

November 14, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



*“We Preach Christ Crucified...”*

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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*The Day*  
OF THE LORD IS COMING;  
IT IS *Near.*  
JOEL 2:1, ESV

A large graphic featuring a sunset over a line of trees. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The sky transitions from orange near the sun to a dark blue/black at the top. The text is overlaid on this image. 'The' is in a large, black, cursive font. 'Day' is in a very large, orange, cursive font. 'OF THE LORD IS COMING;' is in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. 'IT IS' is in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. 'Near.' is in a large, black, cursive font. At the bottom, 'JOEL 2:1, ESV' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font on a yellow background.

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## As We Gather

As we draw toward the end of the church year, we consider that we are also drawing toward the end of the world. Our Old Testament reading this morning speaks of the frightening reality of the last days. Joel describes a scorched earth which makes us think of natural disasters and warfare looming ever larger in our world today. In these times, we do well to place our trust in the world's only hope, the Creator and Redeemer of all. Through His Son's death and resurrection, God promises to raise us from the dead and give us eternal life in the new heaven and new earth.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

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

#### Hymn

TLH 609 – Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

[Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**C** and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**P** Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 16

**P** Preserve me, O God,

**C** for in you I take refuge.

**P** I say to the LORD,

**C** “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

**P** As for the saints in the land,

**C** they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**P** The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

**C** their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

**P** The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

**C** you hold my lot.

**P** The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

**C** indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**P** I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**C** in the night also my heart instructs me.

**P** I have set the LORD always before me;

**C** because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**P** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**C** my flesh also dwells secure.

**P** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**C** or let your holy one see corruption.

**P** You make known to me the path of life;

**C** in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures 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

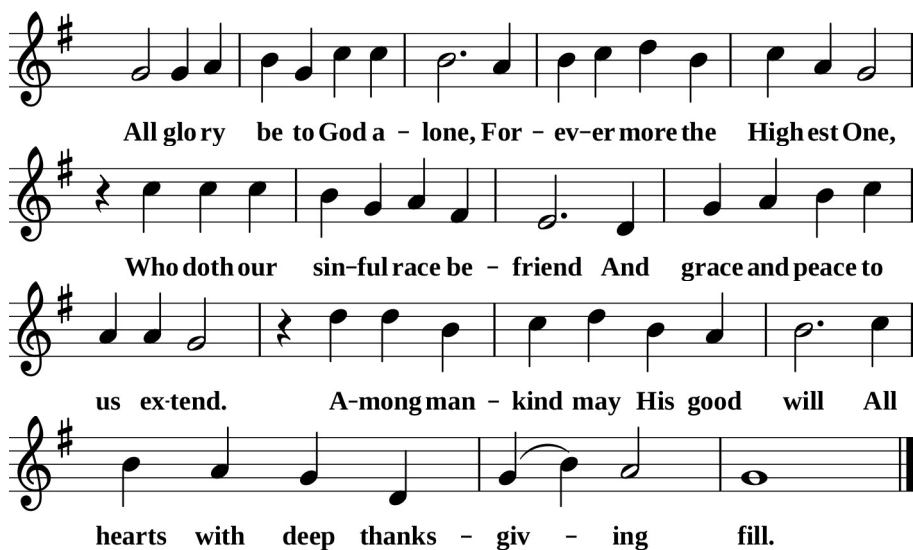
Lord, Have Mercy



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.



## 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 242 – Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound

## Sermon Text

Joel 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, <sup>2</sup> a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. <sup>3</sup> Fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them, but behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. <sup>4</sup> Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and like war horses they run. <sup>5</sup> As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle. <sup>6</sup> Before them peoples are in anguish; all faces grow pale. <sup>7</sup> Like warriors they charge; like soldiers they scale the wall. They march each on his way; they do not swerve from their paths. <sup>8</sup> They do not jostle one another; each marches in his path; they burst through the weapons and are not halted. <sup>9</sup> They leap upon the city, they run upon the walls, they climb up into the houses, they enter through the windows like a thief. <sup>10</sup> The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. <sup>11</sup> The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it? <sup>12</sup> “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup> and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is

gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.



## Sermon

## The Lord's Math Lesson

### 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 uphold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

### Hymn

TLH 331 (1-3, 8) – Yea, as I Live, Jehovah Saith

## 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 and The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

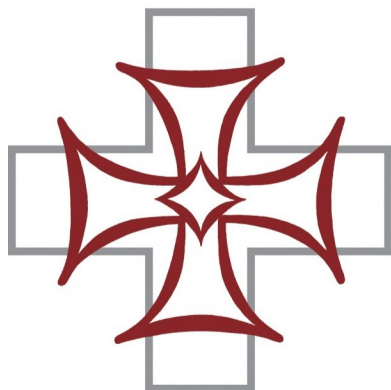
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

### Hymn

TLH 605 – The World Is Very Evil

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# TLH 609 – Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Matt. 25: 1-13

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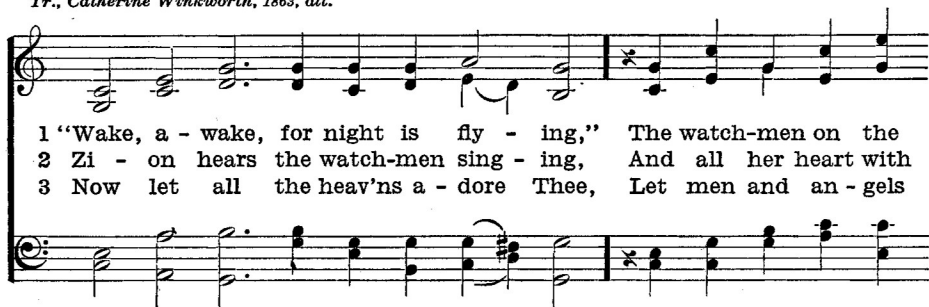
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Philipp Nicolai, 1599

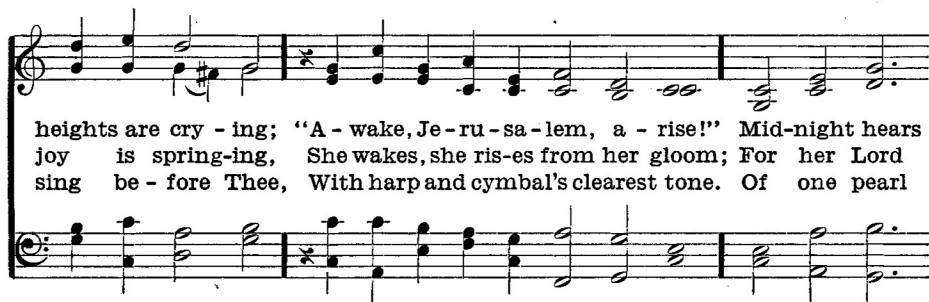
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Wachet auf

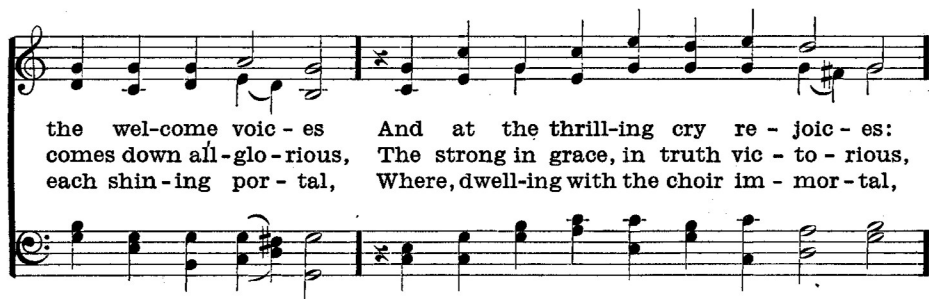
Philipp Nicolai, 1599



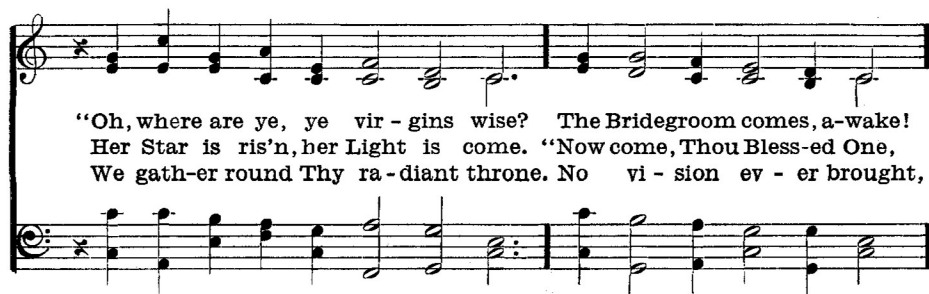
1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch-men on the  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let men and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears  
joy is spring - ing, She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom; For her Lord  
sing be - fore Thee, With harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Of one pearl



the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing cry re - joic - es:  
comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in truth vic - to - rious,  
each shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing with the choir im - mor - tal,



"Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise? The Bridegroom comes, a - wake!  
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come. "Now come, Thou Bless - ed One,  
We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne. No vi - sion ev - er brought,

Your lamps with glad-ness take! Hal - le - lu - jah! With bri-dal care  
 Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, Hail! Ho - san - na! The joy - ful call  
 No ear hath ev - er caught, Such great glo - ry; There-fore will we

Your-selves pre - pare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."  
 We an - swer all And fol - low to the nup - tial hall."  
 E - ter - nal - ly Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. A-men.

# TLH 242 – Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound

Rev. 4: 11  
Edward Cooper, 1806

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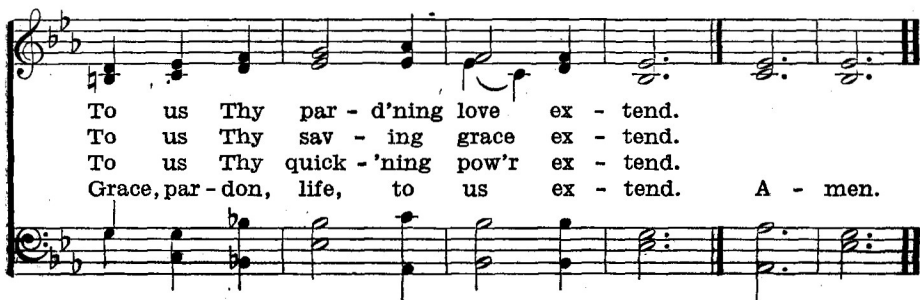
Angelus  
"Heilige Seelenlust"  
Breslau, 1657, ad.



1 Fa - ther of heav'n, whose love pro - found A ran - som  
2 Al - might - y Son, In - car - nate Word, Our Proph - et,  
3 E - ter - nal Spir - it, by whose breath The soul is  
4 Thrice ho - ly! Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, Mys - te - rious



for' our souls hath found, Be - fore Thy throne we sin - ners bend;  
Priest, Re - deem - er, Lord, Be - fore Thy throne we sin - ners bend;  
raised from sin and death, Be - fore Thy throne we sin - ners bend;  
God - head, Three in One, Be - fore Thy throne we sin - ners bend;




To us Thy par - d'ning love ex - tend.  
To us Thy sav - ing grace ex - tend.  
To us Thy quick - 'ning pow'r ex - tend.  
Grace, par - don, life, to us ex - tend. A - men.

# TLH 331 (1-3, 8) – Yea, as I Live, Jehovah Saith



Ezek. 33: 11  
So wahr ich leb', spricht Gott der Herr  
Nikolaus Herman, 1580, cento  
Tr., Mathias Loy, 1880

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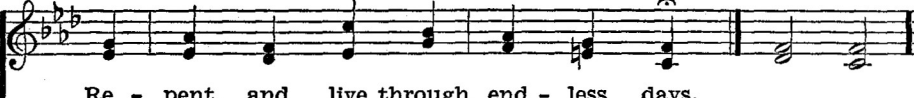

St. Luke  
Jeremiah Clarke, †1707




1 Yea, as I live, Je - ho - vah saith, I would not have the  
2 To us there-fore Christ gave com-mand: "Go forth and preach in  
3 "All those whose sins ye thus re - mit I tru - ly par - don  
4 "What ye shall bind, that bound shall be; What ye shall loose, that



sin - ner's death, But that he turn from er - ror's ways,  
ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My par-d'ning grace  
and ac - quit, And those whose sins ye do re - tain  
shall be free; Un - to My Church the keys are giv'n



Re - pent, and live through end - less days.  
Who will re - pent and mend their ways.  
Con-demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
To ope and close the gates of heav'n." A - men.



5 The words which absolution give  
Are His who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
Is but His humble instrument.

7 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
For absolution full and free,  
In which Thou showest forth Thy grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
The purchase of His blood receives.

8 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As 'twas, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!

# TLH 605 – The World Is Very Evil

Rev. 21: 24  
 Hora novissima  
 Bernard of Morlas, c. 1140, cento  
 Tr., John M. Neale, 1849

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Ewing  
 Alexander Ewing, 1853



1 The world is ver - y e - vil, The times are wax - ing late;  
 2 A - rise, a - rise, good Chris - tian, Let right to wrong suc - ceed;  
 3 O home of fade - less splen - dor, Of flow'rs that bear no thorn,



Be so - ber and keep vig - il, The Judge is at the gate;  
 Let pen - i - ten - tial sor - row To heav'n - ly glad - ness lead,  
 Where they shall dwell as chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn.



The Judge that comes in mer - cy, The Judge that comes with might,  
 To light that hath no eve - ning, That knows no moon nor sun,  
 Midst pow'r that knows no lim - it, Where knowl - edge has no bound,



To ter - mi - nate the e - vil, To di - a - dem the right.  
 The light so new and gold - en, The light that is but one.  
 The be - a - tif - ic vi - sion Shall glad the saints a - round. A - men.



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.

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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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

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| November 14 | 9:00 am  | Sunday School/Bible Class        |
|             | 10:00 am | Worship Service                  |
| November 18 | 10:00 am | Bible Class                      |
| November 21 | 9:00 am  | Sunday School/Bible Class        |
|             | 10:00 am | Worship Service                  |
| November 24 | 6:30 pm  | Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service |
| November 27 | 9:00 am  | Christmas Decorating             |
| November 28 | 9:00 am  | Sunday School/Bible Class        |
|             | 10:00 am | Worship Service                  |

**Guest Speaker:** Thank you to Seminarian Zack Sippert for leading our Bible class and worship service this morning. Zack is our former vicar and is currently in his final year of seminary at ILC. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless his studies as he looks forward to received a call, Lord willing, in the spring.

**Pastor on Vacation:** Pastor Sauers will be on vacation through Wednesday. If you have an emergency and need pastoral care while Pastor is away, contact Pastor David Ude at (715) 450-2968.

**Church Mailboxes:** Don't forget to check your church mailbox for information about things happening at Luther Memorial.

**Advent by Candlelight:** Registration is now open for Advent by Candlelight! Advent by Candlelight is a ladies holiday event of Christ-centered fellowship, food, and worship that will be held on Sunday, December 5th at 3:30 pm at Luther Memorial. Ladies of Luther Memorial and other CLC congregations are invited. There is no charge for this event. RSVP by November 28th by contacting Barb Haensgen at (920) 251-6370 or [rbhaensgen@gmail.com](mailto:rbhaensgen@gmail.com) or by visiting our website: [fdllutheran.com/advent](http://fdllutheran.com/advent). We are also still looking for volunteers to bring an appetizer or dessert and to help with decorating a table. Contact Kate at 314-540-8781 or [katesauers@gmail.com](mailto:katesauers@gmail.com) if you can help!

**Youth Group:** The youth group will be getting together Friday November 19th to create some new children's play bags for under the member mailboxes! Please have your youth group member bring \$5 for us to take to Goodwill to get supplies. After we are done with the bags we will have a brief snack and devotion and some board games, so please bring games to share! This will start at 6 PM and go until 8:30 PM.

**2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: [mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa).

**CLC News:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has received the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN + Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has returned the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. +