



Southern Ohio Synod Hymn List 2024-2025

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Mission Statement: *This list is prepared with the hope of enabling congregations to sing a "more profound Alleluia."*
(See stanza 2 of ELW hymn #850, 851; also LBW hymn #555 or WOV hymn #802)

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:

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:

All Creation Sings © 2020 – Augsburg Fortress. This volume is a songbook collection of “praise songs” and contemporary hymns. Abbreviation: ***ACS***
Since the ACS is our newest hymn resource, hymn suggestions from this publication will be printed in dark red.

Lutheran Book of Worship © 1978 – Augsburg Fortress. This book contains the previously adopted liturgies and hymn collection of the ELCA. Abbreviation: *LBW*.

With One Voice © 1995 – Augsburg Fortress. This volume appeared as a liturgical and hymn supplement. Abbreviation: *WOV*.

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

This Far by Faith © 1999 – Augsburg Fortress and Concordia Publishing. 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.

(A continuation of Gospel year B)

September 1, 2024 - Fifteenth after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #22 - GREEN

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (God's law, a sign of a great nation)

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

LBW 504 O God, my faithful God

Psalms 15 ("LORD...who may abide upon your holy hill?")

James 1:17-27 (Be doers of the word, not hearers only)

686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own

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

728 ~ WOV 764 Blest are they

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (authentic religion)

ACS ~ 1000 *God's Work, Our Hands* (tune: EARTH AND ALL STARS)

512 ~ WOV 713 Lord, let my heart be good soil

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine

606 ~ LBW WOV 733 Our Father, we have wandered

607 ~ TFF 186 Come, ye disconsolate

WOV 732 Create in me a clean heart

TFF 188 I was sinking deep in sin

September 8, 2024 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #23 – GREEN

Isaiah 35: 4-7a (Our God will come to save us and those with various physical problems will be healed)

607 Come, ye disconsolate

858 & 859 ~ LBW 543 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

Psalms 146 (The LORD..., whose grace is seen in nature, is pleased with those who show reverence)

854 ~ LBW 525 Blessing and honor

856 ~ LBW 856 How great thou art

858 & 859 ~ LBW 543 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

James 2:1-10, 14-17 (Be doers of the word, not hearers only)

686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own

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

728 ~ WOV 764 Blest are they

Mark 7:24-37 (Jesus heals the daughter of a foreigner, who had great faith)

ACS ~ 1000 *God's Work, Our Hands* (tune: EARTH AND ALL STARS)

512 ~ WOV 713 Lord, let my heart be good soil

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine

September 15, 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #24 – GREEN

Isaiah 35:4-7a (The blind, deaf, dumb, and lame will be healed)

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

510 ~ WOV 716 Word of God, come down on earth

843 ~ Praise the one who breaks the darkness

Psalms 116:1-9 (“The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down”)

877 ~ Praise the Almighty

James 3:1-12 (The call to be doers of the Word)

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

660 ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God

806 ~ LBW 504 O God, my faithful God

479 ~ WOV 766 We come to the hungry feast

719 ~ LBW Where cross the crowded ways of life

Mark 8:27-38 (First, Jesus heals the daughter of a foreign woman, and then a man deaf and dumb)

ACS ~ 1016 Cast out, O Christ

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

773 ~ WOV 731 ~ TFF 193 Precious Lord, take my hand

776 ~ LBW 446 What God ordains is good indeed

LBW 426 O son of God, in Galilee

TFF 42/43 Come by here

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: On September 14, 1818, 206 years ago 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 22, 2024 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #25 - GREEN

Jeremiah 11:18-20 (“But I was like...a lamb led to the slaughter”)

340 ~ LBW 105 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth

357 ~ LBW 111 Lamb of God, pure and sinless

(Alternate 1st Lesson) Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 (The unrighteous persecute the upright)

812/813 ~ LBW 500 Faith of our fathers

400 ~ God of tempest, God of Whirlwind

LBW 428 O God of earth and altar

Psalms 54 (“Behold God is my helper...who sustains my life”)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (The wisdom from above is full of good fruit)

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of Glory

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

749 ~ LBW 414 O God of love, O King of peace

514 ~ LBW 231 O Word of God incarnate

359 ~ LBW 126 Where charity and love prevail

Mark 9:30-37 (Jesus predicts his death; embraces a child as an example of how to receive him)

589 ~ LBW447 All depends on our possessing

624 ~ LBW 341 Jesus still lead on

781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly father

September 29, 2024 - Michael and All Angeles – WHITE

Daniel 10:10-14, 12-13 (Daniel is told that Michael, protector of God's people, will herald the resurrection)

867 ~ LBW 552 In thee is gladness

Psalms 103:1-5, 20-22 (Bless the Lord, O my soul...who makes his angels' spirits)

When in our music God is glorified [See tunes below]

850 [FREDERICKTOWN] & **851** [ENGELBERG] ~ LBW 555 [FREDERICKTOWN]

881 ~ LBW 557 Let all things now living

Revelation 12:7-12 (Michael and his angels defeat Satan)

414 ~ LBW 535 Holy God, we praise your name

424 ~ LBW 175 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

425 ~ LBW Behold/Who is this host arranged in white

531 The trumpets sound, the angels sing

Luke 10:17-20 (Jesus sees Satan expelled from heaven)

450 ~ LBW 188 I bind unto myself today [ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE]

LBW 461 Fight the good fight with all your might

698 How long, O God

704 When pain of the world surrounds us

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

ACS 1050 Sometimes our only song is weeping [WAYFARING STRANGER]

[OR] September 29, 2024 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #26 - GREEN

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29/ ("Outsiders" share in God's ministry)

Also the Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

825 ~ LBW 252 You servants of God, your master proclaim

650 ~ LBW 359 ~ TFF 214 In Christ there is no east or west

705 ~ LBW 415 God of Grace and God of glory

643 ~ TFF 221 We are all one in Christ

334 ~ Tree of life and awesome mystery

Psalms 19:7-14 ("The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart")

555 ~ Oh, sing to God above

684 ~ Creating God, your fingers trace
James 5:13-20 (Healing by prayer and anointing)
381 ~ LBW 338 Peace, to soothe our bitter woes
610 ~ LBW 360 O Christ the healer, we have come
614 ~ WOV 737 There is a balm in Gilead
612 ~ WOV 738 Healer of our every ill
359 ~ LBW 414 Where charity and love prevail
675 ~ LBW 380 O Christ, our light, O radiance true

The Blessing of Animals and Pets is traditionally associated with the Commemoration of Francis of Assisi on October 4th, which could be observed Sunday, October 6th, this year. (Resources can be found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Pastoral Care (Occasional Services, Readings, and Prayers*, pages 388-389.)

October 6, 2024 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #27 - GREEN

Genesis 2:18-24 (Creation of Eve; the first marriage)

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine
836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful we adore thee
WOV 749 When love is found
WOV 751 As man and woman we were made

Psalms 8 (God's glory is chanted by the mouths of infants and children)

306 ~ Come, beloved of the Maker
837 ~ Many and great, O God

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 (the glorification of Christ)

ACS ~ 917 Dazzling presence on the mountain [WAVERLY]
855 ~ LBW 170 Crown him with many crowns
432 ~ LBW 173 The head that once was crowned with thorns
634 ~ LBW 328/329 All hail the power of Jesus' name
856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art
561 ~ Joyous light of heavenly glory
562 ~ O radiant light, O sun divine
430 ~ LBW 171 Rejoice, for Christ is king
838 ~ LBW 518 Beautiful savior
WP 79 Joyous light of glory

Mark 10:2-6 (The inviolability of marriage; the receiving the kingdom as a child)

501 ~ LBW 219 Come with us, O blessed Jesus
586 ~ This is a day, Lord, gladly awaited
640 ~ LBW 357 Our Father, by whose name
656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father
543 ~ WOV 721 ~ TFF 161 Go, my children, with my blessing
722 ~ O Christ, your heart, compassionate
ACS ~ Love has brought us together [HYFRYDOL]

October 13, 2024 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #28 - GREEN

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (A call to justice and proper stewardship of wealth)

583 685 ~ LBW 406 Take my life, that I may be

686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own

717 ~ WOV 763 ~ TFF 48 *Let justice flow like streams*

710 ~ Let streams of living justice

WP 85 Let justice roll like a river

Psalm 90:12-17 (“...so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom”)

629 ~ Abide with me

698 ~ How long, O God

Hebrews 4:12-16 (God's Word is a two edged sword)

615 ~ WOV 739 In all our grief

607 ~ Come, ye disconsolate

890 ~ LBW 332 ~ TFF 297 Mine eyes have seen the glory

Mark 10:17-31 (Jesus discusses wealth and stewardship)

680, 681 ~ LBW 362 We plow the fields and scatter

655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal Savior

667 ~ LBW 398 "Take up your cross," the Savior said

674 ~ WOV 754 ~ TFF 232 Let us talents and tongues employ

688 ~ LBW 405 Lord of life

689 ~ LBW 405 Praise and thanksgiving

TFF 233 I'd rather have Jesus

TFF 236 Some folk would rather have houses

October 20, 2024 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #29 - GREEN

Isaiah 53:4-12 (The Lord suffers for our benefit)

338 ~ LBW_107 Beneath the cross of Jesus

349 ~ LBW 123 Ah, holy Jesus

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

350 ~ TFF 80 ~ They crucified my Lord

340 ~ LBW 104 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth

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

Psalm 91:9-16 (“...God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you...”)

774 ~ What a fellowship, what a joy divine

787 ~ On eagle's wings

Hebrews 5:1-10 (Christ, the suffering Son of God offered up fervent prayer)

LBW 443 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray

WOV 783 ~ WP 122 Seek ye first, the Kingdom of God

Mark 10:35-45 (The call to be a servant)

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

771 ~ LBW 463 God, who stretched the spangled heavens

546 ~ To be your presence
708 ~ WOV 765 ~ TFF 83 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
431 ~ O Christ, what can it mean for us
818 ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you
712 ~ LBW 423 Lord, whose love in humble service
626 ~ WOV 736 By gracious powers
ACS ~ 1000 God's work, our hands [EARTH AND ALL STARS]

October 27, 2024 - the Festival of the Reformation - RED -

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (The prophecy of a new covenant)

587, 588 ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in God's mercy

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

487 ~ WOV 701 What feast of love

WOV 790 Praise to you, O God of mercy

Psalms 46 ("...the God Jacob is our stronghold")

[See "A mighty fortress is our God," cited below]

Romans 3:19-28 (Justification by faith)

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

517 ~ LBW 230 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word

594 ~ LBW 299 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice

654 ~ LBW 369 The Church's one foundation

405 ~ WOV 680 O Spirit of life

591 ~ TFF 68 That priceless grace

598 ~ For by grace you have been saved

WP 25 By grace we have been saved by faith

WP 38 For by grace

WP 112 Only by grace

John 8:31-36 (Freedom in Christ)

779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

517 ~ LBW 230 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word

459 ~ TFF 114 ~ Wade in the water

TFF 116 Free at last

WP 73 ~ I will sing, I will sing

WOV 679 Our paschal Lamb that set us free

ACS ~ 1048 Founded on faith

ACS ~ 1006 By Grace we have been saved

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 an integral element in 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, 2024 - the Festival of All Saints – WHITE (Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on this day the clocks fall back one hour {2:00 a.m. becomes 1:00 a.m.})

Isaiah 25:6-9/Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 (The dead shall know new life by God's provision)

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

418 ~ WOV 689 Rejoice in God's saints

787 ~ WOV 779 ~ WP 110 On eagle's wings

531 ~ WP 139 The trumpets sound, the angels sing

428 ~ Give thanks for saints

Psalms 24 ("They shall receive blessing from the LORD...their salvation")

344 ~ All glory, laud, and honor

Revelation 21:1-6a (A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem)

ACS ~ 950 Oh, when the Saints go marching in

628 ~ LBW 331 Jerusalem, my happy home

630 ~ LBW 330 In heaven above, in heaven above

815 ~ WOV 649 I want to walk as a child of the light

453 ~ Baptized and set free

TFF 49 On Jordan's stormy banks

LBW 347 Jerusalem the golden

LBW 348 Jerusalem, whose towers touch the skies

John 11:32-44 (The raising of Lazarus)

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

495 ~ LBW 207 We who once were dead

334 ~ Tree of life

699 ~ In deepest night

333 ~ Jesus is a rock in a weary land

November 10, 2024 - the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #32 – GREEN {November 10th is Martin Luther's 541st birthday and tomorrow is the 541st anniversary of his baptism in Eisleben, Germany, on November 11, 1483, the feast of St. Martin. Tomorrow is also Veterans Day in the United States}

I Kings 17:8-16 (Elijah aids the widow of Zarephath)

678 ~ LBW 408 God, whose giving knows no ending

719 ~ LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life

LBW 430 Where restless crowds are thronging

Psalms 146 ("The LORD cares for...the orphan and widow...")

877 ~ Praise the Almighty

Hebrews 9:24-28 (Christ has entered as priest the Holy Place of heaven on our behalf)

475 ~ LBW 172 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

553 ~ LBW 265 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

LBW 249 God himself is present

Mark 12:38-44 (The widow's mite)

695 ~ LBW 404 As saints of old

583, 685 ~ LBW 406 Take my life, that I may be
686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own
688 ~ LBW 405 Lord of light
689 ~ LBW 409 Praise and thanksgiving
LBW 411 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring
WP 156 What have we to offer?
ACS ~ 1000 God's work, our hands [EARTH AND ALL STARS]

November 17, 2024 -Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #33 - GREEN

Daniel 12:1-3 (Resurrection at the end time)

441 ~ LBW 351 Oh, happy day when we shall stand
705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
787 ~ WOV 779 On eagle's wings

Psalms 16 ("...because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken")

871 ~ Sing praise to God, the highest good"

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 (Christ is seated at the right hand of God)

662 ~ LBW 386 Christ is the king!

434 ~ LBW 530 Jesus shall reign

812, 813 ~ LBW 500 Faith of our fathers

759 ~ LBW 479 My faith looks up to thee

635 ~ WOV 675 *We walk by faith and not by sight*

Mark 13:1-8 (A counsel to steadfastness in the time of upheaval)

785 ~ LBW 346 ~ TFF 194 When peace like a river

517 ~ LBW 230 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word

327 ~ LBW 355 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

652 ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock

512 ~ WOV 713 Lord, let my heart be good soil

727 ~ LBW 421 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth

WOV 713 ~ WP 52 Good soil

TFF 198 When the storms of life are raging

TFF 200 Be not dismayed whate'er betide

November 24, 2024 – The Last Sunday after Pentecost, the Festival of Christ the King, Lectionary Sunday #34 - WHITE

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ("One coming with the clouds of heaven" is given dominion)

408 ~ LBW 522 Come, thou almighty king

834 ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

831 ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise

Psalms 93 ("...the LORD is king, robed in majesty")

433 ~ Blessing, honor, and glory

854 ~ Blessing and honor

Revelation 1:4b-8 (Christ to come in clouds as alpha and omega)

435 ~ LBW 27 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

295 ~ LBW 42 Of the Father's love begotten

301 ~ LBW 75 Bright and glorious is the sky

886 ~ LBW 559 Oh, for a thousand tongues

431 ~ O Christ, what can it mean for us

John 18:33-37 (Pilate questions Jesus in terms of his kingship)

855 ~ LBW 170 Crown him with many crowns

416 ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus

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

434 ~ LBW 530 Jesus shall reign

TFF 159 Take the name of Jesus with you

TFF 294 O Christ the king, anointed

- - - Here begins Year C of the Lectionary - - -

{Most of the Gospel texts come from the Gospel of Luke during Year C}

December 1, 2024 - the First Sunday in Advent – BLUE -

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (A righteous branch will spring forth)

299 ~ LBW 53 Cold December flies away

272 ~ LBW 58 Lo, how a rose is growing

257 ~ LBW 34 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Psalms 25:1-10 ("My God I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame")

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (The Lord will make you abound in love at the coming of Jesus)

631 ~ LBW 315 Love divine, all loves excelling

452 ~ WOV 745 Awake, O sleeper

WOV 800 Each morning brings us

TFF 239 What shall I render

Luke 21:25-36 (The Second Coming)

435 ~ LBW 27 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

259 ~ LBW 32 Fling wide the door

260 ~ LBW 33 The King shall come

730 ~ LBW 244 Lord our God, with praise we come

246 ~ LBW 37 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

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

439 ~ WOV 744 ~ TFF 38 ~ WP 128 Soon and very soon

ACS ~ 949 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning

December 8, 2024 - the Second Sunday in Advent – BLUE

Malachi 3:1-4/Luke 3:1-6 (A messenger prepares the way)

264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway

256 ~ LBW 29 Comfort, comfort, now my people

249 ~ LBW 36 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

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

255 ~ There's a voice in the wilderness

266 ~ WOV 629 ~ TFF 47 All earth is hopeful

WP 2 A story for all people

(Alternate 1st Lesson) Baruch 5:1-9 ("Put on a robe of righteousness, O Jerusalem....look to the east")

488, 489 ~ LBW 224 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness

248 ~ WOV 626 People, look East

(In place of Psalm) Luke 1:68-79 > The Canticle of Zechariah, father of John the Baptist,

226 ~ Blessed are you, Lord

250 ~ Blessed be the God of Israel

552 ~ Blessed be the God of Israel

Philippians 1:3-11 (Paul's prayer that God's good work be brought to completion in his people)

241 ~ LBW 23 O Lord, how shall I meet you

244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice, believers

508 ~ NHS 166 As rain from the clouds

WP 56 He who began a good work in you

ACS ~ 1000 **God's work, our hands** [EARTH AND ALL STARS]

December 15, 2024 - the Third Sunday in Advent - BLUE

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Rejoice! The king is in your midst)

259 ~ LBW 32 Fling wide the door

625 ~ WOV 742 ~ TFF 135 Come, we that love the Lord!

WP 120 Rejoice in the mission

(In place of Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-6 > "Shout aloud and sing for joy"

723 ~ Canticle of the turning

Philippians 4:4-7 (Rejoice! The Lord is at hand)

244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice, believers

264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway

873, 874 ~ LBW 553 Rejoice ye pure in heart

267 ~ LBW 39 Joy to the world

242 ~ WOV 633 Awake, awake, and greet the new morn

TFF 257 I've got the joy, joy, joy

TFF 292 ~ WP 41 Give thanks

WP 95 ~ Make me a channel of your peace

Luke 3:7-18 (John the Baptist describes the coming one)

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

249 ~ LBW 36 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

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

266 ~ WOV 629 ~ TFF 47 All earth is hopeful

255 ~ There's a voice in the wilderness

800 ~ LBW 800 Spirit of God descend upon my heart

305 ~ WOV 647 When Jesus came to Jordan
ACS ~ 905 *We are waiting for Jesus*

December 22, 2024 - the Fourth Sunday in Advent - BLUE

Micah 5:2-5a (Bethlehem destined to be the birthplace of a new ruler)

279 ~ LBW 41 O little town of Bethlehem

269 ~ WOV 643 Once in royal David's city

(*In place of Psalm*) Luke 1:46b-55 > The Magnificat (*see below*)

(*Alternate Psalm*) Psalm 80:1-7 ("Restore us, O God...let your face shine upon us")

Hebrews 10:5-10 (Jesus as a sacrifice for all)

337 ~ LBW 98 Alas! And did my Savior bleed

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55] (The Magnificat, Mary's song)

[The following hymns are the Magnificat in metrical form]

ASC ~907 *Filled with hope and gratitude (an Advent form of the Magnificat)*

573 ~ LBW 180 My soul now magnifies the Lord

251 ~ WOV 730 My soul proclaims your greatness

882 ~ TFF 168 My soul does magnify the Lord

723 ~ WP 26 My soul sings out with joyful praise (Canticle of the turning)

{Other appropriate hymns follow:}

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

265 ~ WOV 632 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

258 ~ Unexpected and mysterious

ACS ~ 906 *No wind at the window* (Mary hears Gabriel's call)

Southern Ohio Synod Partnership Remembrance: One of our synod's four partnerships with overseas Lutheran regional bodies involves the Sinado Espirito Santo a Belem, in Brazil: On **December 25, 1846** the first Lutheran worship service was held in the Brazilian state of Espirito Santo (Holy Spirit). 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 45 congregations, plus some 67 "preaching points" and includes 59,362 church members. In a partnership relationship with the Southern Ohio Synod, is this one of the 18 constituent synods of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (*Igreja Evangelica de Confissao*). Leading the synod is the Rev. Ismar Schiefelbein who has the title in Portuguese of Pastor Sinodal (Pastor to the Synod). He is assisted by the Vice Pastor to the Synod, the Rev. Iraci Wutke

Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, begins at sundown on December 25th. It is understood as a holiday of religious freedom. The story is found in the Biblical Apocrypha: 1 Maccabees 4:36-59 and 2 Maccabees 10:1-8}

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 in 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, 2024 - the First Sunday of Christmas - WHITE

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (The boy Samuel is visited by his parents at the House of God)

298 ~ LBW 62 The bells of Christmas (*contains New Year reference*)

299 ~ LBW 53 Cold December flies away (*contains New Year reference*)

419 ~ WOV 692 For all the faithful women

Psalms 148 ("Let all things praise the name of the LORD...")

876 ~ Let the whole creation cry

Colossians 3:12-17 (Christians are called to care for one another and to praise God with music)

850/851 ~ LBW 555 When in our music God is glorified

886 ~ LBW 559 Oh, for a thousand tongues

327 ~ LBW 355 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

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

648 ~ Beloved, God's chosen

Luke 2:41-52 (The boy Jesus in the Jerusalem temple)

293 ~ TFF 293 That boy child of Mary

640 ~ LBW 357 Our Father, by whose name

718 ~ LBW 417 In a lowly manger born

WOV ~ 634 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

Rubric on the observance of Epiphany ~ In 2025 The actual date for the Festival of the Epiphany (January 6th) falls on a Monday this year. Note that *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, page 21, gives the following rubric: "If celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord is not possible on January 6, it may be observed on the Second Sunday of Christmas (January 2 or later). When January 6 falls on a Sunday, it is celebrated as the Epiphany of the Lord." Since Epiphany is a major festival of the church and since many congregations have no special weekday observances of the holiday on January 6th, in the opinion of the compiler of this hymn list, Epiphany should then be observed on the second Sunday of Christmas. The Roman Catholic Church in the United States has begun to annually observe Epiphany on a Sunday.

January 5, 2025 – the Epiphany of our Lord/First Sunday after Christmas - WHITE

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

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

665 ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people

815 ~ WOV 649 I want to walk as a child of the light

866 ~ WOV 650 ~ TFF 63 ~ WP 148 We are marching in the light of God

671 ~ WOV 651 ~ TFF 64 ~ WP 123 Shine, Jesus, shine

314 ~ WOV 652 Arise, your light has come!

WOV 645 There's a star in the East

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (“...all kings bow before him...”)

311 ~ Hail to the Lord’s anointed

Ephesians 3:1-12 (Christ as an expression of God for all nations)

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

666 ~ LBW 385 What wondrous love is this

581 ~ WP 158 You are mine

WP 2 A story for all people

Matthew 2:1-12 (The visit of the magi)

301 ~ LBW 75 Bright and glorious is the sky

302 ~ LBW 82 As with gladness men of old

303 ~ LBW 84 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

310 ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise

WOV 646 We three kings of Orient are

TFF 58 There’s a star in the East

LBW 85 When Christ’s appearing was made known

300 ~ LBW 56 The first Noel

January 12, 2025 - The Baptism of our Lord, the First Sunday after the Epiphany,
Lectionary Sunday #1 - WHITE

Isaiah 43:1-7 (God will gather from far and wide people who are called)

883 ~ LBW 245 All people that on earth do dwell

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

581 ~ WP 158 You are mine

Psalm 29 (“The voice of the LORD is upon the waters...”)

Acts 8:14-17 (The Spirit comes on the baptized people of Samaria)

395 ~ LBW 163 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine

551 ~ WOV 723 The Spirit sends us forth to serve

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Jesus’ baptism)

304 ~ Christ, when you for us were baptized

305 ~ WOV 647 When Jesus came to Jordan

310 ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise

448 ~ LBW 195 This is the Spirit’s entry

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

455 ~ NHS 158 Crashing waters at creation

ACS ~ 957 Take me to the water

LBW 79 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord

LBW 85 When Christ’s appearing was made known

Note that the week of prayer for Christian unity is always January 18 - 25, starting on the festival of the Confession of Peter and ending on the festival of the Conversion of Paul. [Propers: For the festival of the Confession of Peter (Jan. 18th), see ELW, page 55; LBW, page 31. Hymn suggestion: **420 (with stanza 7), LBW 177 (with stanza 10) “By all your saints in warfare” – For the festival of the Conversion of Paul (Jan. 25th), see ELW,**

page 55; LBW, page 32. Hymn suggestion: **420** (with stanza 8), LBW 177 (with stanza 11) “By all your saints in warfare”]



Resources for the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day,

January 20 (2025) 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 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, 2025 - Second Sunday after Epiphany,
Lectionary Sunday #2- GREEN

{Note: This is the day prior to our national holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.}

Isaiah 62:1-5 (God’s “marriage” with his people)

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine

Psalms 36:5-10 (“...you give them drink from the river of your delights

807 ~ Come thou Fount of every blessing

I Corinthians 12:1-11 (“there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit”)

687 ~ WOV 758 Come to us, creative Spirit

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

576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission

401 ~ WOV 401 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading

John 2:1-11 (The Cana Wedding miracle)

531 ~ WP 139 The trumpets sounds

310 ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise

312 ~ WOV 648 Jesus come! For we invite

LBW 85 When Christ’s appearing was made known

January 26, 2025 - Third Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday #3- GREEN

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (Ezra reads the Law to the people and interprets it.)

519 ~ WOV 715 Open your ears, O faithful people

510 ~ WOV 716 Word of God, come down on earth!

513 ~ WOV 712 Listen, God is calling

507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light
 LBW 227 How blest are they who hear God's Word
Psalm 19 ("...testimony of the LORD is clear and gives wisdom to the simple")
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (The members of the church make up the Body of Christ; all have an important function.)
656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west
643 ~ TFF 221 We are all one in Christ
651 ~ LBW 750 Oh, praise the Gracious Power
708 ~ LBW 765 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
247 ~ Come now, O Prince of peace
 WP 18 ~ WOV 748 Bind us together
Luke 4:14-21 (Jesus speaks in the Nazareth congregation: "The Spirit. . .has anointed me to bring good news. . .")
311 ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed
609 ~ LBW 86 The only Son from heaven
434 ~ LBW 530 Jesus shall reign
405 ~ LBW 680 O Spirit of life
737 ~ LBW 768 He comes to us as one unknown
843 ~ Praise the one who breaks the darkness
706 ~ The people walk
710 ~ Let streams of justice
 WOV 763 Let justice flow like streams
 WP 85 Let justice roll like a river

February 2, 2025 – the Festival of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple– 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
 (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

OR February 2, 2025 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday #4 - GREEN

Jeremiah 1:4-10/Luke 4:21-30 (The challenges faced by a prophet)

825 ~ LBW 252 You servants of God, your master proclaim

507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light

655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal Savior

705 ~ LBW 415 God of Grace and God of glory

Psalms 71:1-6 ("...from my mother's womb you have been my strength...")

555 ~ Oh, sing to God above

684 ~ Creating God, your fingers trace

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Paul's "song of love")

644 ~ Although I speak with angel's tongue

359 ~ LBW 126 Where charity and love prevail

650 ~ LBW 359 ~ *TFF 214* In Christ there is no east or west

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

642 ~ WOV 665 Ubi caritas et amor

February 9, 2025 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday #5 - Green

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) (The commissioning of the prophet)

574 ~ Here I am Lord

868 ~ LBW 528 Isaiah in a vision did of old

414 ~ LBW 535 Holy God, we praise your name

413 ~ LBW 165 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

490 ~ LBW 198 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

809 ~ Send me, Lord

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God

805 ~ LBW 495 Lead on, O King eternal

574 ~ WOV 752 I, the Lord of sea and sky

549 ~ WOV 773 Send me, Jesus

TFF 143 The Lord is in his holy temple

WP 153 We see the Lord

Psalms 138 ("I will give thanks...with my whole heart")

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

836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Paul as "the least of the apostles")

609 ~ LBW 306 Chief of sinners, though I be

779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace

793 ~ WOV 776 Be thou my vision

WP 151 We rejoice in the grace of God

Luke 5:1-11 (The call of Simon Peter)

580 ~ How clear is our vocation, Lord

696 ~ LBW 494 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

513 ~ WOV 712 Listen, God is calling

817 ~ WOV 784 ~ You have come down to the lakeshore

WP 120 Rejoice in the mission

LBW 449 They cast their nets

February 16, 2025 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Lectionary Sunday #6

On February 18, 1546 Martin Luther died in Wittenberg, Germany, after having ignited the Protestant Reformation in 1518.)

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Trust in the Lord)

858/859 ~ LBW 543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

877 ~ 539 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore him!

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

Psalms 1 (The righteous are like trees planted by streams of water)

710 ~ Let streams of living water

717 ~ Let justice flow like streams

I Corinthians 15:12-20 (Christ is risen)

619 ~ 352 I know that my Redeemer lives

449 ~ 189 We know that Christ is raised

Luke 6:17-26 (Sermon on the plain)

728 ~ 764 Blest are they

418 ~ 689 Rejoice in God's saints

February 23, 2025 - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany – Lectionary Sunday #7

Genesis 45:3-11, 15/ Luke 6:27-38 (The impetus toward forgiveness.)

605 ~ LBW 307 Forgive our sins, as we forgive

746 ~ LBW 442 O thou, who hast of thy pure grace

743 ~ LBW 317 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray

603 ~ WOV 735 God! When human bonds are broken

612 ~ WOV 738 Healer of our every ill

Psalms 37:1-11,39-40 (Put trust in the LORD and do good)

517 ~ LBW 230 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word

796 ~ LBW 507 How firm a foundation

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (Resurrection compared to sowing of a seed.)

379 ~ LBW 148 Now the green blade rises

WOV 753 You are the seed

Special Southern Ohio Synod March Remembrances ~ 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 established in 1845 on March 11th. Capital was an outgrowth of the Lutheran Theological Seminary established in 1830.

March 2, 2025 - the Transfiguration of Our Lord, Last Sunday after Epiphany- WHITE
Exodus 34:29-35 (The light of God is reflected in Moses' face)

834 ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light

Psalms 99 ("Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship on God's holy hill")

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (The veil of Moses is removed by the Spirit of the Lord)

395 ~ LBW 163 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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

TFF 102 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) (The transfiguration)

316 ~ LBW 80 Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair

315 ~ LBW 89 How good, Lord, to be here!

317 ~ WOV 653 Jesus on the mountain peak

719 ~ LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life

671 ~ WOV 651 ~ TFF 64 ~ WP 123 Shine, Jesus, shine

476 ~ LBW 199 Thee we adore, O Savior

811 ~ LBW 102 On my heart imprint your image

ACS ~ 917 Dazzling Presence on the Mountain

(A NOTE ON LENT AND THE "A" WORD: When Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, it is a long-time church custom in western Christianity not to say or sing the word, "Alleluia," during the season of Lent. Thus, in a liturgical way, the church "fasts" from use of Alleluia, just as some people have fasted from certain foods during Lent. In any case, it's customary to avoid hymns and canticles employing the "A" word during this time. Both *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *With One Voice* have a hymn designed to be sung on Shrove Tuesday or on the Sunday previous as a way of saying, "goodbye," to the use of Alleluia as Lent begins: *ELW # 318 ~ WOV#654 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness."* A personal note from the editor: "When actively serving as a parish pastor, I liked to involve the children of the parish in a farewell-to-alleluia-ceremony on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. We would march around the church with an Alleluia banner during the singing of the hymn by the congregation. The children then would help me fold the banner and put it in a box until Easter Day."

March 9, 2025- First Sunday in Lent – PURPLE {**Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 a.m when the clock immediately moves ahead to 3:00 a.m..**}

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (God led Israel out of Egypt into a land of milk and honey)

831 ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise (Note stanza 6)

WOV 670 When Israel was in Egypt's land

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 ("For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you")

787 ~ On eagle's wings

Romans 10:8b-13 (Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved)

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

587, 588 ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Luke 4:1-13 (Jesus is tempted by the devil)

ACS ~ 923 As your Spirit in the Desert

ACS ~ 922 When we are tested

319 ~ LBW 99 O Lord, throughout these forty days

320 ~ WOV 657 The glory of these forty days

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

601 ~ LBW 91 Savior, when in dust to you

431 ~ O Christ, what can it mean for us

WP 115 Out in the wilderness

March 16, 2019 - Second Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (God's covenant with Abraham)

831 ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise

Psalms 27 ("God...will hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary")

623 ~ Rock of ages, cleft for me

788 ~ If God my Lord be for me

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (For Christians Christ must be the foundation of life)

645 ~ LBW 367 Christ is made the sure foundation

654 ~ LBW 369 The Church's one foundation

796 ~ LBW 507 How firm a foundation

Luke 13:31-35 (Jesus laments the waywardness of Jerusalem and how he would like to protect her like a mother hen her chicks)

613 ~ WOV 741 Thy holy wings

566 ~ WOV 663 When twilight comes

724 ~ LBW 436 All who love and serve your city

March 23, 2025 - Third Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

Isaiah 55:1-9 ("Seek the Lord while he may be found")

726 ~ Light dawns on a weary world

486 ~ God extends an invitation

624 ~ LBW 341 Jesus, still lead on

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine

331 ~ As the deer runs to the river (note stanza 3)

LBW 15 Seek the Lord (*text set as a canticle*)

Psalms 63:1-8 ("O God...eagerly I seek you")

338 ~ LBW 107 Beneath the cross of Jesus

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (Christ is the rock)

623 ~ LBW 327 Rock of ages, cleft for me

652 ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock the Church does stand

654 ~ LBW 369 The Church's one foundation

618 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever, great Redeemer

TFF 259 All the way my savior leads me

WP 161 You are the rock of my salvation

Luke 13:1-9 (The question of accidental death; the parable of the fig tree)

508 ~ As rain from the clouds

328 ~ WOV 662 Restore in us, O God

773 ~ WOV 731 ~ TFF 185 Precious Lord, take my hand

776 ~ LBW 446 What God ordains is good indeed/ordains is right

TFF 198 When the storms of life are raging

March 30, 2025 - Fourth Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

Joshua 5:9-12 (Israel eats produce of the land and celebrates the Passover)

479 ~ WOV 766 We come to the hungry feast

481 ~ Come to the table

484 ~ WOV 711 You satisfy the hungry heart

Psalms 32 ("Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven...")

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Anyone in Christ is a new creation)

442 ~ LBW 194 All who believe and are baptized

665 ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people

763 ~ WOV 781 My life flows on in endless song

328 ~ WOV 662 Restore in us, O God

341 ~ TFF 128 Now behold the lamb

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Parable of the prodigal son)

606 ~ WOV 733 Our Father, we have wandered

592 ~ LBW 296 Just as I am, without one plea

608 ~ WOV 734 Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling

719 ~ LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life

779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

April 6, 2025 - Fifth Sunday in Lent – PURPLE

Isaiah 43:16-21 (All nature honors God)

554 ~ WOV 727 Lord, your hands have formed

836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

824 ~ LBW 554 This is my Father's world

881 ~ LBW 557 Let all things now living

Psalms 126 ("Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy")

Philippians 3:4b-14 (Everything counted as loss before the worth of Jesus Christ)

594 ~ LBW 299 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice

779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

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

TFF 97 I heard an old, old story

John 12:1-8 (Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus for his burial)

343 ~ LBW 94 ~ WOV 661 My song is love unknown

583, 685 ~ LBW 406 Take my life, that I may be

803 ~ LBW 482 When I survey the wondrous cross

April 13, 2025 - Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday - SCARLET -

Luke 19:28-40/Processional Gospel (Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem)

- 344 ~ LBW 108 All glory, laud, and honor
- 264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway
- 346 ~ LBW 121 Ride on, ride on in majesty
- WOV 631 ~ WP 88 Lift up your heads, O gates

Isaiah 50:4-9a (The "suffering servant")

- 727 ~ LBW 421 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth
- 351, 352 ~ LBW 116/117 O sacred head, now wounded
- 602 ~ LBW 96 Your heart, O God is grieved
- 852 ~ Golden breaks the dawn

Psalms 31:9-16 ("Into your hands I commend my spirit")

Philippians 2:5-11 (The name of Jesus is above every name)

- 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
- 893 ~ Before you, Lord, we bow
- TFF 268 Jesus, name above all names

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49/Gospel for the liturgy (The Passion story of Jesus)

- 353 ~ LBW 92 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 324 ~ LBW 104 In the cross of Christ I glory
- 340 ~ LBW 105 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth
- 338 ~ LBW 107 Beneath the cross of Jesus
- 350 ~ TFF 80 They crucified my Lord
- 349 ~ LBW 123 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
- 342 ~ WOV 668 There in God's garden
- 616 ~ WOV 740 ~ WP 78 Jesus, remember me
- 354 ~ TFF 85 ~ Calvary
- 339 ~ LBW 97 Christ, the life of all the living
- TFF ~ 237 Must Jesus bear the cross alone?

April 20, 2025 - the Resurrection of our Lord, First Sunday of Easter – WHITE/GOLD

Acts 10:34-43 (Peter preaches the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as attested by many witnesses)

- 368 ~ LBW 140 With high delight let us unite
- 384 ~ LBW 154 That Easter Day with joy was bright

(Alternate 1st Lesson) Isaiah 65:17-25 (Rejoice in the New Creation!)

- 377 ~ WOV 674 Alleluia! Jesus is risen

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 ("This the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.")

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (Christ is risen--the "first fruits" of the resurrection)

- 372 ~ Christ is arisen!
- 379 ~ LBW 148 Now the green blade rises

391 ~ LBW 149 ~ WOV 676 This joyful Eastertide

430 ~ Rejoice, for Christ is king

783 ~ Praise and thanks and adoration

(Alternate 2nd Lesson) Acts 10:34-43 (Peter preaches the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as attested by many witnesses) [See above]

Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18 (Jesus' resurrection)

370 ~ LBW 134 [Martin Luther's Easter hymn] Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

384 ~ LBW 154 That Easter day with joy was bright

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

385 ~ LBW 144 Good Christian friends rejoice and sing!

365 ~ LBW 151 Jesus Christ is risen today

376 ~ LBW 145 Thine is the glory

373 ~ LBW 130 Christ the Lord is risen today

ACS ~ 933 Day of delight and beauty unbounded [IN DIR IST FREUDE]

ACS ~ 938 Christ has risen while earth slumbers [ST. HELENA]

ACS ~ 937 Earth, Earth, awake!

(for the John pericope) **ACS ~ 935** Woman, weeping in the garden

April 27, 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter - WHITE

Acts 5:27-32 (The apostles give witness to Christ's resurrection)

384 ~ LBW 154 That Easter day with joy was bright

Psalms 118:14-29 ("You are my God and will thank you...")

(Alternate Psalm) Psalms 150 ("Let everything that has breath praise the LORD...")

850, 851 ~ When in our music God is glorified

858, 885 ~ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Revelation 1:4-8 (John has a vision of the triumphant Christ as Alpha and Omega)

431 ~ O Christ, what can it mean for us

295 ~ LBW 42 Of the Father's love begotten

475 ~ LBW 172 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

John 20:19-31 (Doubting Thomas story)

386, 387 ~ LBW 139 O sons and daughters of the King

635 ~ WOV 675 We walk by faith and not by sight

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

376 ~ LBW 145 Thine is the glory

390 ~ The risen Christ

375 ~ Alleluia! Christ is arisen

548 ~ Rise, O church, like Christ arisen

WP 46 Go in peace and serve the Lord

WP 129 Spirit of the living God

May 4, 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter – WHITE

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) (The conversion of St. Paul)

420 (with stanza 8) ~ LBW 177 (with stanza 11) By all your saints
800 ~ LBW 486 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart
Psalm 30 (“You have turned my wailing into dancing”)
Revelation 5:11-14 (Heavenly adoration of the Lamb)
369 ~ LBW 128 Christ the Lord is risen today; alleluia!
362 ~ LBW 210 At the Lamb's high feast
854 ~ LBW 525 Blessing and honor and glory and power
433 ~ WP 21 Blessing, honor, glory
847 ~ LBW 254 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
 WP 76 We will glorify
John 21:1-19 (The risen Christ appears to the disciples)
363 ~ LBW 132 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
385 ~ LBW 144 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
384 ~ LBW 154 That Easter day with joy was bright
377 ~ WOV 674 ~ TFF 91 Alleluia! Jesus is risen
 WP 132 Step by step

Southern Ohio Synod Partnership Remembrance: Another of our synod’s four overseas partnerships involves 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 Gulle.

May 11, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter – WHITE {**Mother’s Day**}

Acts 9:36-43 (Peter's Easter faith rises Tabitha/Dorcas)
495 ~ LBW 207 We who once were dead
860 ~ WOV 673 ~ TFF 191 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
419 (with stanza 10) ~ TFF 219 (with stanza 13) For all the faithful women
Psalm 23 (“The LORD is my shepherd”)
782 ~ My Shepherd, you supply my need
780 ~ Shepherd me, O God
778 ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd
502 ~ LBW 456 The king of love my shepherd is
Revelation 7:9-17 (The multitudes of the redeemed in heaven)
425 ~ LBW 314 Who is the host arrayed in white
628 ~ LBW 331 Jerusalem, my happy home
423 ~ WOV 690 Shall we gather at the river
426 ~ WOV 691 Sing with all the saints in glory

336 ~ Lamb of God

843 ~ Praise the one who breaks the darkness

John 10:22-30 (Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd)

764 ~ LBW 476 Have no fear, little flock

778 ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd

502 ~ LBW 456 The king of love my shepherd is

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

ACS 954 ~ You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd

Hymn appropriate for Mother's Day: 813 Faith of our Fathers/Mothers

May 18, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - WHITE

Acts 11:1-18 (Peter reports that God has abolished the kosher rules, and through the Holy Spirit has called Gentiles into the community of faith)

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

662 ~ LBW 386 Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice

Psalms 148 ("Let all things praise the name of the LORD")

835 ~ All creatures of our God and King

876 ~ Let the whole creation cry

Revelation 21:1-6 (A new heaven and earth)

619 ~ LBW 352 I know that my Redeemer lives

449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised

377 ~ WOV 674 ~ TFF 91 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

625 ~ WOV 742 Come, we that love the Lord

439 ~ WOV 744 ~ TFF 38 ~ WP 128 Soon and very soon

437 ~ TFF 49 ~ On Jordan's stormy banks

723 ~ WP 26 Canticle of the turning

WP 99 Mourning into dancing

John 13:31-35 (Commandment to love)

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

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

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine

836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

452 ~ WOV 745 Awake, O sleeper

708 ~ WOV 765 ~ TFF 83 Jesus, Jesu, fill us with your love

428 ~ Give thanks for saints

ACS ~ 1044 Not for tongues of heaven's angels

Southern Ohio Synod Partnership Remembrance: 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, **May 27, 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 Rev. Gerhard Ulrich, and the bishop of the Mecklenburg Diocese is the Rev. Dr. Andreas von Maltzahn.

May 25, 2025- Sixth Sunday of Easter – WHITE {**Memorial Day is tomorrow, May 27th**}

Acts 16:9-15 (Lydia and her household are baptized by Paul)

458 ~ LBW 191 Praise and thanksgiving be to God

442 ~ LBW 194 All who believe and are baptized

456 ~ WOV 693 Baptized in water

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

Psalms 67 (“Let the nations be glad and sing for joy”)

Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5 (A vision of heavenly Jerusalem)

628 ~ LBW 331 Jerusalem, my happy home

630 ~ LBW 330 In heaven above, in heaven above

355, 356 ~ LBW 118 Sing my tongue the glorious battle

866 ~ WOV 650 ~ TFF 63 ~ WP 148 We are marching in the light of God

607 ~ Come, ye disconsolate

John 14:23-29 (Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit)

395 ~ LBW 163 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

398 ~ LBW 257 Holy Spirit, truth divine

655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal Savior

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine

405 ~ WOV 680 O Spirit of life

577, 578 ~ LBW 284 Creator Spirit, heavenly dove

403 ~ WOV 685 Like the murmur of the dove's song

(*Alternate Gospel*) John 5:1-9 (Jesus heals a disabled man)

581 ~ WP 158 You are mine

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.

June 1, 2025 - Seventh Sunday of Easter – White (*see below*)

Acts 16:16-34 (Paul converts his jailer)

661 ~ LBW 390 I love to tell the story

314 ~ WOV 652 Arise, your light has come

Psalms 97 (“Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous...”)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (Jesus as the morning star)

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

309 ~ LBW 86 The only Son from heaven

815 ~ WOV 649 I want to walk as a child of the light

671 ~ WOV 651 Shine, Jesus, shine

439 ~ WOV 744 ~ TFF 38 ~ WP 128 *Soon and very soon*

WP 3 All hail King Jesus

John 17:20-26 (Jesus' prayer for his followers who witness in the world)

463 ~ Lord, who the night you were baptized

660 ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross

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

662 ~ LBW 386 Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice!

665 ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people

576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission

WP 133 That Christ be known

June 8, 2025 - the Day of Pentecost - RED

Acts 2:1-21 (The first Christian Pentecost)

627 ~ LBW 161 O day full of grace

394 ~ LBW Hail thee, festival day (with Ascension stanzas)

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine

WP 127 ~ Song over the waters

WP 157 Wind of the Spirit

(*Alternate First Lesson*) Genesis 11:1-9 (The tower of Babel and the confusion of human language)

282 ~ LBW 54 It came upon the midnight clear

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b (“You [O God] send forth your Spirit...and so you renew the face of the earth”)

842 ~ Oh, worship the King

ACS 945 *When You send forth your Spirit*

Romans 8:14-17 (Through the Spirit we are children of God)

405 ~ WOV 680 O Spirit of life

397 ~ WOV 683 Loving Spirit

WOV 775 ~ WP 92 Lord, listen to your children praying

WOV 719 God is here!

(*Alternate 2nd Lesson*) Acts 2:1-21 (The first Christian Pentecost) [See above]

John 14:8-17 (25-27) (The coming of the Holy Spirit)

395 ~ LBW 163 [A Pentecost hymn by Martin Luther] Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

743 ~ LBW 317 [A Pentecost hymn by Martin Luther] ~ Now to the Holy Spirit/To God the Holy Spirit let us pray
800 ~ LBW 486 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart
804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine
396 ~ WOV 684 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness
403 ~ WOV 685 Like the murmur of the dove's song
401 ~ TFF 103 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading
ACS 942 Every time I feel the Spirit
ACS 943 As the wind song through the trees

June 15, 2025 - the Holy Trinity, First Sunday after Pentecost – WHITE [Also Father's Day]

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 ("Wisdom" begotten at the beginning)

514 ~ LBW 231 O Word of God incarnate
673 ~ LBW 400 God, whose almighty Word
731 ~ LBW 558 Earth and all stars! (note stanza 6)
399 ~ WOV 688 O Holy Spirit, root of life

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

837 ~ Many and great, O God

Romans 5:1-5 (Our hope is founded on Jesus Christ)

596, 597 ~ LBW 293/294 My hope is built on nothing less
754 ~ LBW 316 Jesus, the very thought of you
598 ~ 198 For by grace you have been saved
WP 38 For by grace

John 16:12-15 (Christ identifies with the Father and promises to send the Spirit)

413 ~ LBW 165 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
411 ~ LBW 374 We all believe in one true God (*This hymn by Luther could be used as the creed.*)
408 ~ LBW 522 Come, thou almighty King
819 ~ WOV 717 Come, all you people
735 ~ WOV 769 Mothering God, you gave me birth
412 ~ Come, join the dance of Trinity {sung to tune of KINGSFOLD}
Hymns appropriate for Father's Day: 812 or 813 Faith of our Fathers; 640 Our Father by whose name

June 22, 2025 - Second Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #12 – GREEN

Isaiah 65:1-9 (God's prophet sent to a difficult people)

507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light
876 ~ LBW 242 Let the whole creation cry
798 ~ WP 137 Will you come and follow me (The Summons)

Psalms 22:19-28 ("I will declare your name in the midst of the assembly")

Galatians 3:23-29 (Christ is the place of unity for slave and free, Jew and Greek, male and female)

650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west
713 ~ LBW 416 O God of every nation

716 ~ LBW 419 Lord of all nations
496 ~ LBW 710 One bread, one body
211 ~ WOV 694 You have put on Christ
445 ~ WOV 697 Wash, O God our sons and daughters
Luke 8:26-39 (Jesus heals a demon possessed man)
665 ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people
610 ~ LBW 360 O Christ, the healer, we have come
614 ~ WOV 737 There is a balm in Gilead
612 ~ WOV 738 Healer of our every ill

June 29, 2025- Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #13 - GREEN
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21/Luke 9:51-62 (Potential servants of God investigate the requirements of discipleship)

807 ~ LBW 499 Come, thou Fount of every blessing
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God!
470 ~ WOV 703 Draw us in the Spirit's tether
Psalms 16 ("I have set the LORD always before me...")
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (Our freedom in Christ demands that we love our neighbor)
836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful we adore thee
804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine
656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
328 ~ WOV 662 Restore in us, O God
452 ~ WOV 745 Awake, O sleeper
559 ~ LBW 271 O splendor of God's glory/the Father's light

July 6, 2025 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #14 - GREEN
Isaiah 66:10-14 (God's renewal of his people will be cause for rejoicing)

839, 840 ~ LBW 533/534 Now thank we all our God
841 ~ LBW 562 Lift every voice and sing
881 ~ LBW 557 Let all things now living
842 ~ LBW 548 Oh, worship the King
865 ~ LBW 549 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven
880 ~ WOV 797 O God beyond all praising
856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art
863 ~ LBW 524 My God, how wonderful thou art
Psalms 66:1-9 ("All the earth bows down before you [O God]")
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 (The cross of Christ as the basis for Christian glory)
324 ~ LBW 104 In the cross of Christ I glory
803 ~ LBW 482 When I survey the wondrous cross
338 ~ LBW 107 Beneath the cross of Jesus
770 ~ WOV 777 ~ TFF 165 Give me Jesus
432 ~ LBW 173 The head that once was crowned with thorns
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (Jesus sends out the seventy)
579 ~ WOV 756 Lord, you give the great commission

507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light
ACS ~ 991 God to the world! [SINE NOMINE]

July 13, 2025 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #15 - GREEN
Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (God will bless those who keep his commandments)
517~ LBW 230 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word
884, 885 ~ LBW 564/565 Praise God from whom all blessings flow
858, 859 ~ LBW 543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Psalms 25:1-10 (“Remember not the sins of my youth”)
749 ~ O God of love, O King of peace
Colossians 1:1-14 (Paul prays for the spiritual development of the Christian believers)
705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
886 ~ LBW 559 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
627 ~ LBW 161 O day full of grace
Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)
714~ LBW 425 O God of mercy, God of light
708 ~ WOV 765 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
750 ~ LBW 325 Lord, thee I love with all my heart
572 ~ Now it is evening

July 20, 2025 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #16 - GREEN
Genesis 18:1-10a (Abraham entertains angels and hears the prophecy of a son)
831 ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise
251 ~ WOV 730 My soul proclaims your greatness
Psalms 15 (“LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?”)
Colossians 1:15-28 (Paul ponders his role as a minister of Christ)
661 ~ LBW 390 I love to tell the story
306 ~ Come, beloved of the master
407 ~ O living breath of God
636 ~ How small our span of life
Luke 10:38-42 (Jesus visits Mary and Martha)
750 ~ LBW 325 Lord, thee I love with all my heart
742 ~ LBW 439 What a friend we have in Jesus
770 ~ WOV 777 In the morning when I rise/Give me Jesus

July 27, 2025 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #17 - GREEN
Genesis 18:20-32 (God's judgment announced; a righteous person's prayer)
745 ~ LBW 438 Lord, teach us how to pray aright
705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
Psalms 138 (“You will make good your purpose for me, O LORD”)
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] (Being rooted in Christ by baptism; giving thanks)
449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised
839, 840 ~ LBW 533/534 Now thank we all our God

689 ~ LBW 409 Praise and thanksgiving

495 ~ LBW 207 We who once were dead

378 ~ Awake, my heart with gladness

Luke 11:1-13 (How to pray; the Lord's Prayer; God's parental goodness)

746 ~ LBW 442 O thou, who hast of thy pure grace (Note: this is a metrical version of the Lord's Prayer)

605 ~ LBW 307 Forgive our sins as we forgive

781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father

764 ~ LBW 476 Have no fear, little flock

752 ~ WOV 775 Lord, listen to your children praying

August 3, 2025 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #18 - GREEN

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 (The vanity of ordinary life; the will of God found in simple pleasures and wisdom)

696 ~ LBW 494 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

803 ~ LBW 482 When I survey the wondrous cross

Psalms 49:1-12 ("We see that the wise die also...and leave their wealth to others")

Colossians 3:1-11 (The ascended Christ raises us to higher life; all humanity finds unity in Christ)

393 ~ LBW 157 A hymn of glory let us sing!

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

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

713 ~ LBW 416 O God of every nation

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

367 ~ 143 Now all the vault of heaven resounds

WOV 748 ~ WP 18 Bind us together

Luke 12:13-21 (Parable of the prosperous farmer and his vain aspirations)

655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal savior

757 ~ WOV 782 All my hope on God is founded

793 ~ WOV 776 Be thou my vision

589 ~ LBW 447 All depends on our possessing

August 10, 2025 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #19 - GREEN

Genesis 15:1-6/Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (The example of Abraham as a person who had faith in the promises of God)

831 ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise

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

858, 859 ~ LBW 543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

418 ~ WOV 689 Rejoice in God's saints

428 ~ Give thanks for saints

Psalms 33:12-22 ("Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us...")

Luke 12:32-40 (Commendation of the diligent servant)

764 ~ LBW 476 Have no fear, little flock

- 259 ~ LBW 32 Fling wide the door
- 436 ~ LBW 31 Wake, awake, for night is flying
- 244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice, believers

August 17, 2025 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #20 - GREEN

Jeremiah 23:23-29 (The prophet castigates the false prophets, who by their dreams deceive God's people)

590 ~ LBW 297 (note stanza 2) Salvation unto to us has come

800 ~ LBW 486 (note stanza 2) Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

Psalms 82 ("Arise, O God, and rule the earth...")

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (A call to perseverance)

557 ~ LBW 269 Awake my soul and with the sun

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine

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

815 ~ WOV 649 (note stanza 3) I want to walk as a child of the light

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

335 ~ TFF 73 Jesus, keep me near the cross

Luke 12:49-56 (Jesus as a cause of division and discord)

517 ~ LBW 230 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word

773 ~ WOV 731 Precious Lord, take my hand

795 ~ LBW 484 God, my Lord, my strength

Southern Ohio Synod Partnership Remembrance: 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. Nevertheless, the Lutheran church in Kazakhstan lives on, with Bishop Yuri Novgorodov, and eleven other pastors plus 33 preachers serving the 54 congregations of the Kazakh church.

August 24, 2025 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #21 - GREEN

Isaiah 58:9b-14 (The call to nurture the hungry and to honor the Sabbath)

521 ~ LBW 251 O day of rest and gladness

689 ~ LBW 409 Praise and thanksgiving

712 ~ LBW 423 (note stanza 2) Lord, whose love in humble service

729 ~ LBW 433 (note stanza 2) The church of Christ in every age

556 ~ WP 98 Morning has broken
546 ~ To be your presence
Psalm 103:1-8 ("Bless the LORD, O my soul,, who heals all [my] diseases")
858 ~ Praise to the LORD, the Almighty
Hebrews 12:18-29 ("You have come to Mt Zion....to the heavenly Jerusalem...")
628 ~ LBW 331 Jerusalem, my happy home
647 ~ LBW 358 Glorious things of you are spoken/Glories of your name
441 ~ LBW 351 Oh, happy day when we shall stand
WOV 742 ~ TFF 135 Come, we that love the Lord
Luke 13:10-17 (Jesus is criticized for healing a crippled woman on the Sabbath)
614 ~ WOV 737 ~ TFF 185 There is a balm in Gilead
612 ~ WOV 738 Healer of our every ill

August 31, 2025 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #22 – GREEN
Proverbs 25:6-7 ("Do not exalt yourself in the presence of great men")
Sirach 10:12-18 ("Pride was not the Creator's design for man")
804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine
712 ~ LBW 423 Lord, whose love in humble service
708 ~ WOV 765 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
Psalm 113 (Happy are they who fear the Lord and delight in his commandments)
Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 (Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever)
724 ~ LBW 436 All who love and serve your city
Luke 14:1, 7-14 ("Those who humble themselves will be exalted")
358 Great God, your love had called us
599 ~ LBW 309 Lord Jesus, think on me
745 ~ LBW 438 Lord teach us how to pray aright

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