
- **P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,
- **C** nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- **P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
- **©** so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- **P** as far as the east is from the west,
- **©** so far does he remove our transgressions from us.



<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

#### Alleluia

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



#### **Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Sermon Text** Luke 13:22-30

<sup>22</sup> He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup> But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup> In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

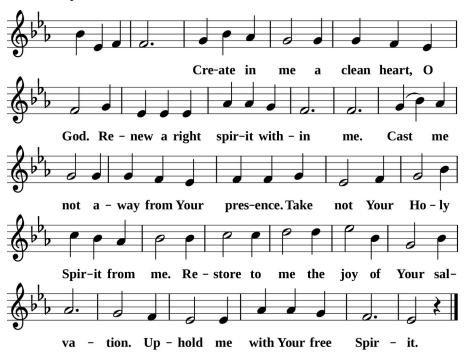


#### The Narrow Door to Heaven

I. It's Too Narrow to Assume Your Automatic Entrance II. It's Wide Enough to Welcome People from All Nations



#### Offertory



#### Hymn

TLH 417 (1-2, 6-7) – How Can I Thank Thee, Lord

#### **Offering Hymn**

TLH 441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

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

2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

## General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

#### **Benediction**

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

  The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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  The Lord bless you and keep you.

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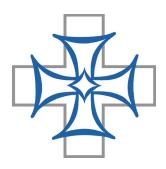
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- C Amen.

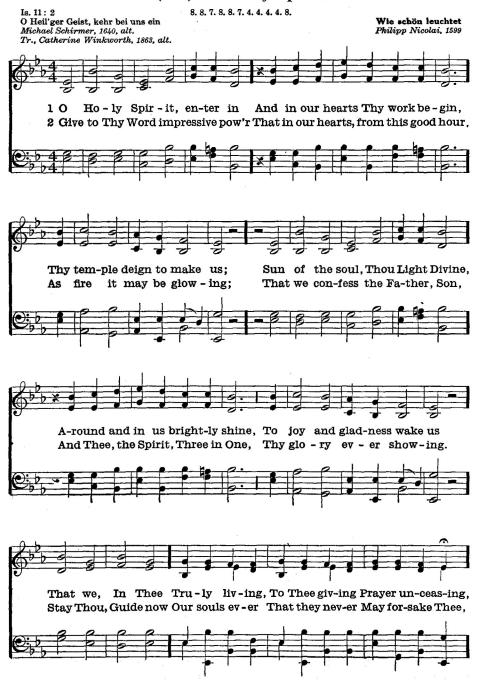
## **Closing Hymn**

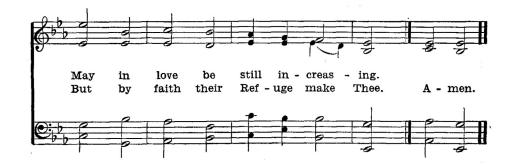
TLH 342 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be



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## TLH 235 (1-4) - O Holy Spirit, Enter In





3 Thou Fountain whence all wisdom flows

Which God on pious hearts bestows,
Grant us Thy consolation
That in our pure faith's unity
We faithful witnesses may be
Of grace that brings salvation.
Hear us, Cheer us
By Thy teaching; Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise Thee, Lord, and serve our

neighbor.

4 Left to ourselves, we shall but stray;

Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us,
And give us steadfastness that we
May ever faithful prove to Thee
Whatever woes betide us.
Come, Friend, And mend
Hearts now broken, Give a token
Thou art near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

8 Grant that our days, while life shall last,

In purest holiness be passed,
Be Thou our Strength and Tower,
From sinful lust and vanity
And from dead works set Thou us free
In every evil hour.
Keep Thou Pure now
From offenses Heart and senses.
Blessed Spirit,
Let us heavenly life inherit.

# TLH 605 - The World Is Very Evil



- 4 Strive, man, to win that glory;
  Toil, man, to gain that light;
  Send hope before to grasp it
  Till hope be lost in sight.
  Exult, O dust and ashes,
  The Lord shall be thy part;
  His only, His forever,
  Thou shalt be and thou art.
- 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 417 (1-2, 6-7) - How Can I Thank Thee, Lord



- 6 Oh, guide and lead me, Lord,
  While here below I wander
  That I may follow Thee
  Till I shall see Thee yonder.
  For if I led myself,
  I soon would go astray;
  But if Thou leadest me,
  I keep the narrow way.
- 7 O Father, God of Love, Hear Thou my supplication; O Savior, Son of God, Grant me Thy full salvation; And Thou, O Holy Ghost, Be Thou my faithful Guide That I may serve Thee here And there with Thee abide.

## TLH 342 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be



- 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.

# **♣** 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 @ FDLlutheran.com/calendar				
August 21	9:00 am	Worship Service		
August 28	9:00 am	Worship Service		
August 30	6:30 pm	Elders		
August 31	8:00 am	LMS School Opening Service		
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship Service (Sunday Repeat)		
September 1	6:30 pm	Mission Committee		
September 4	9:00 am	Worship Service		

**Midweek Worship Services**: There is no midweek worship service this week as Pastor Sauers will be away on vacation. Midweek services will continue on August 31.

**Paper Products/Supplies**: We are making an effort to keep all of the supplies you may need on the main level of the church. Paper products are no longer kept in the basement. You should be able to find everything you need somewhere in the kitchen. For example, paper towels are now kept in the cupboards on either side of the sink. If you need help finding anything, please reach out to Barb H.

**Property Needs:** There are several needs currently for our church property. We may need to hire out the work on the trees. In that case, any references would be helpful. If you can help, please contact Tyler Kern at 920-266-9366 or tyler@kernhome.org

- 1. Shades need to be installed in the 146 teacherage.
- 2. Painting (possibly) needs to be done at the 146 teacherage
- 3. Branches need to be trimmed away from the roof at the parsonage
- 4. Dead tree needs to be taken down in yard of 146 teacherage
- 5. Dead tree needs to be removed by backstop

**Escape Room**: The youth group will be putting on two different escape rooms at Luther Memorial Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Teams can sign up for a time slot by contacting April Kern at (920) 257-9308 or at <a href="mailto:aprilkendall3@yahoo.com">aprilkendall3@yahoo.com</a>.

**Fondue Fest**: Luther Memorial will, once again, participate in Fondue Fest this year on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We're going to try a little something different this year. Rather than have just our regular booth and activities, we need as many people as possible to wear a Luther Memorial t-shirt designed to catch people's attention, walk around Fondue Fest, and hopefully strike up some conversation. There is a sample of the t-shirt design on the bulletin board along with a sign-up sheet. We will also have a booth where you can send people to speak with Pastor about our church.

**Back to Church Sunday**: Back to Church Sunday is September 11. We will return to our regular schedule with Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am and the worship service at 10:00 am. There will be a fellowship meal following the worship service. The Mission Committee will be providing items for a taco bar. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for other items needed.

**Youth Group**: The youth of the congregation are invited for a night of fun at Fondy Sports Park on September  $16^{th}$  from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. The cost per person is \$10. For more information, please contact April Kern.

**Installation**: Pastor Mark Tiefel will be installed as pastor of Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI this afternoon. The service will be at 3:00 pm with a fellowship meal to follow.

National Women's Retreat (Virtual): You're Invited! A women's event is planned for two hours on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: God's Daily Encouragement in the Moments of Life." The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations around the country in a panel session focused on personal devotions for all types of schedules. Breakout groups discussion included for and sharing. https://tinvurl.com/Gethsemane-Lutheran. This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with Gethsemane participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available! Contact Tina Eichstadt (teichstadt@gmail.com, 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!

**Man Up! Retreat**: The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 22-25, 2022, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat will offer 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. Register and send in your payment by August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The

registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: <a href="www.manup.clclutheran.org">www.manup.clclutheran.org</a>. Sign up today!

**Southeastern Women's Retreat**: The women of the Southeastern Conference of the CLC will be hosting a women's retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC October 7-9, 2022. Any CLC women who would like to join us (as well as any friends you would like to bring) can obtain a registration form from their pastor or can find it on the "CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat Information" Facebook page. The registration deadline is September 1, 2022.

**CLC Women's Retreat West**: Mark your calendars! Coming up – a weekend of Bible study, interviews, personal narratives, and a special presentation by Missionary Todd Ohlmann at the 17<sup>th</sup> (almost) annual Women's Retreat West to be held September 16-19 at Chadron State Part, Chadron, NE. For more information and to register, visit <a href="https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/">https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/</a>

**CLC Call News**: Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena, MN, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.

Fruits	of Faith August	14, 2022	Attendance: 58	
Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession		
<b>Budgetary</b> (Regular Expenses)		Budge	Budgetary (Regular Expenses)	
\$2,372.00	LM General Budget	\$275.00	CLC General Budget	
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need	
-\$551.08	-Under / +Over	-\$109.62	-Under / +Over	
\$92,266.88	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,230.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings	
\$96,461.64	Year to Date Need	\$2,692.34	Fiscal Year to Date Need	
-\$4,194.76	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$462.34	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)	
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		
	LM School	\$35.00	ILC Student Aid Fund	
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund	
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund	
	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)	
\$5.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach		Project Kinship/Orphanage	
\$20.00	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival	
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous	



# MANUP WEEKEND 2022

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be **Steadfast**, **Immovable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that **in the Lord** your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

September 22-25, 2022 @ Wyalusing State Park

Info/Registration: manup.clclutheran.org

Register by: August 31, 2022

\$75 includes bed and all meals — \$150 after August 31st





