



So Jacob called
the place Peniel, saying,
“It is because

*I saw God
face to face,*

and yet my life
was spared.”

GENESIS 32:30, NIV

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As We Gather

Jacob had a history of wrestling his way through things. From his father Isaac to his brother Esau to his uncle Laban to the angel of the Lord we hear about today, Jacob has contended against others and for the Lord. Perhaps you feel that way too. But God is the great contender who has wrestled for Israel of old and for you—with Jesus fighting in our place and on our behalf to win salvation for us. Therefore, do not fear, for the Lord fights for you and He who has done all things for your salvation will not abandon you to anyone or any power until you rest in His presence eternally. Though it seems we have great enemies, Christ is greater, and He will not allow them to snatch us from His hand.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 9-13 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 18 – Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Remember Your people, which You have purchased of old,

C which You have redeemed to be the people of Your heritage.

P Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Confession and Absolution

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver me, O Lord, according to Your mercy and steadfast love and restore me that I may rest in Your peace. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called 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.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C From where does my help come?

P My help comes from the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P He will not let your foot be moved;

C he who keeps you will not slumber.

P Behold, he who keeps Israel

C will neither slumber nor sleep.

P The LORD is your keeper;

C the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

P The sun shall not strike you by day,

C nor the moon by night.

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C he will keep your life.

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C from this time forth and forevermore.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on High – Hymn 238, st. 1

All glory be to God a-lone, For-ev-er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin-ful race be-friend And grace and peace to
us ex-tend. A-mong man-kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks-giv-ing fill.

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.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. ¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

¹ And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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!

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 393 – From God Shall Naught Divide Me

Sermon Text

Genesis 32:22-30

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."



Sermon

Wrestling with God

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

Hymn

LSB 686 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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 50 – Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

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TLH 18 – Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

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Ps. 27: 8

William Hammond, 1745

Cento by Martin Madan, 1760

Vienna

Justin H. Knecht, 1797



1 Lord, we come be - fore Thee now, At Thy feet we hum - bly bow;
2 Lord, on Thee our souls de - pend; In com - pas - sion now de - scend,
3 In Thine own ap - point - ed way Now we seek Thee, here we stay.
4 Send some mes - sage from Thy Word That may joy and peace af - ford;



Oh, do not our suit dis - dain! Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain?
Fill our hearts with Thy rich grace, Tune our lips to sing Thy praise.
Lord, we know not how to go Till a bless - ing Thou be - stow.
Let Thy Spir - it now im - part Full sal - va - tion to each heart. A - men.



5 Comfort those who weep and mourn,
Let the time of joy return;
Those that are cast down lift up,
Make them strong in faith and hope.

6 Grant that all may seek and find
Thee a gracious God and kind.
Heal the sick, the captive free;
Let us all rejoice in Thee.

TLH 393 – From God Shall Naught Divide Me

Josh. 24: 16

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

Ludwig Helmbold, 1563, cento

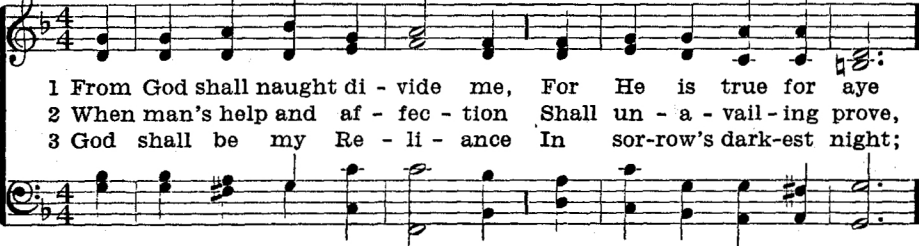
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

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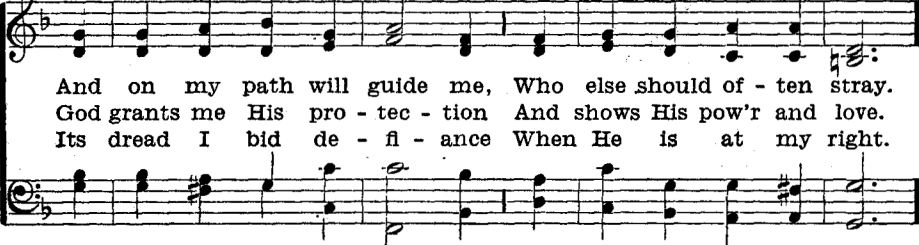
Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

"Christliche Tischgesänge"

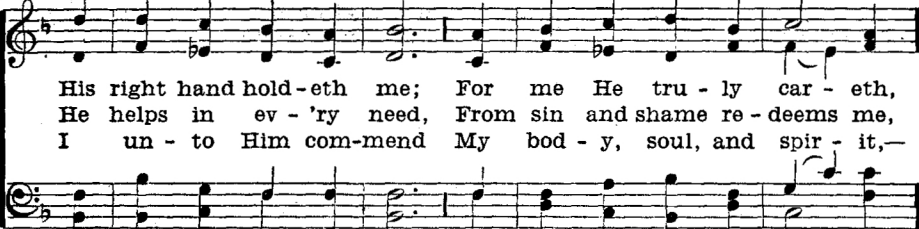
Erfurt, 1572



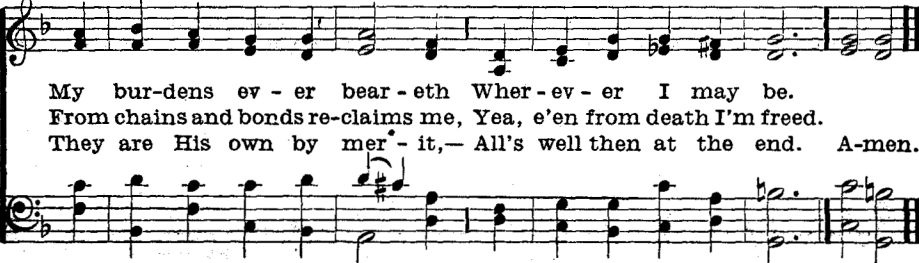
1 From God shall naught di - vide me, For He is true for aye
2 When man's help and af - fec - tion Shall un - a - vail - ing prove,
3 God shall be my Re - li - ance In sor - row's dark - est night;



And on my path will guide me, Who else should of - ten stray.
God grants me His pro - tec - tion And shows His pow'r and love.
Its dread I bid de - fi - ance When He is at my right.



His right hand hold - eth me; For me He tru - ly car - eth,
He helps in ev - 'ry need, From sin and shame re - deems me,
I un - to Him com - mend My bod - y, soul, and spir - it, -



My bur - dens ev - er bear - eth Wher - ev - er I may be.
From chains and bonds re - claims me, Yea, e'en from death I'm freed.
They are His own by mer - it, - All's well then at the end. A - men.

4 Oh, praise Him, for He never
Forgets our daily need;
Oh, blest the hour whenever
To Him our thoughts can speed;
Yea, all the time we spend
Without Him is but wasted,
Till we His joy have tasted,
The joy that hath no end.

5 Yea, when the world shall perish
With all its pride and power,
Whatever worldlings cherish
Shall vanish in that hour.

But though in death they make
The deepest grave our cover,
When there our sleep is over,
Our God will us awake.

6 What though I here must suffer
Distress and trials sore,
I merit ways still rougher;
And yet there is in store
For me eternal bliss,
Yea, pleasures without measure,
Since Christ is now my Treasure
And shall be evermore.

LSB 686 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

"Ebenezer" means "Thus far has the LORD helped us" and was the name given to the stone of remembrance that Samuel raised to God's glory (1 Sam. 7:12).

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt.

Music: *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813

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ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

TLH 50 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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Num. 6: 24-26
 John Fawcett, 1773

(FIRST TUNE)

Regent Square
 Henry Smart, 1867

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 joy and peace. Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
 Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,
 Oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling thro' this wil - der - ness! A - men.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
 For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
 May the fruits of Thy salvation
 In our hearts and lives abound;
 Ever faithful, Ever faithful
 To the Truth may we be found!

3 So whene'er the signal's given
 Us from earth to call away,
 Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
 Glad the summons to obey,
 May we ever, May we ever,
 Reign with Christ in endless 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.

Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ FDLutheran.com/calendar

October 16	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
October 18	6:30 pm	Ladies' Meeting
October 19	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (Sunday Repeat)
October 20	10:00 am	Bible Class
October 23	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
October 25	6:30 pm	Elders
October 26	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (Sunday Repeat)
October 27	10:00 am	Bible Class
October 30	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Joint Reformation Service
	5:00 pm	Fellowship Meal

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

Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Our Third Quarter Voters' Meeting is today following the worship service.

Ladies of Luther Memorial: The Ladies Group will meet this coming Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm.

Joint Reformation Service: Luther Memorial is hosting the area Joint Reformation Service on Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 pm. A fellowship meal will follow the service.

2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CLC Call News: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran, New Ulm, MN, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

Fruits of Faith – Week of October 9		Attendance: Sun – 44 Wed – N/A	
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$2,018.00	LM General Budget	\$120.00	CLC General Budget
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$905.08	-Under / +Over	-\$264.62	-Under / +Over
\$106,918.61	Year to Date Offerings	\$4,415.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$119,846.28	Year to Date Need	\$5,769.30	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$12,927.67	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$1,354.30	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	\$25.00	ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach		Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous
Memorial: \$40.00 to the General Fund in memory of Peter Cappozzo			
Memorial: \$695.00 Non-Designated in memory of Peter Cappozzo			

