

August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



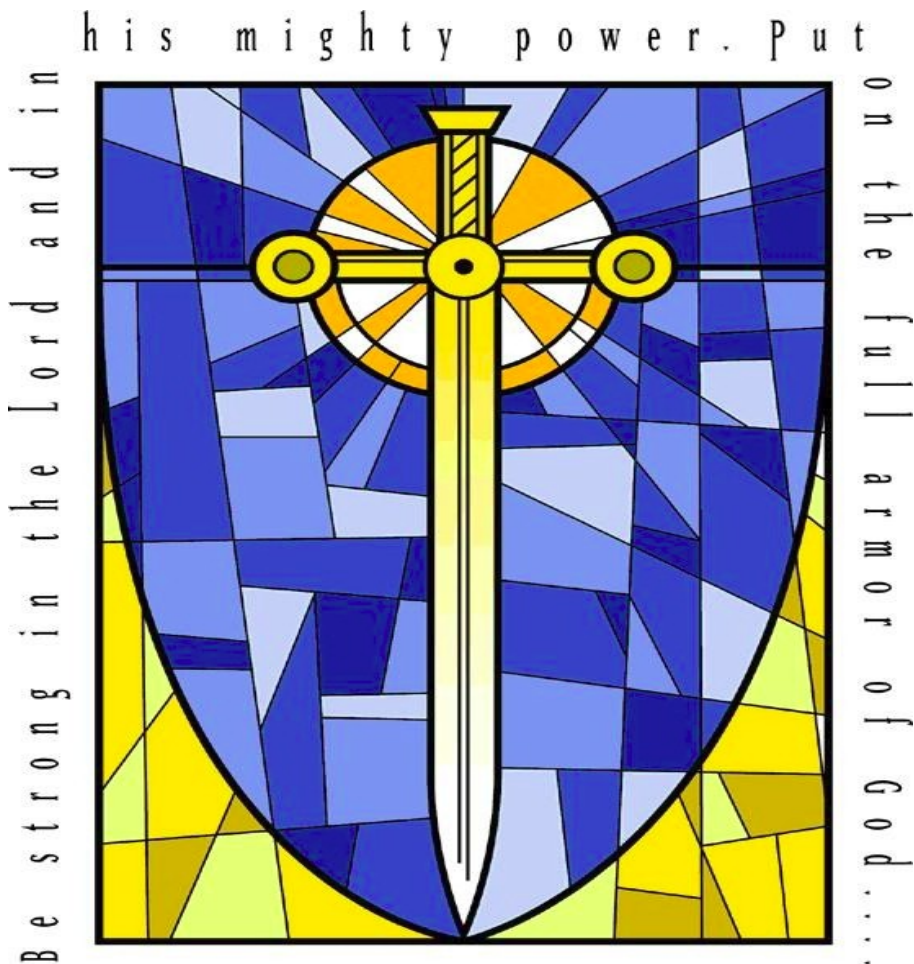
“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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As We Gather

We should take time to analyze the spiritual warfare going on in our lives. We stand against the devil and his horde of angels, and we realize from our Savior's message in the Gospel of Mark that we can't win on our own, for we are sinful and produce nothing but sin. Christ makes us to stand by taking away our sin, and He gives us His armor that we may fight against the devil and walk in the rules, precepts, wisdom, and understanding of our Lord.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 8-13 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 381 – I Know My Faith Is Founded

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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹ "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹ "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:129-136

P Your testimonies are wonderful;

C therefore my soul keeps them.

P The unfolding of your words gives light;

C it imparts understanding to the simple.

P I open my mouth and pant,

C because I long for your commandments.

P Turn to me and be gracious to me,

C as is your way with those who love your name.

P Keep steady my steps according to your promise,

C and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

P Redeem me from man's oppression,

C that I may keep your precepts.

P Make your face shine upon your servant,

C and teach me your statutes.

P My eyes shed streams of tears,

C because people do not keep your law.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. ¹⁶ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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!



Alleluia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

Hymn

TLH 263 – O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Sermon Text

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.



Sermon

The Lord Calls for A Weapons Check

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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

WS 768 – Be Strong in The Lord

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 444 – Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

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TLH 381 – I Know My Faith Is Founded

2 Tim. 1: 12

Ich weiss, an wen ich gläube

Erdmann Neumeister, 1718

Tr., composite

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Nun lob, mein' Seel'

"Concentus Novi"

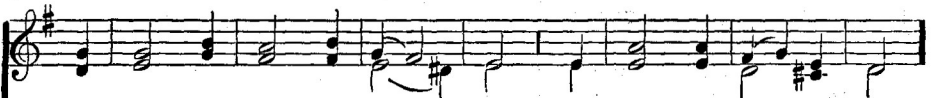
Augsburg, 1540



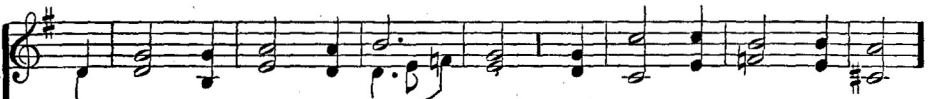
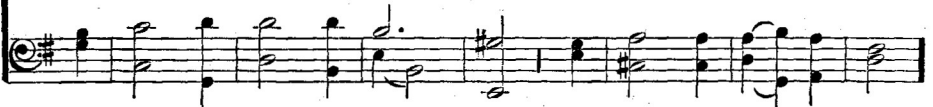
1 I know my faith is found-ed On Je-sus Christ, my God and Lord;
 2 In-crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by night and day
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve Thee; Tho' per - se - cu - tion, grief, and pain



And this my faith con-fess - ing, Un-moved I stand up - on His Word.
 To rob me of this trea - sure And take my hope of bliss a - way.
 Should seek to o - ver-whelm me, Let me a stead-fast trust re-tain;



Man's rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro-found;
 But, Lord, with Thee be - side me, I shall be un - dis-mayed;
 And then at my de - par - ture Take Thou me home to Thee



Who trusts her sub - tle wis - dom Re - lies on shift-ing ground.
 And led by Thy good Spir - it, I shall be un - a - afraid.
 And let me there in - her - it All Thou hast prom-ised me.





God's Word is all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure,
A - bide with me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow;
In life and death, Lord, keep me Un - til Thy heav'n I gain,



And trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
Then I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
Where I by Thy great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain. A - men.



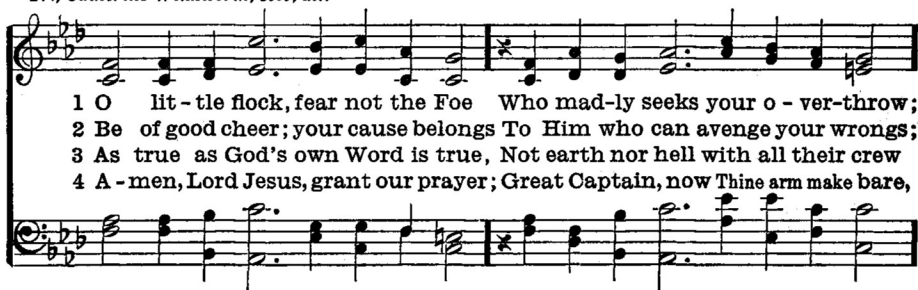
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Luke 12: 32

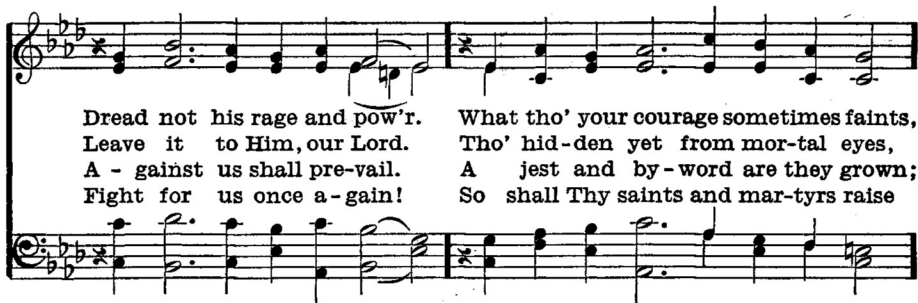
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Verzage nicht, du Häuflein klein
Johann M. Altenburg, 1632, asc., ab.
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

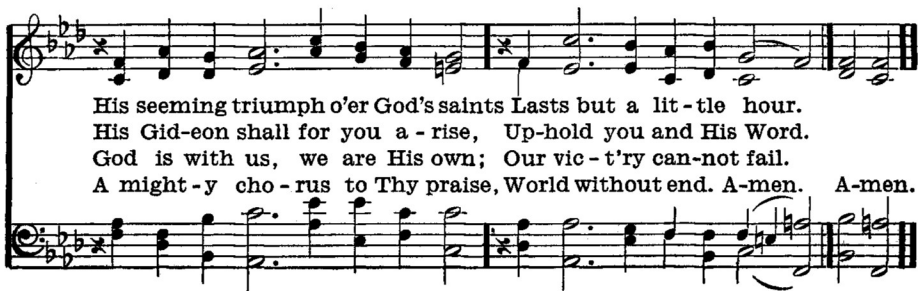
Kommt her zu mir
German melody, c. 1400



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the Foe Who mad - ly seeks your o - ver - throw;
2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell with all their crew
4 A - men, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,



Dread not his rage and pow'r. What tho' your courage sometimes faints,
Leave it to Him, our Lord. Tho' hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes,
A - gainst us shall pre - vail. A jest and by - word are they grown;
Fight for us once a - gain! So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise



His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
His Gid - eon shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
God is with us, we are His own; Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
A might - y cho - rus to Thy praise, World without end. A - men. A - men.

WS 768 – Be Strong in The Lord

1 Be strong in the Lord in ar - mor of light!
 2 In - teg - ri - ty gird you round to im - part
 3 With ea - ger - ness shod stand firm in your place,
 4 Though Sa - tan pre - sume to test you and try,
 5 So wield well your blade, re - joice in its pow'rs!

With hel - met and sword, with shield for the fight;
 The truth of His Word as truth in your heart:
 Or go forth for God with news of His grace;
 In hel - met and plume your head shall be high:
 Fight on un - dis - mayed for Je - sus is ours!

On prayer be de - pen - dent, be belt - ed and shod,
 His righ - teous - ness wear - ing as breast - plate of mail,
 No foe shall dis - arm you nor force you to yield,
 Be - set by temp - ta - tion be true to your Lord,
 Then in Him vic - to - rious your ar - mor lay down,

In breast - plate re - splen - dent— the ar - mor of God.
 His vic - to - ry shar - ing, be strong to pre - vail.
 No ar - row can harm you with faith as your shield.
 Your hel - met sal - va - tion and Scrip - ture your sword.
 To praise, ev - er glo - rious, His cross and His crown.

TLH 444 – Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

Eph. 6: 10-18

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Rüstet euch, ihr Christenleute

Wilhelm E. Arends, 1714

Tr., John M. Sloan, 1865, alt.

Wachet auf

Philipp Nicolai, 1599

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the
 2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sures, Aye, bold-ly fight for
 3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing, The hours of grace are
 4 Je - sus, all Thy chil-dren cher - ish And keep them that they

Foe de - stroy you, For Sa-tan has de-signed your fall. Wield God's Word,
 heav'n-ly trea-sures, And stead-fast be in Je - sus' might. He will help,
 fast re - treat - ing; Short, short, is this our earth-ly way. When the trump
 nev - er per - ish Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Let new life

a weap-on glo - rious! A - gainst each foe you'll be vic - to - rious;
 what-e'er be - tide you, And naught will harm with Christ be-side you;
 the dead is wak - ing And sin - ners all with fear are quak - ing,
 to us be giv - en That we may look to Thee in heav - en

Our God will set you o'er them all. Is Sa - tan strong and fell?
 By faith you'll con-quer in the fight. Then shame, thou wea-ry soul!
 With joy the saints will greet that Day. Bless God, our tri-umph's sure,
 When-ev - er fear - ful is our mood. Thy Spir - it on us pour

Here is Im-man-u-el. Sing ho-san-na! The strong ones yield,
 Look for-ward to the goal: There joy waits thee. The race, then, run;
 Tho' long we did en-dure Scorn and tri-al. Thou, Son of God,
 That we may love Thee more—Hearts o'er-flow-ing; And then will we

With Christ our Shield, And we as con-qu'rors hold the field.
 The com-bat done, Thy crown of glo-ry will be won.
 To Thine a-bode Wilt lead the way Thy-self hast trod.
 Be true to Thee In death and life e-ter-nal-ly. 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.

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

*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran

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|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| August 29 | 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| August 31 | 6:30 pm | Elders |
| September 1 | 8:00 am | LMS Opening Service |
| September 5 | 9:00 am | Worship Service w/ Holy Communion |
| September 8 | 10 & 11 am | Woodlands Worship Services |
| September 11 | 8 am – 3 pm | Fondue Fest |
| September 12 | 9:00 am | Sunday School/Bible Class |
| | 10:00 am | Worship Service |

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 contact Pastor at (920) 602-3242 or rfsauers@gmail.com.

Playground: Thanks to Kevin Moodie for dropping off mulch for the playground and for the volunteers who helped spread it around this past week.

Collection: A collection is being collected for our vicar. If you would like to make a contribution towards a monetary gift for Mr. Sippert, please place it in the green box at the back of the church.

Service Time Change: We go back to our regular worship schedule on September 12. Sunday School will be at 9:00 am and the worship service at 10:00 am.

Back to Church Sunday: Sunday, September 19 is Back to Church Sunday. Summer is winding down, school is starting once again, and as we get back into our normal routines, we want to encourage everyone to make church attendance a part of those routines. We also want to encourage everyone to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to church. The service that Sunday will be followed by a fellowship hour.

Man Up! Retreat: The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall 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. The Theme this year is: "No Fear!" and 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. The cost is \$75 before September 1, and includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Please plan to join us!

CLC News: Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

FRUITS OF FAITH – August 22

Attendance: 56

| <u>Luther Memorial Church</u> | | <u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u> | |
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| <i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i> | | <i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i> | |
| \$2,158.00 | LM General Budget (08/22) | \$457.00 | CLC General Budget (08/22) |
| \$3,076.92 | Weekly Need | \$384.62 | Weekly Need |
| -\$918.92 | -Under / +Over | +\$72.38 | -Under / +Over |
| \$89,083.23 | Year to Date Offerings | \$2,919.00 | Fiscal Year to Date Offerings |
| \$104,615.28 | Year to Date Need | \$3,076.96 | Fiscal Year to Date Need |
| -\$15,532.05 | Year to Date (+/-) | -\$157.96 | Fiscal Year to Date (+/-) |
| <i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i> | | <i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i> | |
| | LM School | | ILC Student Aid Fund |
| | LM Student Aid Fund | | ILC Building Fund |
| | LM Debt Retirement | \$5.00 | ILC Improvement Fund |
| | LM M & I | \$75.00 | Mission Development (MDF) |
| \$124.05 | LM Local Missions/ Outreach | \$155.00 | Project Kinship/Orphanage |
| | LM Building Fund | | Fall Mission Festival |
| | LM Ladies Orphan Fund | | Miscellaneous |
| Memorial: In memory of John G. Abler (\$50.00) | | | |

