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+ FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +

Service of Prayer & Preaching

September 25, 2022

As We Gather: Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

“You cannot serve God and money” (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God—that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

Opening Hymn ‘With the Lord Begin Your Task’

LSB 869



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - harm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide; And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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Opening Versicles: Common

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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

Refrain

■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

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He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

8Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], 9“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering stubble. And he called to her and said, “Fetch me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” 11So she went to fetch it, and he called to her and said, “Fetch to me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have no baked bread, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” 13And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not run out, and the jug of oil shall not lack, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” 15And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16The jar of flour did not run out, and the jug of oil did not lack, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3



Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.
Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Reading

Galatians 5:25—6:10

25If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

1Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5For each will have to bear his own load.

6One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. 7Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Matthew 6:24—34

24[Jesus said:] "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

25"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory: Common

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where our glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Ten Commandments

C **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sermon "Peace of God vs. Anxious Mammon" *Matthew 6:24-34*

Hymn 'What God Ordains Is Always Good'

LSB 760

1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my
 just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm
 I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know
 In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly
 To Him, then, I will yield me.
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

- 5 What God ordains is always good:
 Though I the cup am drinking
 Which savors now of bitterness,
 I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief
 God gives relief,
 My heart with comfort filling
 And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6 What God ordains is always good:
 This truth remains unshaken.
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
 I shall not be forsaken.
 I fear no harm,
 For with His arm
 He shall embrace and shield me;
 So to my God I yield me.

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

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

'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage'

LSB 582

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 267

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Hymn 'How Firm a Foundation'

LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3, Revelation 12:7–12 and Matthew 18:1–11.

Stewardship: Matthew 6:25a – “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life.” God is in charge. God is our loving Father. Put those two statements together, and they spell the end of worry and anxiety. Yes, we will have crosses to bear. Yes, we will have difficulties. But, through it all, our loving heavenly Father is in charge, and He will carry us through. It is that simple faith, the faith of a child, that frees us from worry. And in the absence of worry, faith can step forward in bold action and into the kind of generosity that can only operate in an atmosphere of trust.

Wanted: Any youth who are wanting to sing the Introit on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in chanting the Introits like we do on Wednesdays, and adding to the beauty of the Divine Service, please talk to pastor. It can be done either individually or in groups.

Sunday School: This week’s Bible lesson is “A Shepherd Loves.” Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes “other sheep” (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David’s familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, “When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?”

The LWML is celebrating LWML Sunday on October 9th.

The usher for that day will have the Noisy Bucket in his hands as he dismisses the congregation after the service. Be ready with your change (we do accept paper money also) to contribute to the bucket for the LWML Mission Grants for 2022-2024 as your pew is dismissed. Then head for the coffee and goodie table where the LWML women will be serving coffee and special treats.

LWML Fall Rally is on Oct. 29 at St. John Lutheran Church in Melcher-Dallas, from 9:00am-3:00pm.

2nd Plate Missions for next Sunday is IDE Student Aide. An offering basket will be available next to the general offering basket.

Loose Giving Envelopes are now available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes.

General Fund & Mission Giving: When making gifts for both the general fund and missions, please provide the offerings in two separate checks as the church has separate bank accounts for these funds. Thank you.

Building Healthy Families for Sept 25th: There are two kinds of people in the world: those who wake up and say, “Good morning, Lord!” and those who wake up and say, “Good Lord, it’s morning!” Which are you? It is usually true that mood follows message. How we feel emotionally results from how we think about what is happening. The next time you are having a difficult day, stop and check your thoughts. Listen to what you are telling yourself. Challenge and then replace negative, untrue self-statements with the truth. (Hint: look for truths from the author of life Himself in your Bible). LFS counselors are available to help you learn to change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth. ~ **www.lutheranfamilyservice.org**

Life Quote for Sept 25th: “Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we drop some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!” Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M., Assistant Director of Donor Relations **www.lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Oct 2nd: Hear “You’ve Got It in You” based on 2 Timothy 1:13-14 by guest speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Faith in Christ is something that’s in you, but you didn’t put it there. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

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WHAT I WISH MY NON-LUTHERAN FAMILY KNEW ABOUT...

Are you looking for a way to explain Biblical Lutheran teachings like Baptism, Closed Communion, The Lord’s Supper, The End Times, Funerals and Worship to non-Lutherans? Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, interviewed Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller about these topics and more. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/whatiwish/.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 10/2—10/8 is **Haase**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 10/9—10/15 is **Harms**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine ASAP or at least by the Thursday before the week you are scheduled to clean.

October newsletters and calendars are available on the entryway table and are published on our website www.immanuelgrinnell.org.

Baptismal Birthdays

*Tuesday...Kistie Johnson & Rylee Howe
Friday...Hutch Kracht*

Birthdays

Today...Cindy Cloyed

Anniversaries

Saturday...Dave & Sandy Koch

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Confirmation Memory Work for Sept 28

*5th/6th Grades:
Second Commandment & Meaning*

*7th/8th Grades:
Third Commandment & Meaning*

Our Gifts to God for the Week of Sept 18, 2022

Attendance	54
General Fund	\$3360.00
Missions	\$5.00
Kathy Mergen Memorial/Building Fund	\$1430.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	9:00am	15th Sunday after Trinity
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School/Popcorn Sunday Greeter: Sittig Usher: Keith T. Servers: Kris G./Julie R. Acolyte/Crucifer: Sloane/Elizabeth Elder: Steve H. Food Pantry Sunday
Mon.	10:00am	Greek Study
	6:00-8:00pm	Pastor in Class
Tues.	10:30-12:30	Pastor in class
Wed.	4:00-5:30pm	5th/6th Grades Confirmation
	5:30-7:00pm	7th/8th Grades Confirmation
Thurs	11:00am	Bible Study
Next Sun.	8:00am	Elder's Meeting
	9:00am	Michael & All Angels (observed) 2nd Plate Missions: IDE Student Aide
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School Greeter: Tammy S. Usher: Terry S. Servers: Tammy S./Marrina K. Acolyte/Crucifer: Cole/Kaitlynn Elder: Darlo K.

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



IDE Confirmation Retreat - October 7-8

This year's Iowa District East - LCMS Fall Confirmation Retreat will take place at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca over October 7-8. The topic for this year's retreat is The Ten Commandments. Specifically, we'll be looking at *How to Pray the Ten Commandments*. Participants will discuss the background and nature of the Ten Commandments and also examine each commandment in turn. When discussing the meaning of each of the commandments, youth will also do exercises in applying these commandments in personal prayer.

Our presenter will be Pastor Isaac Johnson from New Hope Lutheran Church in Charles City. The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, October 7th at 7pm and going through around 3pm on Saturday the 8th. Registration is \$50 per youth and \$30 per chaperone. This retreat includes a pizza snack on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. You can register online or download a registration form at www.lcmside.org. A full schedule can be found at the link above.

CONFIRMATION
RETREAT OCT. 7-8



THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

2022-2023 Iowa District East Youth Events

October 7-8 - Fall Confirmation Retreat

How to Pray the Ten Commandments - with Pastor Isaac Johnson

November 18-19 - Sr. High Retreat

Theology in "that" Music - with Pastor Andrew Gray

January 27-28 - Middle School Retreat and Snowlympics

Lord, Teach Us To Pray - with Pastor Mark Squire