

Southern Ohio Synod Hymn List 2019-2020

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THE HYMN LIST: This hymn list is coordinated with the calendar followed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and suggests hymns related to the lectionary of the church as embodied by the Revised Common Lectionary system, and as found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The hymns in this listing are suggested from the following worship resources published Augsburg Fortress, the official publication house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

SOURCES:

PRIMARY SOURCE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship © 2006 - This book contains the most current, officially adopted liturgies and hymn collection of the ELCA. Abbreviation: *ELW*
All hymn numbers on this list printed in **bold type** are from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

OTHER SOURCES:

Lutheran Book of Worship © 1978 - This book contains the previous adopted liturgies and hymn collection of the ELCA. Abbreviation: *LBW*.

With One Voice © 1995 - This volume appeared as a liturgical and hymn supplement to the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Abbreviation: *WOV*.

This Far by Faith © 1999 - This liturgical resource and hymn collection is geared toward the African American worship experience. It was a cooperative effort between the ELCA and the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Abbreviation: *TFF*.

Worship & Praise © 1999 - This volume is a songbook collection of “praise songs” and contemporary hymns. Abbreviation: *W&P*.

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~ **Scripture and hymns.** According to traditional Lutheran custom, the hymns in a given worship service should reflect and undergird themes found in the appointed scriptures of the day. So this listing provides hymn suggestions that thematically connect with or are even directly based on specific scripture passages. **Note:** Some of the hymn suggestions are preceded by the citation of specific verses of the particular pericopé involved. These verse numbers are given in parentheses.

~ **Psalms.** This synodical hymn listing also suggests hymns connected to the liturgically appointed psalms. The psalms, while definitely part of scripture, also constitute the “hymn book” of the Bible and should really be sung and not read. (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* provides psalm tones for singing the psalms on pages 337 and 338.) Hymns are being suggested for the psalm texts for two reasons. First, there may be situations where singing the actual psalm text is just not possible, but singing a hymn based on a psalm can be done. Secondly, a preacher may decide to base a sermon on the appointed psalm for the day, and so may need hymns that reflect the psalm’s theme for use in other places in the service. **Note:** Not

every psalm in the rotation of pericopés has a related hymn in any of our sources. For those situations no hymns are listed, but just the citation of the appointed psalm is given.

~ **Seasonal blessings.** A series of alternate benedictions are provided throughout this listing, each appropriate to a specific season of the church year. They are to be understood as alternatives to the three blessings printed at the end of the eucharistic liturgies in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, that is, the Trinitarian benediction, the Aaronic benediction, and a benediction based on Romans 15:5, 13. The alternate benedictions printed in this hymn listing are taken from the ELCA's African American worship resource, *This Far by Faith*, pages 91-93.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES. Throughout the course of this cycle various "lesser festivals" are used on some of the occasions when they happen to fall on Sundays. According to the rubrics of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship—Leaders Desk Edition*, (page 12) lesser festivals do not normally take precedence over the appointed Sunday observances as prescribed in the Revised Common Lectionary. However, these same calendar rubrics in *ELW-Leader's Edition* specify that the following lesser festivals do take precedence: the Name of Jesus (January 1st); and the Presentation of our Lord (February 2nd) in addition to the festivals of Reformation (October 31st) and All Saints (November 1st). Furthermore, the rubrics go on to suggest that the following festivals may replace the usual calendar Sunday material: John the Baptist (June 24th); Peter and Paul, Apostles (June 29th); Mary, Mother of our Lord (August 15th); Holy Cross Day (September 14th); and Michael and All Angels (September 29th). In addition, there are two "major festivals" that either always fall on a weekday (Ascension) or often do so (Epiphany) and they are provided with hymn suggestions in this list, since the rubrics of *ELW—Leaders Desk Edition* (page 10) permit their observance to be switched to a nearby Sunday.

"To Epiphany or not to Epiphany" -- The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord with its fixed date of January 6th will not fall on a Sunday in 2020, but as a major holiday of the church it should be observed every year, if possible. The pew edition of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* says that the holiday "may be observed on the second Sunday of Christmas," which in the case of 2020 will be January 5th.

In any case, congregations may want to encourage parishioners "to take Epiphany home with them," by distributing pieces of white chalk at the door. The old custom is for the family to pray God's blessing on their home on Epiphany and mark in chalk over the main doorway the following numbers, letters and signs: **20+C+M+B+20**, which, of course, stands for the year, interspersed with crosses and the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The following prayer could be prayed by the family: *Bless, O God, this house, that those who live here may always be seeking the Christ, as did the magi when they came from a great distance and found him with his family in their Bethlehem home. May Christ be found in our home during the course of this year, and may he go forth in our hearts whenever we pass through this door to our tasks in the world. May your peace, O God, be known among us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

"Goodbye to Alleluia!" - According to the ancient tradition of the Western Church, we "fast" from the word, "alleluia," during the weeks and Sundays of Lent. From the medieval era comes the tradition of saying formal farewell to Alleluia on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. This usually took the form of a special hymn, and the most famous example is *Alleluia, dulce carmen* [ELW #318 & WOV #654 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"]. In some places there were customs, often involving children, in which the alleluia was solemnly buried or otherwise disposed of before Lent. A modern version of this ceremony might be to have the children of the parish go in procession around the interior of the church during the

singing of "Alleluia, Song of Gladness," carrying a banner with the word, "Alleluia," on it. At the end of the hymn the children could fold the banner and put it in a special box, to be opened and retrieved at the Easter observance.

Another resource for such an observance is the choral anthem, "Alleluia, Song of Sweetness," as arranged to the tune, PICARDY," by the late Wittenberg University professor of music Donald Busarow, and published by Concordia Publishing House (item #98-2995). The anthem lends itself to a variety of instruments and congregational participation.

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrances - This listing also points out some events and persons in the history of the Southern Ohio Synod that are worthy of being commemorated by our congregations.

---- THE CALENDAR AND HYMN LISTING ---

[Hymns from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* are indicated by number in **bold** print.]

September 1, 2019 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #22 (Proper 17) - GREEN

Proverbs 25:6-7 (Humility)

818 ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you

LBW 498 All who would valiant be

WOV 767 All things bright and beautiful

793 ~ WOVS 776 Be Thou My Vision

431 O Christ, What can it mean for us

[or] Sirach 10:12-18 (The beginning of pride is forsaking the Lord)

804 ~ 508 Come down, O Love divine

669 ~ 383 Rise up, O saints of God

LBW 461 Fight the good fight

LBW 498 All who would valiant be

Psalms 112 ("Happy are they who fear the LORD")

740 God of the sparrow/God of the whale

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (Paul asks Philemon to treat the slave Onesimus as a brother)

(vss 1-3) **716** Lord of all nations, grant me grace

(vss 1-3) **880** O God beyond all praising

(vs 5) **769** If you but trust in God

(vs 15) **879** For the beauty of the earth

(vs 13) **692** ~ W&P 146 We are an offering

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

719 ~ LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life

W&P 87 Let there be praise

W&P 150 We bring the sacrifice of praise

Luke 14:7-14 (Jesus extols humility)

716 ~ LBW 419 Lord, of all nations, grant me grace

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God

660 ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross

523 Let us go now to the banquet

September 8, 2019 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #23 (Proper 18) - GREEN

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Obey God's commandments! Choose life!)

772 ~ Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

818 ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you

793 ~ WOV 776 Be Thou my vision
 LBW 498 All who would valiant be
 WOV 428 All things bright and beautiful
Psalms 1 (The righteous delight in God and are like trees planted by water)
 TFF 1 Happy are they
 (vss 2-3) W&P 72 I will delight
 (vs 3) TFF 146 I shall not be moved
 (vs 3) LBW 232 Your word, O Lord, is gentle dew
Philemon 1-12 (Paul asks Philemon to treat the slave Onesimus as a brother)
656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
719 ~ LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life
Luke 14:25-33 (Jesus calls upon people to renounce the world and become his disciples)
 (vs 26) **583, 685** ~ LBW 406 Take my life, that I may be
 (vs 26) **850, 851** ~ LBW 555 When in our music God is glorified
 (vs 27) **799** ~ LBW 455 Come, follow me, the Savior spake
 (vs 27) 806 ~ LBW 504 O God, my faithful God
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God
696 ~ LBW 494 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
579 ~ WOV 756 Lord, you give the great commission
674 ~ WOV 754 Let us talents and tongues employ
 TFF 237 Must Jesus bear the cross alone
768 ~ Lead me, guide me
798 ~ Will you come and follow me

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: On September 14, 1818, the very first Lutheran synod assembly to be held in Ohio convened in the town of Somerset in Perry County. Present were four ordained ministers, six licensed ministerial candidates, and eight lay delegates, who together launched a stronger base for the ministry of their congregations. This meeting could be regarded as the original founding date of what is now the Southern Ohio Synod.

September 15, 2019 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #24 (Proper 19) - GREEN

Exodus 32:7-14 (Moses counsels God to forgive an idolatrous Israel)
890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory
705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
328 Restore in us, O God
598 For by grace you have been saved
 W&P 151 We rejoice in the grace of God
Psalms 51: 1-10 ("Create in me a clean heart, O God")
 (vs 3) LBW 310 To you, omniscient Lord of all
 (vs 10) **801** ~ W&P 28 Change my heart, O God
 (vs 10) TFF 216 Give me a clean heart
1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Christ Jesus came to save; glory to the immortal, invisible God)
 (vss 12-14) **779** ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
587, 588 ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in God's mercy
592 ~ LBW 296 Just as I am, without one plea
834 ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
323 God loved the world
Luke 15:1-10 (Parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin)
 (vss 1-7) **807** ~ LBW 499 Come, thou fount of every blessing

(vs 4) **772** ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
(vss 4-7) **675** ~ LBW 380 O Christ, our light, O Radiance true
502 ~ LBW 456 The King of love my shepherd is
513 ~ WOV 712 Listen, God is calling
LBW 291 Jesus sinners will receive

September 22, 2019 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #25 (Proper 20) - GREEN

Amos 8:4-7 (Condemnation of those who take advantage of the poor)

719 ~ LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life
724 ~ LBW 436 All who love and serve your city
LBW 430 Where restless crowds are thronging
LBW 428 O God of earth and altar

Psalms 113 ("From the rising of the sun...the LORD be praised")

560 ~ WOV 729 Christ, mighty savior
764 ~ LBW 476 Have no fear, little flock
844 Praise to the Lord, all of you
WOV 790 Praise to you, O God of mercy
(vs 3) W&P 40 From where the sun rises
(vs 3) **571** ~ LBW 275 O Trinity, O blessed light

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (A call to prayer and to the godly life)

(vs 2) **409** ~ LBW 168 Kyrie! God Father
745 ~ LBW438 Lord, teach us how to pray aright
742 ~ LBW 439 What a friend we have in Jesus
TFF 42 & 43 Come by here

Luke 16:1-13 (Parable of the unjust steward)

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own
583, 685 ~ LBW 406 Take my life that I may be
717 ~ TFF 48 Let justice flow like streams
710 Let streams of living justice

September 29, 2019 – the Festival of Michael and All Angels – WHITE

(According to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship—Leaders Desk Edition*, page 12, this Lesser Festival may take precedence over the regular Sunday pericopes, and this is the usual practice in historic Lutheranism.)

Psalms 103:1-5, 20-22 (note verse 20)

864 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven (inclusive text)
865 ~ LBW 549 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (traditional text)

Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3 (Michael as protector of God's people will come in a time of anguish)

Revelation 12:7-12 (Michael and his angels will cast the dragon and his forces out of heaven) Luke 10:17-20 (Jesus sees Satan fall from heaven)

424 ~ LBW 175 Ye watchers and ye holy ones
787 ~ WOV 779 On Eagle's Wings
716 ~ LBW 419 Lord of all nations, grant me grace
531 ~ W&P 139 The trumpets sound, the angels sing
490 ~ LBW 198 Let all mortal flesh keep silent

The Blessing of Animals and Pets, associated with the Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, October 4th, could be done on that date, or on Sunday, October 6th

October 6, 2019 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #27 (Proper 22) - GREEN

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 - (The righteous shall live by faith)

812, 312 ~ LBW 500 Faith of our fathers

796 ~ LBW 507 How firm a foundation

769 ~ LBW 453 If you but trust in God to guide you

Psalms 37: 1-9 ("Put your trust in the LORD") vs 3

TFF 212 Don't be worried

(vs 3) TFF 256 I will trust in the Lord

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (A call for a bold exercise of ministry)

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine

668 ~ LBW 397 O Zion haste

575 In Christ called to baptize

Luke 17:5-10 ("If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed")

(vs 5) **527** Lord Jesus Christ, be present now

(vs 5) **405** ~ WOV 680 Of Spirit of Life

729 ~ LBW 433 The church of Christ, in every age

759 ~ LBW 479 My faith looks up to thee

596, 597 ~ LBW 293, 294 My hope is built on nothing less

624 ~ LBW 341 Jesus still lead on

633 ~ TFF 197 We've come this far by faith

697 Just a closer walk with Thee

October 13, 2019 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #28 (Proper 23) - GREEN

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (Naaman healed by immersion in the Jordan River; he confesses faith in Israel's God)

612 ~ WOV 738 Healer of our every ill

614 ~ WOV 737 ~ TFF 185 There is a balm in Gilead

Psalms 111 ("The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom") v 10

2 Timothy 2:8-15 (Christ was raised from the dead; if we die with Christ, we live with him.)

(vss 8-13) **812, 813** ~ LBW 500 Faith of our fathers

(vs 11) **500** ~ W&P 106 Now we remain

(vss 11-13) **802** ~ LBW 487 Let us ever walk with Jesus

621 ~ LBW 133 Jesus lives, my sure defense/Jesus lives! The victory's won!

380 ~ LBW 147 Hallelujah! Jesus lives

449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised

TFF 174 Deep river

Luke 17:11-19 (Jesus heals ten lepers; one--a Samaritan--returns to thank him.)

839, 840 ~ LBW 533/534 Now thank we all our God

689 ~ LBW 409 Praise and thanksgiving

682 To God our thanks we give

WOV 790 Praise to you, O God of mercy

TFF 293 Thank you, Lord

October 20, 2019 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #29 (Proper 24) - GREEN

Genesis 32:22-31 - (Jacob wrestles with God; God blesses him)

244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice, believers [note stanza 1]

539 ~ LBW 263 Abide, O dearest Jesus/Abide with us, our Savior

Psalms 121 ("I lift up my eyes to the hills") vs `

567 To you, before the close of day

W&P 105 Now has the day drawn to a close

TFF 16 My help shall come from the Lord

TFF 147 I shall not be moved
LBW 445 Unto the hills
(vss 1-2) W&P 159 You are my God
(vs 4) **871** ~ LBW 542 Sing praise to God, the highest good
II Timothy 3:14-4:5 (A call for a bold exercise of ministry)
804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine
668 ~ LBW 397 O Zion Haste
575 In Christ called to baptize
LBW 461 Fight the good fight
Luke 18:1-8 (Parable of the unjust judge; the value of prayer)
745 ~ LBW 438 Lord, teach us how to pray aright
742 ~ LBW 439 What a friend we have in Jesus
752 Lord, listen to your children
WOV 783 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
TFF 242 Sweet hour of prayer
TFF 240 Standing in the need of prayer
W&P 86 Let my prayer be a fragrant offering
W&P 70 I will call upon the Lord

October 27, 2019 - the Festival of the Reformation - RED

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (The prophecy of a new covenant)
(vss 31-34) **487** ~ WOV 701 What feast of love
632 ~ LBW 320 O God, our help in ages past
587, 588 ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Psalms 46 ("God is our refuge") vs 1
503-505 ~ LBW 228, 229 A mighty fortress is our God
LBW 485 Lord as a pilgrim
TFF 6 The Lord of Hosts is with us
(vs 1) W&P 16 Be my home
(vss 1-3) **325** ~ TFF 66 I want Jesus to walk with me
(vss 4-5) **724** ~ LBW 436 All who love and serve your city
(vs 9) **705** ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
(vs 9) **713** ~ LBW 416 O God of every nation
(vs 9) **749** ~ LBW 414 O God of love, O King of peace
(vss 9-10) **709** When our song says peace
(vs 10) **581** ~ W&P 158 You are mine

Romans 3:19-28 (Justification by faith alone)
(vss 21-28) **779** ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
(vss 21-28) **598** ~ W&P 38 For by grace you have been saved
(vss 21-28) **590** ~ LBW 297 Salvation unto us has come
(vs 24) **591** ~ TFF 68 That priceless grace
654 ~ LBW 369 The church's one foundation
W&P 25 By Grace We Have Been Saved

John 8:31-36 (Freedom in Christ)
(vss 31-32) **517** ~ LBW 230 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word
(vss 31-32) **248** ~ LBW 520 Dearest Jesus, at your word
(vs 36) **459** ~ TFF 114 Wade in the water
503, 504, 505 ~ LBW 228, 229 A mighty fortress is our God
594 ~ LBW 299 Dear Christians, one and all
651 ~ WOV 750 Oh, praise the gracious power
304 Christ, when for us you were baptized

W&P 73 I will sing, I will sing

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: On November 3, 1839 occurred the death of Wilhelm Schmidt, founder (in 1830) of the first Lutheran theological seminary in Ohio, now constituted as part of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Schmidt was chosen to be president and first professor of the seminary because at the time he was the only minister in the synod who had formal academic training in classical and theological studies.

November 3, 2019 - the Festival of All Saints - WHITE

[Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on this date, and the clock “falls” back one hour.]

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 (The “holy ones” shall possess the kingdom forever)

(vs 3) **834** ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

425 ~ LBW 314 Behold the host/Who is this host arrayed in white?

630 ~ LBW 330 In heaven above

625 ~ TFF 135 Come, we that love the Lord (We’re marching to Zion)

697 ~ TFF 253 Just a closer walk with thee

622 Neither death nor life

Psalms 149 (A call that all people praise the LORD)

(vs 1) **731** ~ LBW 588 Earth and all stars

Ephesians 1:11-23 (In Christ we have an inheritance)

(vs 13) **456** Baptized in water

(vs 13) **660** ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross

(vs 13) **448** ~ LBW 195 This is the Spirit’s entry now

632 ~ LBW 320 O God, our help in ages past

441 ~ LBW 351 Oh, happy day when we shall stand

459 ~ TFF 135 Wade in the water

W&P 136 The king of glory

Luke 6:20-31 (The Beatitudes)

(vss 17-23) **728** ~ WOV 764 Blest are they

422 ~ LBW 174 For all the saints who from their labors rest

420, 421 ~ LBW 177, 178 By all your saints in warfare

428 Give thanks for saints

429 In our day of thanksgiving

418 ~ WOV 689 Rejoice in God’s saints

TFF 180 Oh, when the saints go marching in!

November 10, 2019 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #32 (Proper 27) – GREEN

Martin Luther’s birthday was on this date in 1483

Job 19:23-27a (“after my skin has been destroyed then I shall see God”)

380 ~ LBW 147 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!

619 ~ LVW 352 I know that my Redeemer lives!

621 Jesus lives, my sure defense

Psalms 17:1-9

666 What wondrous love is this

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (Stand firm in the faith)

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God

674 ~ WOV 754 Let us talents and tongues employ

W&P 131 Stand in the congregation

Luke 20:27-38 (Sadducees question Jesus on the resurrection)

619 ~ LBW 352 I know that my Redeemer lives
449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ was raised
377 ~ WOV 674 Alleluia! Jesus is risen
364 ~ WOV 678 Christ has arisen, Alleluia!
604 ~ LBW 300 O Christ our hope

November 17, 2019 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #33 (Proper 28) - GREEN

Malachi 4:1-2a (the “day of the Lord” is coming)

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

248 ~ WOV 626 People look East

247 Come now, O Prince of Peace

Psalms 98 (“Sing a new song to the LORD”) vs 1

822 ~ WOV 795, TFF 274 Oh, sing to the Lord

W&P 73 I will sing

(vs 1) **731** ~ LBW 588 Earth and all stars

(vs 1) **824** ~ LBW 554 This is my Father’s world

(vs 1) W&P 51 God has done marvelous things

(vss 1, 4-9) **835** ~ LBW 527 All creatures/ worship God most high/Of our God and King)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (Warning against idleness)

(vss 3, 6) **784** ~ LBW 471 Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord

557 ~ LBW 269 Awake, my soul, and with the sun

827 ~ LBW 516 Arise, my soul, arise!

657 Rise, O sun of righteousness

Luke 21:5-19 (Jesus foretells a coming time of chaos, but encourages his followers to have “endurance”)

(vs 6) **727** ~ LBW 421 Lord Christ, when first you came

890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory

438 ~ WOV 627 ~ TFF 40 ~ My Lord, what a morning

709 When our song says peace

LBW 428 O God of earth and altar

November 24, 2019 - the Festival of Christ the King, the Last Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #34 (Proper 29) - WHITE

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (A descendant of David will some day be king, "a righteous branch")

634 ~ LBW 328, 329 All hail the power of Jesus' name

272 ~ LBW 58 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming/Lo, how a rose is growing

LBW124, 125 The royal banners forward go

Psalms 46 (“God is our refuge and strength”) vs 1

503-505 ~ LBW 228, 229 A mighty fortress is our God

LBW 485 Lord as a pilgrim

TFF 6 The Lord of Hosts is with us

(vs 1) W&P 16 Be my home

(vss 1-3) **325** ~ TFF 66 I want Jesus to walk with me

(vss 4-5) **724** ~ LBW 436 All who love and serve your city

(vs 9) **705** ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

(vs 9) **713** ~ LBW 416 O God of every nation

(vs 9) **749** ~ LBW 414 O God of love, O King of peace

(vss 9-10) **709** When our song says peace

(vs 10) **581** ~ W&P 158 You are mine

Colossians 1:11-20 (We are in the kingdom of the beloved Son)

(vss 13-20) **295** ~ LBW 42 Of the Father's love begotten
 (vs 15) **306** Come, beloved of the Maker
 (vss 15-17) **407** O living breath of God
 (vss 15-20) **636** How small our span of life
 (vs 18) **475** ~ LBW 172 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor
820 O Savior, previous Savior
855 ~ LBW 170 Crown him with many crowns
430 ~ LBW 171 Rejoice, for Christ is king/Rejoice, the Lord is king!
662 Christ is the King!
Luke 23:33-43 (Jesus, the Crucified One, is derided as "King of the Jews")
 (vss 33-46) **339** ~ LBW 97 Christ, the life of all the living
 (vs 34) **716** ~ LBW 419 Lord of all nations, grant me grace
 (vs 38) **811** ~ LBW 102 On my heart imprint your image
 (vss 42-43) **599** ~ LBW 309 Lord Jesus, think on me
432 ~ LBW 173 The head that once was crowned with thorns
 WOV 740 ~ W&P 78 ~ Jesus, remember me
 TFF 178 Do, Lord, remember me

--Hereafter begins Year A in the cycle of the church year--

A BENEDICTION FOR ADVENT:

- ~ Believe that God came to us in Jesus Christ, and look for him to come again. May the advent of his coming bring you comfort and joy. **Amen.**
- ~ May God make you steady in faith, full of hope, and abounding in love. **Amen.**
- ~ Rejoice that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. When he comes again in glory, may he bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**
- ~ Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

December 1, 2019 - the First Sunday in Advent - BLUE

Isaiah 2:1-5 (God draws all people to himself and inaugurates a time of peace)

- 749** ~ LBW 414 O God of love, O King
- 711** ~ WOV 762 O day of peace
- 717** ~ TFF 48 Let justice flow like streams
- 253** ~ TFF 37 He came down
- 247** Come now, O Prince of peace

Psalms 122 ("I was so glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the LORD") vs 1

- TFF 17 Let us go rejoicing
- (vs 1) W&P 68 I was glad
- (vs 1) TFF 141 Come and go with me to my Father's house
- (vss 6-9) **784** ~ LBW 471 Grant peace we pray, in mercy

Romans 13:11-14 (Time to cast off darkness)

- (vss 11-13) **246** ~ LBW 37 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
- 436** ~ LBW 31 Wake, awake, for night is flying

Matthew 24:36-44 (The unexpectedness of the Second Coming)

- (vss 29-44) **438** ~ WOV 627 My Lord, what a morning
- (vs 36) **439** ~ TFF 38 Soon and very soon
- 259** ~ LBW 32 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate
- 254** ~ LBW 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
- 260** ~ LBW 33 The King shall come
- 241** ~ LBW 23 O Lord, how shall I meet you

258 Unexpected and mysterious

December 8, 2019 - the Second Sunday in Advent - BLUE

Isaiah 11:1-10/Romans 15:4-13 ("the root of Jesse")

(Is. vss 1-10) **248** ~ WOV 626 People look east

(Is. vss 1-10) **711** O day of peace

(Rm. vs 6) **662** Christ is the King

(Rm. vss 5-6) **850, 851** ~ LBW 555 ~ WOV 802 When in our music God is glorified

257 ~ LBW 34 Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel

291 ~ LBW 57 Let our gladness have no end

272 ~ LBW 58 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming/Lo, how a rose is growing

299 ~ LBW 53 Cold December flies away

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19 ("...that he may rule...righteously") v 2a.

311 ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed

TFF 208 Oh, freedom

TFF 294 O Christ the King, anointed

(vss 1-7) **717** ~ WOV 763 Let justice flow like streams

Matthew 3:1-12 (John the Baptist preaches and baptizes)

(vss 1-6) **249** ~ LBW 36 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

(vss 1-12) **266** ~ WOV 629 All earth is hopeful

(vs 3) **256** ~ LBW 29 Comfort, comfort now my people

(vs 3) **264** ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway

(vs 3) **255** There's a voice in the wilderness

246 ~ LBW 37 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!

December 15, 2019 - the Third Sunday in Advent - BLUE

Isaiah 35:1-10 (God's presence transforms the forces of nature and the afflictions of people)

(vss 1-10) **242** ~ WOV 633 Awake, awake and greet the morn

(vs 3) **795** ~ LBW 484 God, my Lord, my strength

(vs 5) **843** Praise the one who breaks the darkness

(vs 10) **311** ~ LBW 87 Hail, to the Lord's anointed

239 ~ LBW 35 Hark, the glad sound

711 ~ WOV 762 O day of peace

Psalms 146:5-10 ("Praise the LORD, O my soul") vs 1b

877 ~ LBW 539 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(vs 2) **857** W&P 90 Lord, I lift you name on high

(vs 7) **709** When our song says peace

(vs 8) **843** Praise the one who breaks the darkness

(vs 10) W&P 13 Awesome God

or Luke 1: 46b-55 (the magnificat)

723 ~ W&P 26 Canticle of the turning

882 ~ TFF 168 My soul does magnify the Lord

573 ~ LBW 180 My soul now magnifies the Lord

234,235 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

251 ~ WOV 730 My soul proclaims your greatness

WOV 634 Song of Mary pure and lowly

W&P 2 A story of all people

James 5:7-10 (Be patient! The judge is at the door)

(vss 7-10) **266** ~ WOV 629 All earth is hopeful

244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice believers

890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory

Matthew 11:2-11 (A report of Jesus' care of the disabled; his evaluation of John the Baptist)

(vs 5) **343** ~ LBW 94 ~ WOV 661 My song is love unknown

(vs 5) **722** O Christ, your heart compassionate

246 ~ LBW 37 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

256 ~ LBW 29 Comfort, comfort now my people

673 ~ LBW 400 God, whose almighty word

W&P 104 Now in this banquet

December 22, 2019 - the Fourth Sunday in Advent - BLUE

Isaiah 7:10-16/Matthew 1:18-25 (A child named "Emmanuel" will be born to a virgin")

(Is. vss 10-14; Mt vss 18-25) **266** ~ WOV 629 All earth is hopeful

(Is. vss 10-14) **257** ~ LBW 34 Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel

(Is. vss 10-14) **279** ~ LBW 41 O little town of Bethlehem

(Mt. vss 21-23) **295** ~ LBW 42 Of the Father's love begotten

(Mt. vs 23) **293** ~ TFF 54 That boy-child of Mary

(Mt. vss 18-25) **285** ~ WOV 641 Peace came to earth

TFF 23 Emmanuel

W&P 36 Emmanuel

W&P 136 The King of glory

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19 ("Hear, O Shepherd of Israel") vs 1a

(vs 1) **781** ~ LBW 481 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Romans 1:1-7 (Jesus is descended from David, but is also Son of God)

311 ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed

298 ~ LBW 62 The bells of Christmas

269 ~ WOV 643 Once in royal David's city

A BENEDICTION FOR CHRISTMAS:

~ Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst. May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace. **Amen.**

~ Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary. May his birth among us renew your hope. **Amen.**

~ Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing. **Amen.**

~ Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Southern Ohio Synod Partnership Observance: One of our synod's four partnerships with overseas Lutheran regional bodies involves the Sinodo Espirito Santo a Belem, in Brazil: On December 25, 1846 the first Lutheran worship service was held in the Brazilian state of Espirito Santo. This took place in the city of Vittoria and was organized by a group of Lutherans from the area of Pomerania in Germany. The present-day Lutheran Synod of Espirito Santo consists of 170 congregations, plus some 75 "preaching points" and includes 59,484 church members. In a partnership relationship with the Southern Ohio Synod, it is one of the 18 constituent synods of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil. Leading the synod is the Rev. Ismar Schiefelbein who has the title in Portuguese of Pastor Sinodal (Synodical Pastor).

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: On December 29, 1848 occurred the death of Ezra Keller, a graduate of Gettysburg Seminary, and formerly a traveling missionary in Ohio. Later (1845) he became the founder and first president of Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. This new institution represented a more Americanized type of Lutheranism.

December 29, 2019- the First Sunday of Christmas - WHITE

Isaiah 63:7-9 (The LORD became Israel's savior)

(vs 9) **602** ~ LBW 96 Your heart, O God, is grieved

267 ~ LBW 39 Joy to the world

Psalms 148 (A call that all things praise the LORD)

835 ~ LBW 527 All creatures worship God most high (Of our God and King)

828 Alleluia! Voices raise

836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

876 ~ LBW 242 Let the whole creation cry

823 ~ LBW 540 Praise the Lord! O heavens

821 ~ W&P 124 Shout to the Lord

LBW 541 Praise the Lord of heaven

W&P 51 God has done marvelous things

(vss 1-2) LBW 175 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Hebrews 2:10-18 (Jesus came to be our brother)

(vss 4-16) **322** ~ LBW 88 Oh, love, how deep

287 ~ LBW 47 Let all together praise our God

Matthew 2:13-23 (The Holy Family flees to Egypt)

296 ~ LBW 40 What child is this

718 ~ LBW 417 In a lowly manger born

326 Bless now, O God, the journey

A BENEDICTION FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON:

~ The magi found the infant Jesus by following his star. May you seek the Lord where he is found and call upon him while he is near. **Amen.**

~ Christ Jesus is the sun of righteousness. May his radiance bring you warmth and cheer.

Amen.

~ Light and peace are yours through Jesus Christ. May your light so shine before others, that they see your works and glorify your Father in heaven. **Amen.**

~ Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

January 5, 2020 - the Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord – WHITE

(Note: as provided in the rubrics of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, page 21, this second Sunday after Christmas can be celebrated as the Festival of the Epiphany, if that holiday is not going to be liturgically observed on its actual date of January 6th.)

Isaiah 60:1-6 ("Arise, shine; for your light has come!")

(vs 1) **669** ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people

(vss 1-11) **866** ~ WOV 650 We are marching in the light of God

(vss 1-11) **671** ~ WOV 651 ~ TFF 64 ~ W&P 123 Shine, Jesus, shine

(vss 1-11) **242** ~ WOV 633 Awake, awake, and greet the new morn

(vss 1-3) **257** ~ LBW 33 The king shall come

(vs 6) **311** ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed

(vs 6) **380** ~ LBW 147 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!

308 ~ LBW 76 O Morning star, how fair and bright

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14 ("May all the kings bow down before him") vs 11

WOV 646 We three kings of Orient are

311 ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed

TFF 208 Oh, freedom

TFF 294 O Christ the King, anointed

(vss 1-7) **717** ~ WOV 763 Let justice flow like streams

Ephesians 3:1-12 (Paul's call to bring the Gentiles to Christ)

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God

662 ~ LBW 386 Christ is the King!

668 ~ LBW 397 O Zion, haste

720 We are called

W&P 114 Our confidence is in the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12 (Wise men follow a star and bring gifts to the Christ child)

(vss 1-12) **301** ~ LBW 75 Bright and glorious is the sky

(vss 1-12) **303** ~ LBW 84 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

(vss 1-12) **271** ~ LBW 69 I am so glad each Christmas Eve

(vss 1-12) **300** ~ LBW 56 The first noel

(vss 1-3) **275** ~ LBW 50 Angels from the realms of glory

(vss 1-3) **310** ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise

(vs 9) **280** Midnight stars make bright the sky

(vs 11) **273** ~ LBW 46 All my heart again rejoices/Once again my heart rejoices

302 ~ LBW 82 As with gladness men of old

TFF 58 There's a star in the east

W&P 57 Hear the angels

January 12, 2020- the Festival of the Baptism of our Lord, Lectionary #1 - WHITE

Isaiah 42:1-9/Acts10:34-43 (Through his chosen servant, God brings healing to the afflicted)

(Is. vs 3) **699** In deepest night

(Is. vss 6-7) **709** When our song says peace

673 ~ LBW 400 God, whose almighty word

673 ~ LBW 423 Lord, whose love in humble service

314 ~ WOV 652 Arise, your light has come

W&P 96 Make me a servant

Psalms 29 ("The voice of the LORD is upon the waters") vs 3

Matthew 3:13-17 (A description of the baptism of Jesus)

(vss 13-17) **305** ~ WOV 647 When Jesus came to Jordan

(vss 13-17) **800** ~ LBW 486 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

(vss 13-17) **304** Christ, when for us you were baptized

(vss 13-17) **455** Crashing waters at creation

(vss 13-17) **310** ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise

322 ~ LBW 88 Oh, love how deep

456 ~ WOV 693 Baptized in water

445 ~ WOV 697 ~ TFF 112 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters

Resources for the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20th, can be found in the ELCA's *This Far by Faith* hymnal under entry #302. Included are indications for the Prayer of the Day, psalms, Scripture readings, hymns, and a wonderful set of intercessions that could be used in the day before during Sunday worship prayers. Also provided is a "charge to the people," a kind of benediction that is drawn from Dr. King's famous "I have a dream" speech. Entry #303 provides suggestions for the observance of Black History month in February

January 19, 2020 - the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday #2 - GREEN

Isaiah 49:1-7 (God's servant to be the light of the world)

(vss 1-6) **866** ~ WOV 650 ~ TFF 63 ~ W&P 148 We are marching in the light

301 ~ LBW 75 Bright and glorious is the sky
308 ~ LBW 76 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
303 ~ LBW 84 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning
TFF 132 Thy word is a lamp
TFF 61 The Lord is my light
Psalm 40: 1-11 ("The LORD listed me out of the desolate pit") vs 2a
(vs 2) TFF 188 I was sinking deep in sin
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Paul prays that his listeners be enriched in Christ with speech,
knowledge and every spiritual gift)
779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace
676 ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us that we may speak
John 1:29-42 (Jesus, the Lamb of God, recruits his first disciples)
(vs 29) **246** ~ LBW 37 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding
(vs 29) **759** ~ LBW 479 My faith looks up to thee
(vss 29-36) **592** ~ LBW 296 Just as I am, without one plea
(vss 29-36) **340** ~ LBW 105 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth
(vss 29-36) **357** ~ LBW 111 Lamb of God, pure and sinless
(vss 29, 36) **341** ~ TFF 128 Now behold the Lamb
(vss 35-42) **817** ~ WOV 784 You have come down to the lakeshore
(vs 40) **696** ~ LBW 494 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
309 ~ LBW 86 The only Son from heaven
196 ~ LBW 103 O Christ, Lamb of God/O Christ, thou Lamb of God
336 Lamb of God
W&P 76 Jesus, lamb of God
W&P 82 & 83 Lamb of God

January 26, 2020 - the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday #3 - GREEN

Isaiah 9:1-4 ("The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light")

301 ~ LBW 75 Bright and glorious is the sky
308 ~ LBW 76 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
303 ~ LBW 84 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning
314 ~ VOW 652 Arise, your light has come!
307 Light shone in darkness

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 ("The LORD is my light and salvation") vs 1

788 ~ LBW 454 If God my Lord be for me
TFF 61 The Lord is my light
(vs 1) **834** ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (A call for Christian unity)

(vss 10-11) **359** ~ LBW 126 Where charity and love prevail
(vss 17-18) **335** ~ TFF 73 Jesus, keep me near the cross
(vs 18) **803** ~ LBW 482 When I survey the wondrous cross
650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west
656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
654 ~ LBW 369 The Church's one foundation
576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission
649 Behold, how pleasant
643 We are all one in Christ
657 Rise, O sun of righteousness

Matthew 4:12-23 (Jesus calls his disciples)

(vs 18-22) **799** ~ LBW 455 "Come, follow me," the Savior spake
(vs 18-22) **696** ~ LBW 494 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

(vss 18-22) **817** ~ WOV 784 ~ TFF 154 ~ You have come down to the lakeshore
667 ~ LBW 398 "Take up your cross," the Savior said
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God
530 Here, O Lord, your servants gather
548 Rise, O Church, like Christ arise
LBW 449 They cast their nets

February 2, 2020 – the Festival of the Presentation of our Lord – WHITE

(Note: as provided in the rubrics of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship--Leaders Desk Edition*, page 12, the Festival of the Presentation takes precedence when it falls on a Sunday.)

Malachi 3:1-4 (the Lord comes to his temple – see suggestions for the Gospel below)

Psalm 84 ("How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD") vs 1

652 ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock

533 ~ LBW 250 Open now thy gates of beauty

[or] Psalm 24:7-10 ("Lift up your heads, O gates...that the king of glory may come in") vs. 7

344 ~ LBW 108 All glory, laud, and honor

259 ~ LBW 32 Fling wide the door

264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway

Hebrews 2:14-18 (Jesus was like us in every respect)

(vss 14-16) **322** ~ LBW 88 Oh, love how deep

Luke 2:22-40 (the infant Jesus is ritually presented in the temple, where he is acclaimed as "a light for revelation")

(vss 27-38) **417** ~ LBW 184 In his temple now behold him

(vss 27-36) **716** ~ LBW 419 Lord of all nations, grant me grace

(vss 29-32) **256** ~ LBW 29 Comfort, comfort now my people

(vss 29-32) **440** ~ LBW 349 In peace and joy I now depart/I leave as you have promised

(vss 29-32) **545** ~ LBW 259 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing

(vss 29-32) **313** ~ LBW 339 O Lord, now let your servant

(vss 33,38) **266** ~ WOV 629 All earth is hopeful

(vs 32) **715** Christ be our light

(vs 32) **657** Rise, O sun of righteousness

(vs 32) **671** ~ WOV 651 Shine, Jesus, shine

February 9, 2020 - the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Lectionary #5 - GREEN

Isaiah 58: 1-9a [9b-12] (True righteousness is to care for the hungry, naked and poor)

712 ~ LBW 423 Lord, whose love in humble service

546 ~ To be in your presence

706 The people walk

708 ~ WOV 765 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

710 Let streams of living justice

717 ~ WOV 763 Let justice flow like streams

Psalm 112: 1-9 [10] ("...light shines in the darkness...") vs 6a

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 [13-16] (Faith rests not on human wisdom, but on God's power)

769 ~ LBW 453 If you but trust in god to guide you

787 ~ WOV 779 ~ W&P 110 On eagle's wings

759 ~ LBW 479 My faith looks up to thee

Matthew 5: 13-20 (Christians are the light of the world)

540 ~ W&P 47 Go, make disciples

715 Christ, be our light

677 This little light of mine

720 ~ W&P 147 We are called

February 16, 2020 - the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - Lectionary #6 (Proper #1) - GREEN
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 / Sirach 15: 15-20 (Humanity has a choice between life and death)

772 ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my way

662 ~ LBW 386 Christ is the King!

798 ~ W&P 137 Will you come and follow me (The Summons)

Psalm 119: 1-8 ("Happy are they...who follow the teaching of the LORD") vs. 1

508 As rain from the clouds

(vs 5) 772 ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 (We have received the Spirit from God)

582 ~ LBW 523 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine

404 ~ LBW 475 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove

398 ~ LBW 275 Holy Spirit, truth divine

396 ~ WOV 684 Spirit of gentleness

405 ~ WOV 680 O Spirit of life

Matthew 5: 21-37 (Radical ethics in the matters of adultery, divorce, swearing)

599 ~ LBW 309 Lord Jesus, think on me

603 ~ WOV 735 God, when human bonds are broken

606 ~ WOV 733 Our Father, we have wandered

596/597 ~ LBW 293/294 My hope is built on nothing less

586 This is a day, Lord, gladly awaited

LENT AND THE "A" WORD: It's liturgical custom not to say or sing the word, "Alleluia," during the season of Lent. Stated otherwise, the church "fasts" from Alleluia during Lent. See On Transfiguration it is a liturgical custom to say "goodbye" to alleluia.

February 23, 2020- the Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord, last Sunday after the Epiphany, WHITE

Exodus 24:12-18 (Moses receives God's law on Mt. Sinai)

772 ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

618 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever, great Redeemer

Psalm 2 ("You are my son; this day I have begotten you.") vs. 7b

[or] Psalm 99 ("Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill") vs 9

TFF 11 Bow down before the holy mountain

2 Peter 1:16-21/Matthew 17:1-9 (Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain)

(Mt. vss 1-9) 316 ~ LBW 80 Oh, wondrous image/Oh, wondrous type!

(Mt. vss 1-9) 315 ~ LBW 89 How good, Lord, to be here!

(Mt. vss 1-9) 317 ~ WOV 653 Jesus on the mountain peak

(Mt. vss 1-9) 671 ~ WOV 651 ~ TFF 64 ~ W&P 123 Shine, Jesus shine

(2Pe. vss 16-19) 252 ~ WOV 628 Each winter as the year grows older

(2Pe. vs 19) 553 ~ LBW 265 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

(2Pe. vs 19) 309 ~ LBW 86 The only Son from heaven

719 ~ LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life

715 Christ, be our light

W&P 32 Come to the mountain

Alleluia hymns {See the 2nd page of this listing for a description of the "Goodbye to Alleluia" observance}

318 ~ WOV 654 Alleluia, Song of Gladness [the traditional hymn for the farewell to alleluia observance]

392 ~ LBW 158 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

835 ~ LBW 527 All creatures, worship God/All creatures of our God and King

A BENEDICTION FOR LENT & HOLY WEEK:

~ Jesus took the form of a servant and was obedient to death, even death on a cross. May you follow his example and share in the resurrection. **Amen.**

~ In faithfulness to God, Jesus gave his life as a ransom for many. May you walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen.**

~ On the cross of Calvary Jesus bore our grief and carried our sorrows. May his Passion bring you healing and peace. **Amen.**

~ Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

YEAR "A" SPECIAL HYMN FOR THE SEASON OF LENT: ELW #334 "Tree of life and awesome mystery"

This hymn by Marty Haugen (born 1950) is designed to be used on each of the Sundays of Lent during Year A of the three-year cycle of the lectionary. It has extra stanzas, each thematically related to the progressive Gospel pericopés of the five Sundays of Lent. Haugen is a prolific contemporary composer of new hymns, liturgical music settings, and other Christian music. A native of Minnesota and of Lutheran background, Haugen has worked as a church musician in Roman Catholic and United Church of Christ congregations, and at one point was resident musician and composer at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat facility in the State of Washington. He is represented by 11 entries in *With One Voice* and by 20 hymns in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, including this new hymn for Lent. Haugen wrote both the text of this hymn and also composed its music.

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: The 19th century saw two institutions of Lutheran higher education established in Ohio—Capital University, which was chartered by the state on March 2, 1850, and Wittenberg University, which had been previously chartered on March 11, 1845. Capital was an outgrowth of the Lutheran Theological Seminary established in 1830.

March 1, 2020- the First Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (Adam and Eve tempted by the serpent)

592 ~ LBW 296 Just as I am

LBW 372 In Adam we have all been one

WOV 751 *As man and woman we were made*

TFF 195 Yield not to temptation

Psalms 32 ("I acknowledged my sin) vs 5a

W&P 160 You are my hiding place

(vs 7) **795** ~ LBW 484 God, my Lord, my strength

Romans 5:12-19 (Jesus Christ atones for the sin of Adam and all humanity)

(vs 15) **783** ~ LBW 470 Praise and thanks and adoration

343 ~ LBW 94 My song is love unknown

340 ~ LBW 105 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth

323 God loved the world

Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus tempted by the devil in the desert)

(vs 11) **334** Tree of Life and awesome mystery (*with stanza, "Lent 1"*)

(vs 11) **319** ~ LBW 99 O Lord, throughout these forty days

(vss 1-11) **310** ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise

(vs 11) **601** ~ LBW 91 Savior, when in dust to you
320 ~ WOV 657 The glory of these forty days
503, 504, 505 ~ LBW 228, 229 A mighty fortress is our God
347 ~ LBW 109 Go to dark Gethsemane
431 O Christ, what can it mean for us

March 8, 2020- the Second Sunday in Lent – PURPLE

[Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on this date, and the clock “springs” ahead one hour.]

Genesis 12:1-4a/Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (God's promise to make Abraham a great nation)

(Gn. vss 1-8; Rm. vss 16-22) **831** ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise

(Gn. vss 1-8) **325** ~ WOV 660 I want Jesus to walk with me

614 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever, great Redeemer

Psalms 121 (“My help comes from the LORD”) 2a

567 To you, before the close of day

TFF 16 My help shall come from the Lord

TFF 147 I shall not be moved

(vs 4) **871** ~ LBW 542 Sing praise to God, the highest good

John 3:1-17 (Jesus tells Nicodemus to be “born again”)

(vss 1-17) **334** Tree of Life and awesome mystery (*with stanza, “Lent 2”*)

(vss 1-17) **456** ~ WOV 693 Baptized in water

457 ~ W&P 145 Waterlife

(vs 16) **323** ~ LBW 292 God love the world

(vs 16) **714** O God of mercy, God of light

620 ~ LBW 345 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

631 ~ LBW 315 Love divine, all loves excelling

March 15, 2020 - the Third Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

Exodus 17:1-7 (Moses provides water for his discontented people)

(vss 6) **647** ~ LBW 358 Glorious things of you/Glories of your name are spoken

(vss 1-7) **331** As the deer runs to the river

LBW 452 As pants the hart for cooling streams

Psalms 95 (“Let us sing to the LORD”) vs 1

225 ~ TFF 9 Come, ring out your joy

WOV 790 Praise to you, O God of mercy

W&P 105 Now the day has drawn to a close

(vss 1-2) W&P 159 You are my God

(vss 1-7a) **224** Come, let us sing to the Lord

Romans 5:1-11 (We are justified through faith in Christ)

(vss 1-5) **395** ~ LBW 163 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

(vss 1-5) **609** ~ LBW 306 Chief of sinners though I be

(vs 9) **499** O Lord, we praise you

654 ~ LBW 369 The Church's one foundation

503, 504, 505 ~ LBW 228/229 A mighty fortress

598 For by grace you have been saved

W&P 25 By grace we have been saved

John 4:5-42 (Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well/“living water”)

(vss 5-42) **334** Tree of Life and awesome mystery (*with stanza, “Lent 3”*)

(vss 7-15) **332, 611** ~ LBW 497 I heard the voice of Jesus say

(vss 13-14) **843** Praise the One who breaks the darkness

(vss 34-38) **508** As rain from the clouds

(vs 10) **777** Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty
751 ~ WOV 772 The Lord is my song (*note alternate text*)
TFF 124 Fill my cup, Lord

March 22, 2020- the Fourth Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (David is anointed king)

311 ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed

634 ~ LBW 328/329 All hail the power of Jesus' name

Psalms 23 ("The LORD is my shepherd")

782 My shepherd, you supply my need

789 ~ LBW 481, TFF 254 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

780 Shepherd me, O God

502 ~ LBW 456 The King of love my shepherd is

W&P 15 Be bold, be strong

TFF 3 The lord is my shepherd

(vs 4) **778** ~ LBW 451 The Lord is my shepherd

Ephesians 5:8-14 (Awake, O sleeper; Christ gives us light)

(vs 14) **378** ~ LBW 129 Awake, my heart, with gladness

(vs 14) **557** ~ LBW 269 Awake, my soul, and with the sun

(vss 8-14) **452** ~ WOV 745 Awake, O sleeper

(vss 8-14) **815** ~ WOV 649 I want to walk as a child of light

(vss 8-14) **563** ~ WOV 728 O Light whose splendor thrills

436 ~ LBW 31 Wake, awake, for night is flying

246 ~ LBW 37 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!

308 ~ LBW 76 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!

720 We are called

John 9:1-41 (The healing of the afflicted; a disputation on Sabbath healing)

(vss 1-41) **334** Tree of Life and awesome mystery (*with stanza, "Lent 4"*)

(vss 1-41) **793** ~ WOV 776 Be Thou My Vision

(vs 4) **724** ~ LBW 436 All who love and serve your city

(vs 15) **332, 611** ~ LBW 497 I heard the voice of Jesus say

(vs 15) **559** O splendor of God's glory bright

(vs 5) **715** Christ be our light

673 ~ LBW 400 God, whose almighty Word

742 ~ LBW 439 What a friend we have in Jesus

610 ~ LBW 360 O Christ, the healer, we have come

March 29, 2020- the Fifth Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (God brings new life to a valley of dry bones)

(vss 1-14) **506** ~ LBW 658 The word of God is source and seed

(vss 1-14) **406** ~ WOV 686 Veni Sancte Spiritus

347 ~ LBW 109 Go to dark Gethsemane

619 ~ LBW 352 I know that my Redeemer lives

Psalms 130 ("Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD") vs 1

600 ~ LBW 295 Out of the depths I cry to you

Romans 8:6-11 (New life in Christ)

(vs 9) **804** ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine

(vs 9) **786** O Holy Spirit enter in

781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father

732 ~ WOV 770 I was there to hear your boding cry

708 ~ WOV 765 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

622 Neither death nor life

John 11:1-45 (The raising of Lazarus)

(vss 1-45) **334** Tree of Life and awesome mystery (*with stanza, "Lent 5"*)

(vss 1-45) **495** We who once were dead

(vss 1-44) **333** Jesus is a rock in a weary land

(vss 1-53) **506** The word of God is source and seed

(vss 25-27) **485** I am the bread of life

(vs 35) **699** In deepest night

343 ~ LBW 94 My song is love unknown

339 ~ LBW 97 Christ, the life of all the living

April 5, 2020 - the Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday - SCARLET/RED/PURPLE

(Processional Gospel) Matthew 21:1-11 (Jesus' Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem)

(vss 1-11) **344** ~ LBW 108 All glory, laud, and honor

(vss 1-11) **346** ~ LBW 121 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

(vss 1-11) **264** ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway

(vss 1-11) **241** ~ LBW 23 O Lord, how shall I meet you

W&P 136 The king of glory

Isaiah 50:4-9a (God's servant is tortured)

351, 352 ~ LBW 116, 117 O sacred head now wounded

337 ~ LBW 98 Alas! And did my Savior bleed

595 Jesus love me, this I know

Psalm 31: 9-16 ("I am the scorn of all my enemies") vs 11a

Philippians 2:5-11 (At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow)

(vss 5-11) **893** Before you, Lord, we bow

(vss 6-11) **343** ~ LBW 94 My song is love unknown

(vs 9) **820** O Savior, precious Savior

(vss 10-11) **416** ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus

620 ~ LBW 345 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

634 ~ LBW 328, 329 All hail the power of Jesus' name

W&P 77 Jesus, name above all names

W&P 100 Name above all names

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 (The passion story)

(vss 36-46) **348** Stay with me

(vs 42) **340** ~ LBW 105 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth

(vss 57-66) **349** ~ LBW 123 Ah, holy Jesus

(vs 29) **351, 352** ~ LBW 116, 117 O sacred head, now wounded

(vss 21-22) **343** ~ LBW 94 ~ WOV 661 My song is love unknown

(vss 50-54) **353** ~ LBW 92 Were you there?

(vs 50) **339** ~ LBW 97 Christ, the life of all the living

(vs 50) **354** Calvary

335 ~ TFF 73 Jesus, keep me near the cross

324 ~ LBW 104 In the cross of Christ I glory

338 ~ LBW 107 Beneath the cross of Jesus

431 O Christ, what can it mean for us

TFF 77 The old rugged cross

W&P 11 At the foot of the cross

W&P 24 Broken in love

A BENEDICTION FOR THE EASTER SEASON:

~ "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts. **Amen.**

~ All those who believe in Christ will never perish. May you pass with Christ from death to life. **Amen.**

~ Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope. **Amen.**

~ Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

April 12, 2020- the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day - GOLD or WHITE

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (Israel will again rejoice because of God's love)

(vss 31-34) **487** ~ WOV 701 What feast of love

363 ~ LBW 132 Come, you faithful, raise the strain

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24 ("I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the LORD") vs 17

TFF 15 The Lord is my strength

TFF 209 We've come a long way, Lord

(vs 15) **361** ~ LBW 141 The day of resurrection!

(vss 21-24) **645** ~ LBW 367 Christ is made the sure foundation

(vs 24) **521** ~ LBW 251 O day of rest and gladness

(vs 24) W&P 54 He has made me glad

(vs 24) W&P 141 TFF 262 This is the day

(vs 24) TFF 291 I will enter his gates

Acts 10:34-43/Matthew 28:1-10/John 20:1-18 (Christ is raised on the third day)

(Mt. vss 1-10) **369** ~ LBW 130 Christ the Lord is risen today

(Mt. vss 1-10) **379** ~ LBW 148 Now the green blade rises

(Mt. vss 1-7; Jn. vss 1-18) **371** ~ LBW 137 Christians, to the paschal victim

(Mt. vs 2; Jn. vss 1-18) **376** ~ LBW 145 Thine is the glory

(Jn. vss 1-18) **375** Alleluia! Christ arisen

(Jn. vss 1-5) **369** ~ LBW 128 Christ the Lord is risen today; alleluia!

(Jn. vss 11-18) **383** ~ WOV 672 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!

370 ~ LBW 134 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands (*Luther's Easter hymn*)

366 ~ LBW 135 The strife is o'er; the battle done

394 ~ LBW 142 Hail thee, festival day! (*With Easter stanzas*)

385 ~ LBW 144 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing

433 Blessing, honor, and glory

Colossians 3:1-4 (We have been raised with Christ)

(vss 1-2) **367** ~ LBW 143 Now all the vault of heaven resounds

(vs 1) **393** ~ LBW 157 A hymn of glory let us sing

449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised

382 ~ LBW 131 Christ is risen! Alleluia!

370 ~ LBW 140 With high delight let us unite

365 ~ LBW 151 Jesus Christ is risen today

860 ~ WOV 673 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me

374 Day of arising

April 19, 2020- the Second Sunday of Easter - WHITE

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (God raised up Jesus)

[See Acts material for Easter Day above]

Psalms 16 ("You are my LORD, my good above all other") vs 1b

(vs 2) **871** ~ LBW 542 Sing praise to God, the highest good

(vss 5-6, 11-12) LBW 264 When all your mercies, O my God

(vss 6-10) **509** ~ LBW 239 God's word is our great heritage

(vs 8) LBW 505 Forth in thy name, O Lord I go
1 Peter 1:3-9 (Christians may have to suffer trials)
(vss 3-9) **615** ~ WOV 739 In all our grief
(vs 8) **820** O Savior, precious Savior
(vs 8) **476** ~ LBW 199 Thee we adore, O Savior
503, 502, 503 ~ 228, 229 A mighty fortress is our God
812, 813 ~ LBW 500 Faith of our fathers

John 20:19-31 (The story of Doubting Thomas)
(vss 19-31) **286** ~ LBW 139 O sons and daughters of the king
(vss 19-31) **363** ~ LBW 132 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
(vss 19-31) **382** ~ LBW 131 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
(vss 19-31) **635** ~ WOV 675 We walk by faith and not by sight
(vss 19-31) **508** Rise, O Church, like Christ arisen
(vss 19-31) **753** ~ WOV 774 Dona nobis pacem
(vss 19-23) **384** ~ LBW 154 That Easter day with joy was bright
(vss 19-31) **753** ~ WOV 774 Dona nobis pacem
(vss 19-31) **390** The risen Christ
869 We have seen the Lord

April 26, 2020 - the Third Sunday of Easter – WHITE

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (A call to repentance and baptism)

449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised
442 ~ LBW 194 All who believe and are baptized
454 Remember and rejoice
575 In Christ called to baptize

Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19 (“I will offer thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD”) vs 17

TFF 13 I will call in the name of
(vs 2) W&P 159 You are my God
(vs 12) TFF 239 What shall I render the Lord
(vs 17) **879** ~ LBW 561 For the beauty of the earth

1 Peter 1:17-23 (We have been ransomed by the blood of the Lamb)

(vss 18-19) **775** ~ LBW 457, 458 Jesus, priceless treasure
(vss 18-19) **654** ~ LBW 369 The church’s one foundation
(vs 22) **428** Give thanks for saints
596, 597 ~ LBW 293, 294 My hope is built on nothing less
592 ~ LBW 296 Just as I am
666 ~ LBW 385 What wondrous love is this
609 ~ LBW 306 Chief of sinners, though I be
336 Lamb of God
341 Now behold the Lamb
W&P 140 There is a redeemer

Luke 24:13-35 (Jesus appears to the disciples at Emmaus)

384 ~ LBW 154 That Easter day with joy was bright
480 ~ LBW 222 O Bread of life from heaven
501 ~ LBW 219 Come with us, O blessed Jesus
491 ~ LBW 214 Come, let us eat
495 ~ LBW 207 We who once were dead
494 ~ LBW 200 For the bread which you have broken
490 ~ LBW 198 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
325 ~ WOV 660 I want Jesus to walk with me
377 ~ TFF 91 Alleluia! Jesus is risen

374 Day of arising

May 3, 2020- the Fourth Sunday of Easter – WHITE

Acts 2:42-47 (The communal life of the first Christians)

(vs 42) **471** ~ LBW 212 Let us break bread together

(vs 42) **774** ~ WOV 780 ~ TFF 220 What a fellowship, what a joy divine

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west

Psalm 23 ("The LORD is my shepherd") vs 1a

782 My shepherd, you supply my need

789 ~ LBW 481, TFF 254 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

780 Shepherd me , O God

502 ~ LBW 456 The King of love my shepherd is

W&P 15 Be bold, be strong

TFF 3 The lord is my shepherd

(vs 4) **778** ~ LBW 451 The Lord is my shepherd

1 Peter 2:19-25/John 10:1-10 (Christ as the Good Shepherd)

(Jn. vss 1-10) **502** ~ LBW 456 The King of love my shepherd is

(Jn. vss 1-10) **778** ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want

(Jn. vss 1-10) **789** ~ LBW 481 ~ 254 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

(Jn. vss 3-4) **608** ~ WOV 734 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

(1Pe. vs 21) **802** ~ LBW 487 Let us ever walk with Jesus

(1Pe. vs 21) **818** ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you

(1 Pe. vss 21-25) **342** ~ WOV 668 There in God's garden

782 My shepherd, you supply my need

780 Shepherd me, O God

W&P 132 Step by step

May 10, 2020 - the Fifth Sunday of Easter – WHITE - **[Mother's Day]**

Acts 7:55-60 (The final vision of Stephen)

420 (with stanza 4) ~ LBW 177 (with stanza 7) By all your saints in warfare

518 ~ WOV 712 Listen, God is calling

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 ("Be my strong rock...lead me") vs 3

(vs 3) **624** ~ LBW 341 Jesus, still lead on

1 Peter 2:2-10 (Christ is the cornerstone and rock of the church)

(vs 2) **445** ~ WOV 697 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters

(vss 5-7) **652** ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock

820 ~ LBW 514 O Savior, precious Savior

853 ~ LBW 545, 546 When morning gilds the skies

245 Creator of the stars of night

431 O Christ, what can it mean for us

W&P 127 Song over the waters

W&P 73 I will sing, I will sing

Luke 2:15-21 (The child is circumcised and named Jesus)

416 ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus

634 ~ LBW 328, 329 All hail the power of Jesus' name

620 ~ LBW 345 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

886 ~ LBW 559 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

293 ~ TFF 54 That boy-child of Mary

W&P 101 Night of silence

W&P 57 Hear the angels

W&P 77 Jesus, name above all names

W&P 100 Name above all names

Hymns usable for Mother's Day

640 ~ LBW 357 Our Father, by whose name

813 Faith of our fathers (*Note stanza 2 in this revised text with its mention of mother*)

839, 840 ~ LBW 533, 554 Now thank we all our God

Partnership Remembrance involving the East of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania: on **May 14, 1989** the East of Lake Victoria Diocese came into being when 7 parishes were subdivided from the Central Diocese of the national church. (A "diocese" is an area served by a bishop and is thus the equivalent to the synods of the ELCA.) The diocese has since made remarkable growth in an area of Tanzania previously dominated by witchcraft and superstition-laden traditional native religion. The diocese now includes 72 parishes and 47,000 members, and is among the fastest growing of the national church's 20 dioceses. On its web site, www.elvd.net, it describes its commitment to "serve the people holistically—spiritually, physically, and mentally. The current bishop of the diocese is the Rev. Andrew Petro Gulle.

May 17, 2020 - the Sixth Sunday of Easter - WHITE

Acts 17:22-31 (Paul preaches in Athens about the "unknown God")

(vs 24) **652** ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock

(vs 28) **668** ~ LBW 397 O Zion, haste

834 ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art

835 ~ LBW 527 All creatures, worship God/All creatures of our God and king

736 God the sculptor of the mountains

738 God created heaven and earth

W&P 13 Awesome God

Psalms 66: 8-20 ("Come now and see the works of the LORD") vs 5

(vss 8-12) TFF 138 Come, all you people

1 Peter 3:13-22 (Christians may be abused and called on to defend the Gospel)

(vs 16) **772** ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

(vss 18-22) **613** ~ WOV 741 Thy holy wings

796 ~ LBW 507 How firm a foundation

326 Bless now, O God, the journey

TFF 213 We shall overcome

John 14:15-21 (Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit)

(vs 16) **804** ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine

(vs 16) **410** ~ LBW 166 All glory be to God on high

(vs 17) **404** ~ LBW 475 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove

655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal Savior

786 ~ LBW 459 O Holy Spirit, enter in

800 ~ LBW 486 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

398 ~ LBW 257 Holy Spirit, truth divine

May 24, 2020 - the Seventh Sunday of Easter and/or the Ascension of our Lord* - WHITE

(Note: as provided in the rubrics of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, page 35, this Sunday can be celebrated as the Festival of the Ascension of our Lord, if that holiday has not been liturgically observed the previous Thursday.)

Acts 1:6-14 (The ascension of Jesus)

(vss 6-14) **394** ~ LBW 142 Hail thee, festival day (*with Ascension stanzas*)

(vs 8) **268** ~ LBW 140 With high delight
(vs 9) **392** ~ LBW 158 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
(vss 1-11) **579** ~ WOV 756 Lord, you give the great commission
393 ~ LBW 157 A hymn of glory let us sing!
419 ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus
855 ~ LBW 170 Crown him with many crowns

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 or Psalm 47

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (Christians may face suffering)

(vs 8) **795** ~ LBW 484 God, my Lord, my strength

John 17:1-11 (Prayer that God's people be one)

(vs 10) **744** ~ W&P 89 Lord be glorified

(vs 11) **662** ~ LBW 386 Christ is the King!

(vs 11) **245** Creator of the stars of night

(vs 11) **657** Rise, O sun of righteousness

745 ~ LBW 438 Lord, teach us how to pray aright

650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie

530 Here, O Lord, your servants gather

643 ~ TFF 221 We are all one in Christ

576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission

A BENEDICTION FOR THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST:

~ At Pentecost, the Spirit of God was poured out upon believers. May the Spirit's flame burn brightly in your hearts. **Amen.**

~ The wind of the Spirit blows where it wills. May the breath of the Spirit rouse you for life.

Amen.

~ Christ said to the disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit." May you be enlightened and sanctified in his name. **Amen.**

~ Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Southern Ohio Synod Partnership Observance: Our synod's oldest overseas partnership involves the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany: Dating back to the early 1990s, the Southern Ohio Synod had an ongoing partnership relationship with an autonomous Lutheran church body in the German state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Then on Pentecost in 2012, the previously independent Mecklenburg church joined in "fusion" with two other North German territorial church bodies, creating what is now called the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany. (Nickname: die Nordkirche or "the North Church") The largest component of this new church body was the North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church, which stretched from Hamburg to Lübeck, and brought along 594 congregations and over 2 million church members. Smaller was the Mecklenburg church with 269 congregations and around 200,000 members. The smallest of the fusing bodies was the Evangelical Church of Pomerania with 202 congregations and around 100,000 members. The Mecklenburg part of the new church will continue its partnership with the Southern Ohio Synod, but now the partnership is also part of the mission of the entire North Church. The new church stretches from the North Sea to Poland, with the Mecklenburg and Pomeranian portions having been behind the Iron Curtain until 1989. The presiding bishop is the newly installed Rev. Kristina Kühnbaum-Schmidt and the bishop of the Mecklenburg Diocese is the Rev. Tilman Jeremias.

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: The Southern Ohio Synod held its constituting convention in Columbus, Ohio, on May 31 - June 2, 1987. As one of the 66 constituent synods of the recently organized Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our new synod brought

together for the lower section of Ohio some 247 congregations of the former American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in American, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. Historically, this represented a reunification of several strands of Lutheranism that shared common roots in our state dating back to the first Lutheran synod assembly ever held in Ohio. That first synod met on September 14, 1818, in the southern Ohio town of Somerset in Perry County, and could be considered the ancestral founding date of our present synod. Our synodical bishop is the Rev. Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt.

May 31, 2020 - the Festival of Pentecost - RED

Numbers 11:24-30/Acts 2:1-21/John 20:19-23 (The pouring out of God's Spirit)

(Ac. vss 1-21) **394** ~ LBW 142 Hail thee, festival day! (*Use Pentecost stanzas*)

(Ac. vss 1-21) **627** ~ LBW 161 O day full of grace

(Ac. vss 1-21) **403** ~ WOV 685 Like the murmur of the dove's song

(Ac. vss 1-4) **412** Come join the dance of Trinity

(Ac. vss 3-4) **395** ~ LBW 163 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (*by Luther*)

(Ac. vss 3-4) **743** ~ LBW 317 Now to the Holy Spirit/To God the Holy Spirit (*by Luther*)

(Jn. vss 19-23) **635** ~ WOV 675 We walk by faith and not by sight

(Jn. vss 19-23) **390** The risen Christ

(Jn. vss 22-23) **582** ~ LBW 523 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling

800 ~ LBW 486 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine

786 ~ LBW 459 O Holy Spirit, enter in

398 ~ LBW 257 Holy Spirit, truth divine

396 ~ WOV 684 Spirit, spirit of gentleness

405 ~ WOV 680 O Spirit of life

399 ~ WOV 688 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

401 ~ TFF 103 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b ("You send forth your Spirit [and all things] are created") vs 30

835 ~ LBW 527 All creatures worship God most high!

856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art

842 ~ LBW 548 Oh, worship the King

TFF 13 Lord, send out your Spirit!

(vs1) **863** ~ LBW 524 My God, how wonderful thou art

(vs 33) LBW 538 Oh praise the Lord, my soul

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (God will gather the people into one)

(vss 3-13) **687** ~ WOV 758 Come to us, creative Spirit

(vss 3-13) **470** ~ WOV 703 Draw us in the Spirit's tether

(vss 3-13) **576** ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission

650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie

643 We are all one in Christ

W&P 18 ~ WOV 748 Bind us together

W&P 133 That Christ be known

John 7:37-39 (Jesus speaks of the coming Spirit: Let any who thirst come to me)

(vss 37-39) **331** As the deer runs to the river

(vss 37-39) **332, 611** ~ LBW 497 I heard the voice of Jesus say

(vss 37-39) **423** ~ WOV 690 Shall we gather at the river

June 7, 2020 - the Holy Trinity, the 1st Sunday after Pentecost - WHITE

Genesis 1:1-2:4a (God's creation of the world)

(vs 1) **411** ~ LBW 374 We all believe in one true God (*Can be used as creed*)
(vss 1-14) **564** God, who made heaven and earth
(vss 1-5) **738** God created heaven and earth
(vss 1-5) **771** ~ LBW 463 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
684 ~ WOV 757 Creating God, your fingers trace
736 God, the sculptor of the mountains
879 ~ WOV 757 Creating God, your fingers trace
736 God, the sculptor of the mountains
879 ~ LBW 561 For the beauty of the earth

Psalm 8 ("O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth") vs 1

306 Come, beloved of the maker
837 ~ WOV 794 Many and great, O God
W&P 29 Come and see
(vs 2) **434** ~ LBW 530 Jesus shall reign
(vss 3-4) **879** LBW 561 For the beauty of the earth

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (The triune, apostolic greeting)

(vs 13) **585** ~ LBW 288 Hear us now, our God and Father
(vs 13) **582** ~ LBW 523 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
413 ~ LBW 165 Holy, holy, holy
410 ~ LBW 166 All glory be to God on high
819 ~ TFF 138 Come, all you people
748 O God in heaven
412 Come, join the dance of the Trinity

Matthew 28:16-20 (The command to baptize in the triune name of God)

(vss 16-20) **549** ~ WOV 773 Send me, Jesus
(vss 16-20) **809** Send me, Lord
(vss 18-20) **575** In Christ called to baptized
(vss 19-20) **540** ~ W&P 47 Go, make disciples
415 ~ LBW 169 Father most holy, merciful and tender
450 ~ LBW 188 I bind unto myself today (*Can be used as creed*)
449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised
W&P 49 Go ye therefore

June 14, 2020 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #11 (Proper 6) - GREEN

Exodus 19:2-8a (Israel, brought out of Egypt as on eagle's wings, it to be a kingdom of priests, a holy nation)

(vss 2-8) **787** ~ WOV 779 On eagle's wings
(vs 4) **871** ~ LBW 542 Sing praise to God
(19:4) **831** ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise
781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father
317 ~ LBW 355 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
668 ~ LBW 397 O Zion, haste
326 Bless now, O God, the journey

Psalm 100 ("Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands") vs

Romans 5:1-8 (We are justified by faith in Jesus, who died for us)

(vss 1-5) **395** ~ LBW 163 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
(vss 1-2) **598** ~ W&P 38 For by grace you have been saved
(vss 1-2) **590** ~ LBW 297 Salvation has come to us
351, 352 ~ LBW 116, 117 O sacred head, now wounded
592 ~ LBW 296 Just as I am

Matthew 9:35–10:8 [9-23] (Jesus sends out his disciples into the "harvest" of the ministry)

(vss 9:35-38) **676** ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us that we may speak
(vs 9:36) **507** ~ LBW 237 O God of light
(vs 9:36) **789** ~ LBW 481 Savior, like a shepherd lead us
(vs 9:36) **719** ~ LBW 419 Where cross the crowded ways of life
(vss 10:1-8) **584** ~ LBW 434 The Son of God, our Christ
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God!
655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal Savior
805 ~ LBW 495 Lead on, O King eternal!
687 ~ WOV 758 Come to us, creative Spirit
674 ~ WOV 754 ~ TFF 232 Let us talents and tongues employ
543 ~ TFF 161 Go, my children with my blessing

June 21, 2020 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #12 (Proper 7) –GREEN **[Father's Day]**

Jeremiah 20:7-13 (A prophet must speak)

576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission

546 To be your presence

513 ~ WOV 712 Listen, God is calling

Psalms 69: 7-10 [11-15] 16-18 (“Zeal for your house has eaten me up”) vs 9a

Romans 6: 1b-11 (Buried and raised with Christ in baptism)

456 ~ WOV 693 Baptized in water

451 ~ WOV 698 We are/were baptized in Christ Jesus

(vs 4) W&P 102 No longer strangers

Matthew 10: 24-39 (the cost of discipleship)

660 ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross

(vss 26-27) **661** ~ LBW 390 I love to tell the story

(vs 38) **799** ~ LBW 455 Come, follow me the Savior spake

(vs 38) **806** ~ LBW 504 O God, my faithful God

(vs 38) **667** ~ LBW 398 Take up your cross, the Savior said

(vs 39) **583/685** ~ LBW 406 Take my life that I may be

Father's Day hymns

640 ~ LBW 357 Our Father, by whose name

812, 813 ~ LBW 500 Faith of our fathers

June 28, 2020 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #13 (Proper 8) - GREEN

Jeremiah 28: 5-9/Matthew 10: 40-42 (God's true prophets)

661 ~ LBW 390 I love to tell the story

663 ~ LBW 379 Spread, Oh spread, Almighty word

668 ~ LBW 397 O Zion, haste

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God!

676 ~ LBW 403 Lord speak to us that we may speak

576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission

Psalms 89: 1-4, 15-18 (“Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing”) vs 1

(vs 1) W&P 74 I will sing of the mercies of the Lord

Romans 6: 12-23 (The wages of sin is death, the free gift of God is eternal life)

594 Dear Christians, one and all rejoice (*by Luther*)

779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

606 ~ WOV 733 Our Father, we have wandered

329 ~ WOV 655 As the sun with longer journey

453 ~ W&P 14 Baptized and set free

W&P 25 By grace we have been saved

July 5, 2020 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary # 14 (Proper 9) - GREEN [see alternate for July 5th below]

Zechariah 9:9-12 (A king arrives, riding on an ass)

346 ~ LBW 121 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
344 ~ LBW 108 All glory, laud, and honor
260 ~ LBW 33 The king shall come
264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway
241 ~ LBW 23 O Lord, how shall I meet you
343 ~ LBW 94 ~ WOV 661 My song is love unknown
TFF 182 Ride on, King Jesus
W&P 136 The king of glory

Psalms 145: 8-14 ("The LORD is gracious and full of compassion") vs 8a

(vs 1) **893** ~ LBW 401 Before you, Lord, we bow
(vss 10-13) **826** Thine the amen
(vss 13-14) W&P 155 What a mighty word God
592 ~ LBW 296 Just as I am, without one plea
600 ~ LBW 295 Out of the depths, I cry to you
599 ~ LBW 309 Lord Jesus think on me
328 Restore in us, O God

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 ("Come to me,, all who labor...and I will give you rest")

(vs 28) **434** ~ LBW 530 Jesus shall reign
(vs 28) **670** ~ LBW 280 Now the day is over
(vss 28-30) **332, 611** ~ LBW I heard the voice of Jesus say
(vss 28-30) **742** ~ LBW 439 What a friend we have in Jesus
(vss 28-30) **765** ~ LBW 469 Lord of all hopefulness
381 ~ LBW 338 Peace, to soothe our bitter woes
773 ~ WOV 731 Precious Lord, take my hand
614 ~ WOV 737 There is a balm in Gilead
787 ~ WOV 779 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

OR July 5, 2020 - The National Day - GREEN or BLUE*

(Since this date is close to Independence Day, it may be appropriate to use the propers provided by Evangelical Lutheran Worship for a "national day" [page 63]. *Note that BLUE could conceivably be used as an alternative liturgical color for the National Day, since the Congress in 1782 said that the blue in the flag is symbolic of justice, the preservation of which the church has long prayed for in terms of our nation.)

Jeremiah 29: 4-14 (Pray for the land where you live)

887 This is my song
888 O beautiful for spacious skies
891 ~ LBW 569 God bless our native land
893 ~ LBW 401 Before you Lord, we bow (Note: author is Francis Scott Key)
LBW 566 My Country 'tis of thee
LBW 567 God of our fathers

Psalms 20 ("Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we rely on the name of the LORD, our God") vs 7

(vs 5) **873, 874** Rejoice, ye pure in heart
(vs 5) LBW 553 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!

Romans 13: 1-10 ("Rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad")

890 ~ LBW 332 ~ TFF 297 Mine eyes have seen the glory
889 ~ TFF 300 The right hand of God

Mark 12: 13-17 ("Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's")

655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal savior
841 ~ LBW 562 ~ TFF 296 Lift every voice and sing
686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own
689 ~ LBW 409 Praise and Thanksgiving

July 12, 2020 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #15 (Proper 10) - GREEN
Isaiah 55:10-13/Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (God's Word is like planted seed/the parable of the sower)

(Mt. vss 1-8) **506** ~WOV 658 The word of God is source and see
(Mt. vss 3-23) **516** ~ LBW 234 Almighty God, your Word is cast
(Mt. vss 3-23) **550** ~ LBW 261 On what has now been sown
(Mt. vss 3-23) **512** ~ WOV 713 ~ TFF 131 ~ W&P 52 Lord, let my heart be good soil
(Is. vss 10-11) **508** As rain from the clouds
(Is. vss 10-12) **447** ~ WOV 695 O blessed spring

Psalms 65: [1-8] 9-13 ("May...the valleys cloak themselves with grain") vs 13b

(vss 9-13) **689** ~ LBW 409 Praise and thanksgiving
(vss 9-13) **694** ~ LBW 412 Sing to the Lord of the harvest

Romans 8:1-11 (Called to live by the Spirit)

(vs 2) **453** ~ W&P 14 Baptized and set free
(vs 9) **786** ~ LBW 459 O Holy Spirit, enter in
(vs 9) **804** ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine
401 ~ WOV 687 ~ TFF 103 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading
397 ~ WOV 683 Loving Spirit

July 19, 2020 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary # 16 (Proper 11) – GREEN
Isaiah 44:6-8/Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 (God's uniqueness)

834 ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
637 Holy God, holy and glorious

Psalms 86: 11-17 ("For great is your love toward me") vs 13a

(vs 12) W&P 42 Glorify thy name
(vs 13) **587, 588** ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Romans 8:12-25 (Nature's involvement in salvation)

(vss 12-14) **807** ~ LBW 499 Come, thou fount of every blessing
(vss 13-16) **402** ~ LBW 441 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ
835 ~ LBW 527 All creatures, worship God/All creatures of our God and King
879 ~ LBW 561 For the beauty of the earth
836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
881 ~ LBW 557 Let all things now living
824 ~ LBW 554 This is my Father's world
856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (Parable of the weeds)

(vss 24-43) **693** ~ LBW 407 Come, ye/you thankful people come
550 ~ LBW 261 On what has now been sown
890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory
694 ~ LBW 412 Sing to the Lord of harvest

July 26, 2020 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #17 (Proper 12) - GREEN
1 Kings 3:5-12 (Solomon's prayer for wisdom)

(vss 5-12) **705** ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

Psalms 119: 129-136 ("Let your face shine...and teach me your statutes") vs 135

(vs 133) **599** ~ LBW 309 Lord Jesus, think on me
(vs 133) **772** ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my way
Romans 8:26-39 ("In everything God works for good with those who love him")
(vs 26) **800** ~ LBW 486 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart
(vss 26-27) **612** ~ LBW 738 Healer of our every ill
(vss 26-28) **402** ~ LBW 441 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ
(vss 28-29) **757** ~ WOV 782 All my hope on God is founded
(vss 28-31) **776** ~ LBW 446 What God ordains/Whatever God ordains
(vss 31-39) **788** ~ LBW 454 If God my Lord/himself be for me
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (Jesus tells parables and asks if his disciples understand)
(vss 45-46) **775** ~ LBW 457, 458 Jesus, priceless treasure
(vss 45-46) **547** ~ LBW 221 Sent forth by God's blessing
676 ~ LBW 403 Lord speak to us, that we may speak
507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light, your Word, a lamp unfailing

August 2, 2020 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #18 (Proper 13) - GREEN
Matthew 14:13-21/Isaiah 55:1-5 (The feeding of the five thousand/the invitation to "eat"
God's grace)

(Mt. vss 13-21) **515** ~ LBW 235 Break now the bread of life
(Mt. vss 13-21) **729** ~ LBW 433 The church of Christ in every age
(Mt. vss 13-21) **674** ~ WOV 754 Let us talents and tongues employ
(Is. vs 1) **486** God extends an invitation
(Is. vss 1-3) **484** ~ WOV 711 You satisfy the hungry heart.
542 ~ LBW 197 O living bread from heaven
480 ~ LBW 222 O bread of life from heaven
471 ~ LBW 212 Let us break bread together
494 ~ LBW 200 For the bread which you have broken
469 By your hand you feed your people
461 All who hunger, gather gladly
Psalms 145: 8-9, 14-21 ("...You give food in due season") vs 15
(vss 14-16) W&P 155 What a mighty word God gives
(vss 15-16) **484** ~ WOV You satisfy the hungry heart
(vss 15-16) **694** ~ LBW 412 Sing to the Lord of the harvest
Romans 9:1-5 (Paul's sorrow for the people of Israel)
257 ~ LBW 34 Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel
713 ~ LBW 416 O God of every nation

August 9, 2020- 10th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #19 (Proper 14) - GREEN
1 Kings 19:9-18 (Elijah experiences Yahweh in the "sound of sheer silence at Mt. Horeb
{aka Sinai})

(vss 9-12) **767** ~ WOV 768 He comes to us as one unknown
358 ~ LBW 466 Great God, our source
834 ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
574 ~ WOV 752 I, the Lord of sea and sky
513 ~ WOV 712 ~ TFF 130 Listen! God is calling
Psalms 85: 8-13 ("Righteousness and peace have kissed each other") vs 10b
TFF 8 O Lord, let us see your kindness
Romans 10:5-15 (Salvation is for all)
(vss 14-18) **663** ~ LBW 379 Spread, oh, spread, almighty word
590 ~ LBW 297 Salvation unto us has come
650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west

643 ~ TFF 221 We are all one in Christ
Matthew 14:22-33 (Jesus walks on the water)
(vss 22-33) **756** ~ LBW 467 Eternal Father, strong to save
(vss 22-33) **755** ~ LBW 334 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
(vss 22-33) **794** Calm to the waves
(vss 22-33) **763** ~ WOV 781 My life flows on in endless song
(vss 22-33) **773** ~ WOV 731 Precious Lord, take my hand
774 ~ TFF 220 What a fellowship, what a joy divine

August 16, 2020 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #20 (Proper 15) - GREEN

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (Foreigners will come to the LORD)
883 ~ LBW 245 All people that on earth do dwell
650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west
WOV 748 ~ TFF 217 ~ W&P 18 Bind us together Lord
Psalms 67 ("Let the peoples praise you, O God") vs 3a
TFF 7 Let the peoples praise you O God
LBW 335 May God bestow on us his grace
(vs 1) **499** O Lord, we praise you
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (God allows human disobedience so that he may have mercy)
666 ~ LBW 385 What wondrous love is this
779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace
599 ~ LBW 309 Lord Jesus think on me
598 For by grace you have been saved
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28 (Jesus commends the great faith of a Canaanite woman and
heals her son)
(vs 28) **862** Praise, praise! You are my rock
656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
722 O Christ, your heart compassionate

August 23, 2020 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #21 (Proper 16) - GREEN

Isaiah 51:1-6 (God will take care of the chosen people)
781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father
831 ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise
764 ~ LBW 476 Have no fear, little flock
787 ~ WOV 779 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord/On eagle's wings
613 ~ WOV 741 Thy holy wings
Psalms 138 ("I will give thanks to you, O LORD") vs 1a
689 ~ LBW 409 Praise and thanksgiving
Romans 12:1-8 (Paul's counsel toward a harmonious and zealous Christian life)
(vss 3-8) **579** ~ WOV 756 Lord, you give the great commission
(vs 45) **575** In Christ called to baptize
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God!
665 ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people!
793 ~ WOV 776 Be thou my vision
428 Christ is the King! [GELOBT SEI GOTT]
Matthew 16:13-20 (Peter identifies Jesus as the Christ; Jesus calls Peter "the rock")
(vss 13-20) **652** ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock, the church shall stand
654 ~ LBW 369 The church's one foundation
796 ~ LBW 507 How firm a foundation
428 Give thanks for saints

Southern Ohio Synod Partnership Observance: Seemingly the most remote of our synod's overseas partnerships involves the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Kazakhstan. That there are Lutherans in such a far-flung locale came about as a result of the Second World War. On August 28, 1941 the presidium of the Soviet Union ordered the "resettling" of ethnic Germans within the USSR. Stalin feared that these Russian citizens of German descent would welcome and collaborate with the armed forces of the Third Reich, as they began to invade Russia at the end of June 1941. A large population of Russians of Germanic heritage were, as a result, forcibly uprooted from areas where they had lived going back as much as 200 years and moved to the Asian part of the USSR. Many of these people ended up in Kazakhstan, where they maintained a thriving Lutheran church life, although deprived for decades from any church contacts with the West. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1990, many of the ethnic Germans in Kazakhstan have immigrated to Germany, so that the Kazakh church has been much reduced in size. At the same time, it began to face pronounced problems from the Muslim Kazakh majority running the government. (Around 70% of the population is Muslim; Christians—mostly Roman Catholics and Russian Orthodox constitute 26%.) Nevertheless, the Lutheran church in Kazakhstan lives on, with Bishop Yuri Novgorodov (*now titled Archbishop*), and 10 other pastors plus thirty some other preachers serving the 50 congregations of the Kazakh church. In an agreement signed on 13 May 2019 the Kazakh Lutheran Church joined in federation with both the Russian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church in Kazakhstan, so that they can have a united front in their dealings with the largely Muslim Kazakh society and government.

August 30, 2020- 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary #22 (Proper 17) - GREEN

Jeremiah 15:15-21 (God strengthens the prophet to speak the Word)

424 ~ LBW 175 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

519 ~ WOV 715 Open your ears, O faithful people

Psalms 26: 1-8 ("I have walked faithfully with you") vs 3b

870 We praise you, O God

Romans 12:9-21 ("Rejoice in hope; be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer")

(vs 9) **428** Give thanks for saints

244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice believers

742 ~ 439 What a friend we have in Jesus

Matthew 16:21-28 (Peter rebuked by Jesus, who calls on all to take up their crosses and follow)

(vs 24) **667** ~ 398 "Take up, your cross," the Savior said

(vs 24) **799** ~ LBW 455 "Come, follow me," the Savior spake

(vs 24) **783** ~ LBW 470 Praise and thanksgiving and adoration

660 ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross

802 ~ LBW 487 Let us ever walk with Jesus

470 ~ WOV 703 Draw us in the Spirit's tether

768 Lead me, guide me

798 Will you come and follow me

Completed at my retirement home at Fairfield Beach on the much renewed waters of Buckeye Lake, now that the State of Ohio has completed a dam replacement project. But low water or high, the sunsets have been as beautiful as ever. –Bill Rauch

