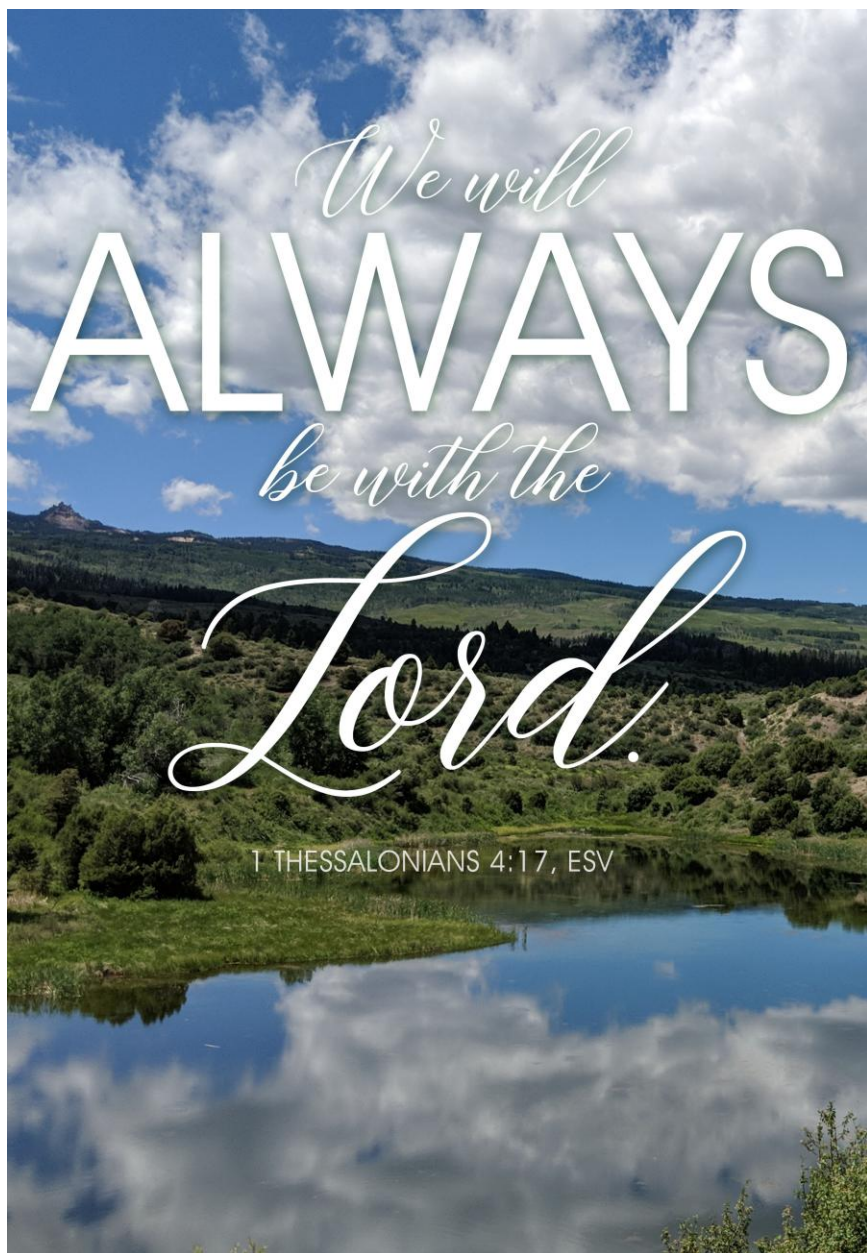




TRINITY TWENTY-THREE

Luther Memorial Church November 23, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 124 (TLH Pg. 153);

PRAYERS: 71 (Pg. 109); **32** (Pg. 105).

HYMNS: 757 528:1-5 611:1-2, 5-7 800

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 757 - *“Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(WS Pg. 12)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. 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.

- C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
 Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
 At God's right hand in majesty most high:
 Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
 With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

Pastor: Let us pray...

"...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." **"Amen."**

OT LESSON:

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

⁵ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' *

THE CHILDREN:

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

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EPISTLE LESSON:

COLOSSIANS 1:13-20

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 23:35-43

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” *

THE ALLELUIA:

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Congregation:

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 528:1-5 - *"If God Himself Be for Me"*

THE SERMON:

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. *

COMFORT ONE ANOTHER **WITH THESE WORDS**

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

THE 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. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(LSB 655)

♪ Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

♪ O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

PRAYER(S) THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 611:1-2, 5-7 - *"The Day is Surely Drawing Near"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: 800 - *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will return and join us again. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 23, 2025

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Elders 6pm

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6pm

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday: Bible Study/Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$115,287.25 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

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 2025-26. Thus far we have received \$ 7,890.00 toward that pledge.

SOUTHEAST WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Southeast Women's Retreat will be February 13-15, 2026 at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford in North Carolina. Theme is Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

2026 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC-Tanzania, CLC-Kenya, CLC-Zambia, and CLC-Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP at the link below. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at cottej88@gmail.com or 920-369-8113.

<https://markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/>

AURACAST BLUETOOTH – HEARING AID

Luther Memorial has recently implemented an advanced assisted listening system that enables Auracast Bluetooth hearing aids to connect directly to the audio broadcast during the service. If your hearing aid supports Auracast, you can connect and listen to the service directly through your hearing aids, eliminating the need for a headset.



POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a Poinsettia as in the past, please look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway. The cost is noted on the sheet. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Thanksgiving Eve November 26th. Please make any checks payable to Luther Memorial.

SPECIAL SERVICES UPCOMING

The Holiday Season is on the horizon whether we like it or not. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship is scheduled to take place in just over 2 weeks on Wednesday November 26th at 6pm. Midweek Advent Services will follow, as will our annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and New Year's Eve Worship.

- † **Wednesday November 26th** -- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 3rd** -- Midweek Advent Worship #1, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 10th** -- Midweek Advent Worship #2, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 17th** -- Midweek Advent Worship #3, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 24th** -Christmas Eve Children's Service, 6pm
- † **Thursday December 25th** -- Christmas Day Worship 10am
- † **Wednesday December 31st** -- New Year's Eve Worship, 6pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING/BOWLING OUTING

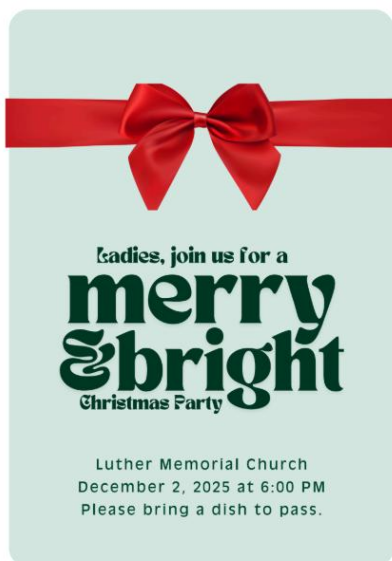
Our Annual Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Monday December 22nd and our Bowling Outing is scheduled for Friday January 9th at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes here in Fond du Lac.

FREE FRIDGE

The fridge in the teacherage has been replaced with a newer model. If you would like to have and take away the old fridge, please speak with Chairman Bernthal ASAP. If there are no takers, the fridge will be disposed of.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The Christmas Decorating (including the Christmas Trees) will take place next Sunday, November 30th immediately following worship. Please stick around an help decorate.



CLC World Mission Prayer List

November 2025

(continued...)

Philippines (Southeast Asia) – One of the two Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) congregations is experiencing significant growth with new members, increased attendance, and baptisms. Six more adults and children will be baptized on Sunday, November 16th. Work continues on a donated worship and classroom space in Pastor Jordan's home village. A small MDF grant was recently sent to help purchase chairs, tables, and other furnishings. Please pray for the LAMP outreach efforts so that more people may repent of their sins and rejoice in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

Myanmar (South Asia) – Pastor Kham reported that the military junta is conducting nightly raids on homes and soccer fields to conscript young men into the army forcefully. Previously, families could pay ransoms for their release, but the junta no longer accepts bribes due to its urgent need for soldiers. The orphan boys cared for by Pastor Kham and his wife are in hiding, as military checkpoints are everywhere, even near schools. Please pray for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict.

Tanzania (East Africa) — Tanzania recently experienced violent protests and riots related to national elections. While many citizens were killed or injured during the riots, the members of the TZCLC suffered no loss of life or property. For Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann, along with the seminary staff and students, life is gradually returning to normal. The six seminary students are currently preparing for their graduation day on November 30. Thank the Lord for protecting His people in the TZCLC and pray for peace in this nation. Ask the Lord to bless the seminary students as they grow in grace and knowledge of Scripture, equipping them to be effective ministers of the Gospel.

Kenya (East Africa) – The KCLC continues church planting and outreach in Kisii and Kitale. At their January conference, they will make key organizational decisions. Amos Otiendo, who is soon to graduate from the Tanzania seminary at the end of November, will return to Kenya to serve Emmaus School and Holy Cross Church in Moi's Bridge.

Pray for the KCLC's growth, unity, and effective spreading of the Gospel as they establish new congregations.

Uganda (East Africa) - CCCRU pastors plan to meet in January to coordinate their work. Five congregations are being served by five pastors and two evangelists. The Hope Centre children's home in Iganga houses 34 children. The pastors and their families struggle at times with medical issues and a lack of resources. Ask our Lord to give them good health, daily bread, and zeal for spreading the true Word of God. Ask our Lord to provide for the daily needs of pastors as they struggle to serve the Lord and their families with little financial support from the impoverished congregation members.

DR Congo-CCLC (Central Africa) – Pastor Yumba, who serves the CCLC, reports that the seminary students of Holy Trinity Lutheran Seminary have completed their vicarages. Final exams, graduation, and ordination are scheduled for April or May, when Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann are expected to visit. Thank the Lord for the diligent study and faithful teaching of God's Word over the past several years at the Holy Trinity Seminary. Ask for the Lord's continued blessings on the students as they finish their vicarage assignments. Pray that the Lord will bring peace and an end to the greed and violence that have been such a terrible part of the DR Congo's history.

DR Congo-ECLSAFA (Central Africa) – Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangu in Kinshasa has scheduled several outreach seminars in the coming months. The congregation is also facing challenges with renting their church building and is unable to fully support Pastor Pondi Lumiangu, so he is facing financial challenges as well. Pray for the outreach work of the ECLSAFA Congo and that God would abundantly provide for their needs.

Pray!! Please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's saving Word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sends it.

....to be concluded.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Gurath has accepted the call of Peace Through Christ in Middleton (Madison) WI. He will be installed on Sunday December 21st during their 10am morning worship. • Pastor Tom Schuetze has returned the call of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton has called Pastor Johnathan Schnose who currently serves Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. • Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Ben Libby to serve as third fulltime pastor. Pastor Libby currently serves Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY. • Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix AZ has also called Pastor Ben Libby. Holy Cross has also called Pastor Em. Michael Eichstadt to serve as Vacancy Pastor. • Mrs. Dawn Mayhew has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY, effective the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26

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, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 11/16/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (34)
\$22,000	\$7,890.00	\$14,110.00	\$415.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 11/16/25

Attendance: 11/16 –68

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	LM Student Aid (NonBudgetary)	
\$1,100.00	\$210.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Total Offerings: \$1,350.00				

Luther Memorial General Budget 2025

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, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

General Budget	Received as of 11/16/25	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (6 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$115,287.25	\$14,712.75	\$2,452.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 24-29, 2025

Monday – Mark 12:18-27 Jesus, heading to the agony of the cross, knows the Scriptures and the power of God, who will raise Him on the third day. The Sadducees, with all their reasoning, are badly mistaken.

Tuesday – Revelation 3:14-22 The church in Laodicea is so comfortable with their material wealth that they are unaware of their spiritual poverty, and their great need for Christ's robe of righteousness.

Wednesday - 2 Chronicles 34:14-28 The reformation in King Josiah's day begins when the priest Hilkiah finds the Book of the Law with its judgments on those transgressing it. In their trouble they turn to the LORD.

Thursday - Luke 12:15-21 *Thanksgiving* – The Father who showers us with material blessings is worthy of our thanks every day. But Christ makes us "rich toward God," giving blessings even when material things are gone.

Friday – Matthew 25:31-46 Looking to the Day of Judgment, we see the sheep and goats divided before any deeds are mentioned. Neither group see their deeds, for the sheep are looking to their Shepherd's deeds.

Saturday - Revelation 21:1-4 What could be more joyful than God's dwelling place being with people forever and the absence of all those things that plague us in this present world: death, sorrow, crying, and pain?

These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis.



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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, ² covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

³ He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; ⁴ he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.

⁵ He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

⁶ You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷ At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. ⁸ The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills; ¹¹ they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. ¹² Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches. ¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. ¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. ¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.

¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. ²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about. ²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. ²² When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens. ²³ Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.

²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵ Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great. ²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

²⁷ These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. ²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ³⁰ When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, ³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. ³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PATIENCE

O God, who by the humble endurance of Your only begotten Son beat down the old enemy, help us, we pray, to truly treasure in our hearts what our Lord of His goodness born for us, that after His example we may bear with patience whatever things are averse to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR PEACE AND QUIETNESS

O Lord, we pray that you would mercifully hear the prayers of Your People that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving You with a quiet mind may enjoy Your peace all the days of our life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Savior, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! Power and majesty concealing by Your humble birth: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

4. Priestly king, enthroned forever high in heaven above! Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, Ceaselessly upon You gazing, this shall be our song: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

HYMN: **IF GOD HIMSELF BE FOR ME**

1. If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy; For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly. If Christ, my Head and Master, Befriend me from above, What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?

2. This I believe, yea, rather, Of this I make my boast, That God is my dear Father, The Friend who loves me most, And that, whate'er betide me, My Savior is at hand Through stormy seas to guide me And bring me safe to land.

3. I build on this foundation, That Jesus and His blood Alone are my salvation, The true, eternal good. Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth; The gifts I owe to Jesus Alone my love are worth.

4. My Jesus is my Splendor, My Sun, my Light, alone; Were He not my Defender Before God's awe-full throne, I never should find favor And mercy in His sight, But be destroyed forever As darkness by the light.

5. He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death; He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith. In Him I can be cheerful, Bold, and undaunted aye; In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.

THE OFFERING HYMN **(LSB 655)**

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♪ O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

HYMN:

THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR

1. The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear As Judge of all appointed. All
mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will
still increase, As Scripture truly teaches.

2. A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep
awaken; But all that live shall in that hour By the Almighty's
boundless pow'r Be changed at His commanding.

5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay And for my sin was smitten,
Within the Book of Life, oh, may My name be also written! I will
not doubt; I trust in Thee, From Satan Thou hast made me free
And from all condemnation.

6. Therefore my Intercessor be And for Thy blood and merit
Declare my name from judgment free With all who life inherit,
That I may see Thee face to face With all Thy saints in that blest
place Which Thou for us hast purchased.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often
tremble on our way In fear and tribulation. Then hear us when we
cry to Thee; Come, mighty Judge, and make us free From every
evil! Amen.

HYMN

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

1. Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone. Waking,
sleeping, I am with you; You are My own. In My love's baptismal
river I have made you Mine forever. God, My children, with My
blessing – You are My own.

2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you
learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you heard My
dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My
children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love
and love by serving, Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled
you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My Children, fed and
nourished, joyful and free.

4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace; I the Lord
will smile upon you And give you peace: I the Lord will be your
Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother. Go, My children; I will
keep you And give you peace. Amen.