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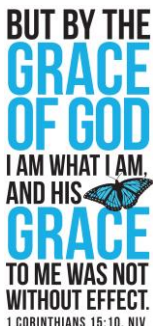
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Luther Memorial Church September 15, 2024

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Bible Study/Sunday School. . . . 9:00am

Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 116 (TLH Pg. 148);

PRAYER: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118).

HYMNS: 758:1-3 575 391 758:4

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 758:1-3 *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

ISAIAH 50:4-10

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

JAMES 2:1-18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man.

Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 8:27-35

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. *

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 575 *“Before the Lord We Bow”*

THE SERMON:

EXODUS 3:1-14

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. ³So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

⁴When the Lord saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!” Moses said, “I am here.”

⁵The Lord said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The Lord said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹²So he said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"

¹⁴So God replied to Moses, "I am who I am." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I am has sent me to you."

THE 'I AM' TELLS YOU WHO YOU ARE

1. One who makes Excuses.
2. One who's been Evangelized.

Who am I?

One who makes Excuses	One who's been Evangelized
1. I'm "Not qualified" 3:11	1. 3:12 I AM... _____
2. I'm "Not educated" 3:13	2. 3:14 I AM... _____
3. It's "Not going to work" 4:1	3. 4:2ff I AM... _____
4. It's "Not my gift" 4:10	4. 4:11-12 I AM... _____
5. I'm "Not going to" 4:13	5. 4:14-16 I AM... _____

PREACHER:

Pastor Neal Radichel, Messiah Lutheran Church, EC, Wisconsin

OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. These gifts are NOT collected during worship but placed in the rear of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 234:1,3-4)

♪ Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

♪ Holy Ghost, with power divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

♪ Holy Ghost, with joy divine Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 391 *"Blessed Are the Sons of God"*

THE BENEDICTION: **CONGREGATION:** (Spoken) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 758:4 *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*

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Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' hope that you will return again. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened by the preaching of God's Word and by the psalms and hymns of our Scripture-based liturgy. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please speak with the pastor or an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 15, 2024

THIS WEEK

Monday-Tuesday: Board of Doctrine Meetings, EC, WI.

Sunday: Sunday School – 9am; Worship 10am

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

Please keep our Cooperative Budget Pledge needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2024-25. Thus far we have received \$4,160.00 toward that pledge.

GENERAL BUDGET

Please keep our General Budget needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. The 2024 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$158,600.00. Thus far we have received \$100,953.25 toward that pledge.

NO BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study next Sunday in Pastor Schaller's absence.

LADIES OF LUTHER MEMORIAL ORPHAN FUND

There is information in the church entryway about the Orphan that the Ladies of Luther Memorial support via the Kinship Program. There are offering envelopes prepared by the students of LMS to enable you to give to this worthy cause. Please pick up an envelope from the table in the entryway.

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Last Summer we embarked on a sermon series covering the Letter to the Romans. We resume that study this summer. In an effort to get as much out of this study as possible, please make an effort to read the upcoming section each week. May God bless our study of this letter.

Date	Sunday	Sermon Text
September 29	Trinity Eighteen	Romans 11:11-24
October 6	Trinity Nineteen	Romans 11:25-36
October 20	Trinity 21	Romans 12:1-8
October 27	Trinity 22	Romans 12:9-21

MANUP! WEEKEND

Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! Website: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

NEW WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

There have been some changes made to our website and more are coming. If you have a smartphone, you can even read the QR codes near every entrance to Luther Memorial, which will take you to the website. A new newsletter is also coming, but to obtain it you need to subscribe on the website and confirm your subscription by clicking a link when an e-mail is received from Luther Memorial.

DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATION

St. Stephen-West (Mountain View) and East Bay (Hayward) are effectively now a combined congregation. St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay has resolved to dissolve the congregation on 12/31/24. The members of the congregation have been encouraged to transfer their membership to St. Stephen-West in Mountain View prior to the dissolution date, which most of the East Bay members have done already. Sunday worship services in Hayward will be maintained through the end of Pastor Bernthal's service in October. The hope is that in the near future a preaching station in the East Bay region (Oakland area) will be established, along with our current preaching stations in Stockton and Sacramento.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Verland Ritterling and his family would like to extend a sincere thank you to those in the congregation who shared their sorrows and offered encouragement. The gestures and words were deeply appreciated by Verland and his family during the difficult time following Mary Ritterling's passing to her heavenly home.

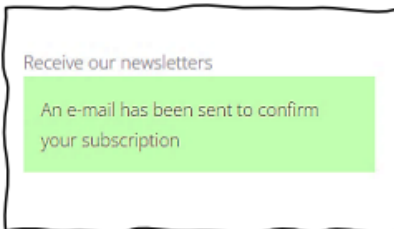
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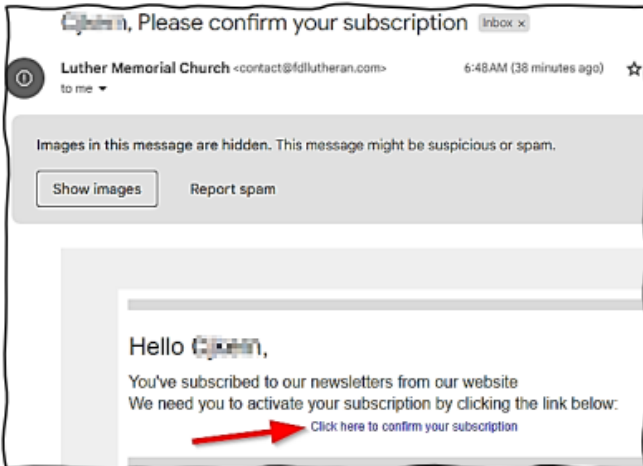


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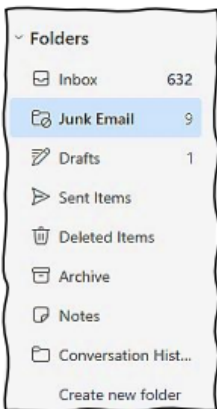
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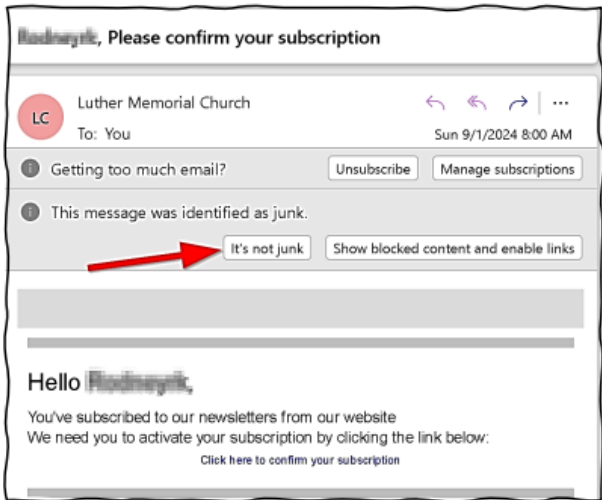
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RISE AND SHINE RETREAT REVIVAL

There is interest in reviving the 'Rise & Shine Retreat,' a retreat for those young adults in the CLC in their 20s and 30s. There is a need for individuals who would like to help coordinate and plan such a retreat. There is a need for people with an aptitude for organization and forward thinking who desire to put those gifts to work in God's kingdom in this endeavor. If you would like to assist with this work, please contact either Bethanie Gantt (715-577-8807) or Pastor Frank Gantt (470-214-3401). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Sam Rodebaugh has accepted the call of St. John's Lutheran Church of Okabena MN. • Pastor Zachary Sippert has accepted the call of Grace Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye, MN. • Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has been called by St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA. • St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School of Mountain View, CA has called Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud to serve as Vacancy Pastor beginning October 15, 2024. He has accepted that call. • Pastor Tim Wheaton of Prince of Peace in Loveland, CO, has announced his retirement from the ministry effective September 29, 2024.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Amount Pledged 2024	Received as of 9/8/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (34)
\$22,000	\$4,160.00	\$17,840.00	\$525.00

LM Offerings 9/15/2024

Attendance: 9/15 - 63

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP) (Missions)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)
\$2,252.00	\$265.00	\$60.00	\$50.00
M & I (Non-Budgetary)			
\$1,000.00			
Offerings: \$3,627.00			

Luther Memorial General Budget 2024

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting in January of 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

General Budget	Received as of 9/15/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (17)
\$158,600.00	\$100,953.25	\$57,646.75	\$3,391.00

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BIBLE DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 16-21, 2024

Monday – Matthew 25:14-30 The Lord works in His kingdom through His faithful servants. Entrusted with different gifts, different results are expected, but he who refuses to use his gift is actually striving against his Master.

Tuesday - 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24 In closing his letter to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul encourages them to work hard, help one another, and continue in the Spirit. “The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it” (v24).

Wednesday - 1 Kings 17:17-24 The “man of God” (Elijah) uses his connection with God to help the widow who is sharing her home and sustenance with him. The life of the widow’s son is restored and Elijah gives him back to his mother.

Thursday – Matthew 21:33-46 In a parable Jesus shows how the leaders in God’s vineyard have used their positions for their own purposes. The leaders understand His message and want to arrest Him, but fear the people.

Friday – Ephesians 5:15-21 The apostle is urging the Ephesian Christians to bear fruit for the Lord in their lives. Making the most of the time and not losing control, they are called to build one another up in reverence for Christ.

Saturday - 1 Peter 2:3-9 Peter quotes the same passage that his Master quoted in Thursday’s reading. As followers of the Living Stone, God makes us His living stones, useful for His purposes. Christ is the Cornerstone and makes us “chosen people, a royal priesthood, etc.”



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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. ⁶ The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; ⁹ I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted"; ¹¹ I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

¹² What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. ¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

MORNING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every devil that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commit my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

O crucified Lord Jesus Christ, who, as the Lamb of God, suffered for me the most shameful death on the cross and with Your precious blood redeemed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, I pray that you would give me the assurance of this redemption through Your Word, govern my heart with Your holy Spirit, preserve me with Your love and hide me this day, both soul and body, in Your holy wounds. Wash me clean from all my sins, teach me to live a life of deeds that glorify You and finally lead me from this world of sorrows to Your eternal joy and glory, O most faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, my only Comfort, Hope and Life. Amen.

HYMN

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one, Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; Come with all your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray. And Your fullest benediction Speak within these walls today.
3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain, What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain, And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

HYMN

BEFORE THE LORD WE BOW

1. Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above And rules the world below In boundless pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring, In joy and praise Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.
2. The nation Thou hast blest May well Thy love declare, From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Thy care. For this fair land, For this bright day, Our thanks we pay-- Gifts of Thy hand.
3. May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in Thy Word's pure light And its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song!
4. Earth, hear thy Maker's voice, Thy great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone. Cast down thy pride, Thy sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.
5. And when in power He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, For aye to sing To heaven's high King Salvation's song!

OFFERING HYMN:

♪ Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

♪ Holy Ghost, with power divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

♪ Holy Ghost, with joy divine Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

HYMN

BLESSED ARE THE SONS OF GOD

1. Blessed are the sons of God, They are bought with Christ's own blood;
They are ransomed from the grave, Life eternal they shall have:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!

2. They are justified by grace, They enjoy the Savior's peace;
All their sins are washed away, They shall stand in God's great Day:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!

3. They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heavenly birth;
One with God, with Jesus one; Glory is in them begun:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!

HYMN

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

4. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!