

...loving the LORD your God,
obeying him, and holding
fast to him; for that
means life to you and
length of days...

Deuteronomy 30:20, NRSV

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As We Gather

The first issue that naturally comes to mind to many Christians when hearing the phrase “Choose life!” is that of abortion, which chooses death, not life. And indeed, never should our witness to God’s gift of life be silenced! Beyond that, however, are all the other choices we make in our struggles between God’s good and gracious will for all and the universal disability of sin that constantly attempts to lead us away from God and His call to life. Today, God’s Word gives us the assurance that because our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has chosen to take our suffering and death into Himself by His cross, all who are baptized into His saving death are given the power of faith to love God and pursue His ways of life according to His good and gracious Law and Gospel. Blessed is the man whose “delight is in the law of the LORD” (Psalm 1:2).

[Today’s hymns are printed on pages 14-17 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

WS 767 – Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 124:8; Isaiah 2:3, 5

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD,

C **that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.**

Confession and Absolution

P Since God graciously calls all people to come to Him to receive His love and life through repentance of sin and faith in His gift of forgiveness, let us confess our sin, take refuge in His mercy, and seek His grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Most merciful God, we come before You at Your gracious invitation. We repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed, both what we have done against Your Law and what we have failed to do in faithfulness to Your Law. We have not loved You with our whole being. We have failed to love our neighbors. We plead through the deliverance of Your Son’s suffering and death, forgive us our sins, and give us the will to choose life in His name. Amen.

P “The word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.” In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are free. Choose life!

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.


Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest



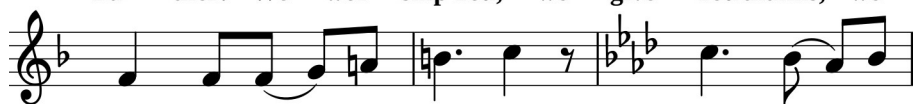
P Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on



earth. **C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the

repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 1

- P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
C **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**
P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**
P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
C **In all that he does, he prospers.**
P The wicked are not so,
C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**
P for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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 608 – Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

Sermon Text

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”



Sermon

Choose Life



Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
God. 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 me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

TLH 398 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

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 power and might,



heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high est.



Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est

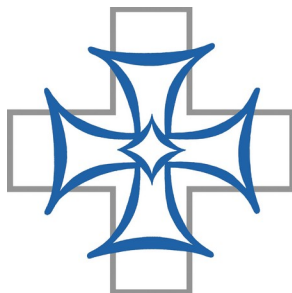
Words of Institution

Pax Domini

Peace of the Lord

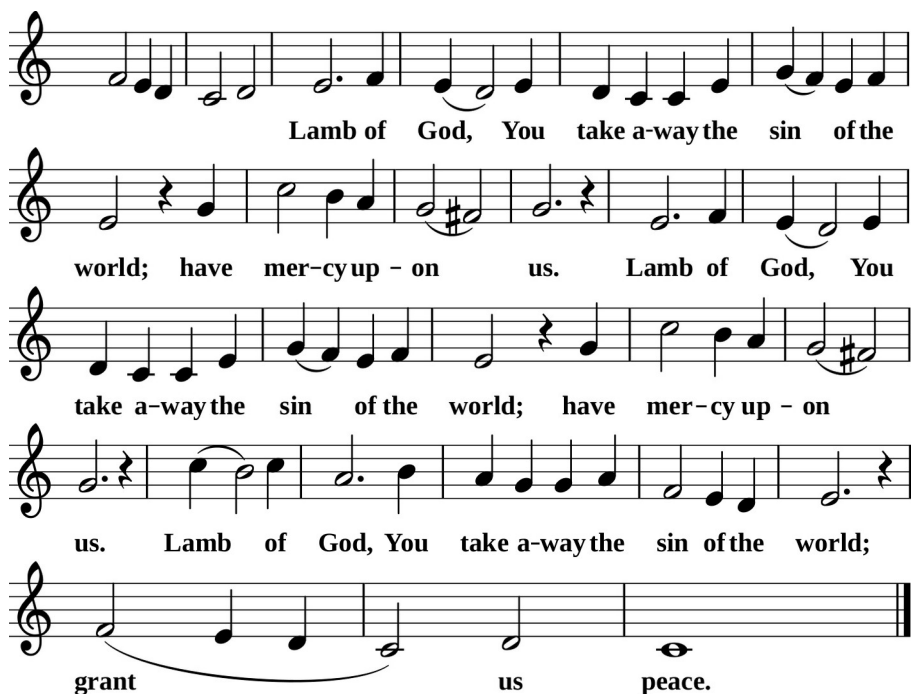
P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.



Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us 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!



Thanksgiving

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what
He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;
sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple
forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;
sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, al le-
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


Deo Gratias
THANKS BE TO GOD

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 416 – Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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WS 767 – Church of God, Elect and Glorious

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Stran - gers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'lous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your mas - ter

grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

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Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
That God's name is glo - ri - fied; And all find fresh
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
joy - ful ser - vice - Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

TLH 608 – Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

Phil. 1: 21
Joseph Hoskins, 1789

L. M.

Wareham
William Knapp, 1738



1 Let thought-less thou-sands choose the road That leads the
2 On Christ, by faith; I fain would live, From Him my
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing All; To Him I



soul a - way from God; This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be
life, my all, re - ceive, To Him de - vote my fleet - ing
look, on Him I call; He will my ev - 'ry want sup -



mine, To live and die en - tire - ly Thine.
hours, Serve Him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
ply In time and thro' e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.



4 Soon will the Lord, my Life, appear;
Soon shall I end my trials here,
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain.
To live is Christ, to die is gain.

5 Soon will the saints in glory meet,
Soon walk through every golden street,
And sing on every blissful plain:
To live is Christ, to die is gain.

TLH 398 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

2 Cor. 3 : 18

Erneure mich, o ew'ges Licht
Johann F. Ruopp, 1714, cento
Tr., August Crull, †1923

L. M.

Herr Jesu Christ, mein's
"As Hymnodus Sacer"
Leipzig, 1625



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my heart and
2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin, From all im - pure - ness
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly I o -
4 Grant that I on - ly Thee may love And seek those things which



soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the light of grace
make me clean. Oh, grant me pow'r and strength, my God,
bey Thy Word And naught but what Thou wilt, de - sire;
are a - bove Till I be - hold Thee face to face,



That is - sues from Thy ho - ly face.
To strive a - gainst my flesh and blood!
With such new life my soul in - spire.
O Light e - ter - nal, through Thy grace. A - men.



TLH 416 – Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Ps. 119: 5, 33
Isaac Watts, 1719, cento, alt.

C. M.

Evan
William H. Havergal, 1846

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still.
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy commands,—'Tis a de-light-ful road,—

Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do-min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wand'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-against my God. A - men.

✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ FDLutheran.com/calendar

September 4	9:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
September 6	6:30 pm	School Committee
September 7	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship Service (Sunday Repeat)
September 9	6:30 pm	Game Night
September 10	8:00 am	Fondue Fest
September 11	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship Meal

September 13	6:00 pm	Council
September 14	9:00 am	Lakewood Place Worship Service
	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Service
September 16	5:30 pm	Youth Group (Fondy Sports Park)
September 18	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service

Midweek Worship Service: A repeat of the Sunday worship service will be held on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. Please spread the word to those you know who are unable to make it to church on Sundays.

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. Branches need to be trimmed away from the roof at the parsonage
2. Dead tree needs to be taken down in yard of 146 teacherage
3. Dead tree needs to be removed by backstop

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 16th from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The cost per person is \$10. For more information, please contact April Kern.

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: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!

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 17th (almost) annual Women's Retreat West to be held September 16-19 at Chadron State Park, Chadron, NE. For more information and to register, visit <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/>

Fruits of Faith		August 21, 2022	Attendance: 60	
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		
\$1,196.00	LM General Budget	\$250.00	CLC General Budget	
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need	
-\$1,727.08	-Under / +Over	-\$134.62	-Under / +Over	
\$93,462.88	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,480.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings	
\$99,384.72	Year to Date Need	\$3,076.96	Fiscal Year to Date Need	
-\$5,921.84	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$596.96	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		ILC Improvement Fund	
	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)	
\$25.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach		Project Kinship/Orphanage	
\$100.00	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival	
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous	
Memorial: \$50 to the General Fund in Memory of Bruce Immel				

Fruits of Faith		August 28, 2022	Attendance: 46	
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		
\$1,470.00	LM General Budget	\$360.00	CLC General Budget	
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need	
-\$1,453.08	-Under / +Over	-\$24.62	-Under / +Over	
\$94,932.88	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,840.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings	
\$102,307.80	Year to Date Need	\$3,461.58	Fiscal Year to Date Need	
-\$7,374.92	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$621.58	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)	
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	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous	