



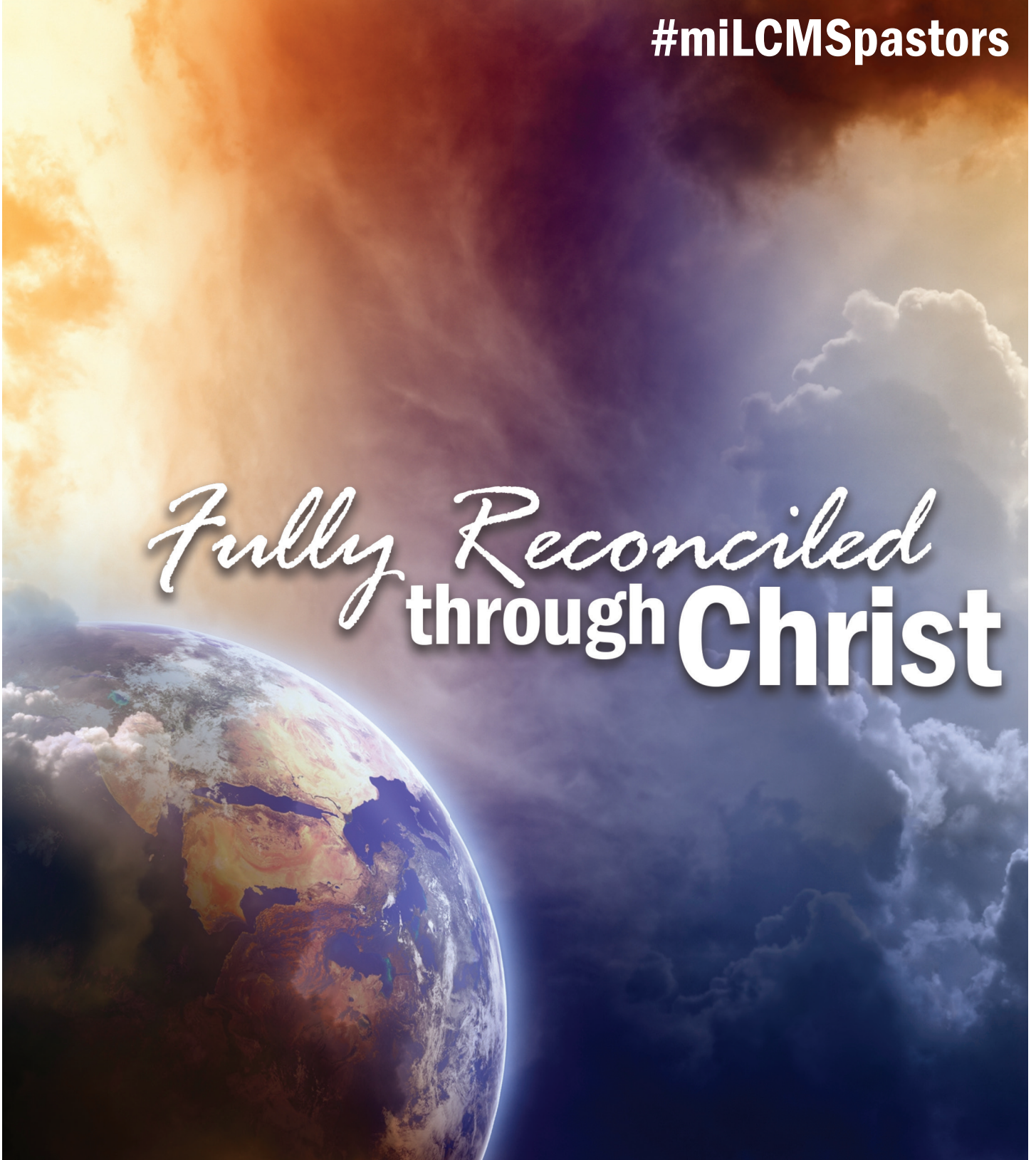
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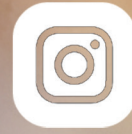
# All Pastors Conference

October 14-16, 2024 - Acme, Michigan

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*Fully Reconciled*  
**through Christ**





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- **Tweet during the sessions.**
- **Post pictures to Instagram.**
- **Snap a selfie with President Davis.**
- **Tag and share the pictures being uploaded to the Michigan District LCMS Facebook page throughout the conference.**

**Thank you to the  
2024 All Pastors Conference Committee:**

**Marcus Lane - University Lutheran Chapel, Ann Arbor**

**Doug Bender - Immanuel, Macomb**

**Thomas Gustafson - Immanuel, Grand Rapids**

**Mark Huff - Faith, Port Huron**

# Welcome



Dear Brothers and Sisters

Welcome to the 2024 All Pastors Conference! The committee has put together an exciting program under the theme *Fully Reconciled Through Christ*. And of course, we are in a great location at a great time of the year!

We live in a VERY divided world and a too-often divided Church. Is reconciliation only a pipe dream? Or is it both the gift of Jesus and the ministry of the Church? Let's talk and pray about it together. And let's consider this crucial (get it?) topic for our congregations, for our community, and for ourselves.

I look forward to spending some time together.

... eyes on Jesus ...

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Rev. David A. Davis".

Rev. David A. Davis, President  
Michigan District, LCMS

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# Agenda

GH = Governors Hall  
 TB = Tower Ballroom  
 MB = Michigan Ballroom

## Monday, October 14

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Registration .....	GH Pre-Function
11 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall .....	GH - EF
11:30–12:30 p.m.	Lunch .....	GH - ABCD
12:30 – 1 p.m.	Opening Devotion   Rev. Douglas J. Bender .....	GH - ABCD
1–2:10 p.m.	Keynote #1   Rev. Warren L. Lattimore .....	GH - ABCD
	<i>Faithful Reconciliation: Justification of the Self</i>	
2:10–2:30 p.m.	Break .....	GH - EF
2:30–3:40 p.m.	Keynote #2   Rev. Dr. Gerard I. Bolling .....	GH - ABCD
	<i>Reconciliation Within a Transformed Self</i>	
3:40 – 3:50 p.m.	Compassion Ministry   Thrive Medical Clinic   Annie Solem & Avery McCutcheon .....	GH - ABCD
3:50 – 6 p.m.	Free time / Hotel Check In	
6–7 p.m.	Dinner .....	GH - ABCD
7–8:30 p.m.	Divine Service   Rev. David A. Davis .....	GH - ABCD
8:30–10:30 p.m.	Gemütlichkeit – <i>Sponsored by Church Extension Fund</i> .....	GH - ABCD

## Tuesday, October 15

### Breakfast on your own | NIIJII Restaurant & Marketplace open at 6:30 a.m.

7–8 a.m.	Emeriti Breakfast – Sponsored by Emeriti Conference .....	TB
8 a.m.–3 p.m.	Exhibit Hall .....	GH - EF
8–8:30 a.m.	Morning Devotions   Rev. Mark L. Huff .....	GH - ABCD
8:30–9:30 a.m.	President’s Report   Rev. David A. Davis .....	GH - ABCD
9:30–9:50 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation   Church Extension Fund .....	GH - ABCD
9:50-10:00 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation   Lutheran Benefits Group & Lutheran Trust .....	GH - ABCD
10:00–10:20 a.m.	Break – <i>Sponsored by Lutheran Benefits Group &amp; Lutheran Trust</i> .....	GH - EF
10:20–11:30 a.m.	Keynote #3   Rev. Warren L. Lattimore .....	GH - ABCD
	<i>Hopeful Reconciliation: Encouraging One Another</i>	
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
	Ladies’ Luncheon .....	TB
	Men’s Luncheon .....	GH - ABCD
	Optional Breakout   The Timothy Group .....	Mackinac
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Obstacles to Reconciliation Panel Discussion .....	GH - ABCD
1:30–1:50 p.m.	Break – <i>Sponsored by Lutheran Benefits Group &amp; Lutheran Trust</i> .....	GH - EF
1:50–3 p.m.	Keynote #4   Rev. Dr. Gerard I. Bolling .....	GH - ABCD
	<i>Reconciliation to Community Reparations</i>	
3–3:10 p.m.	Sponsor Presentation   Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor .....	GH - ABCD
3:10–6 p.m.	Free time	
6–8 p.m.	Banquet & Presentations .....	GH - ABCD
8–10 p.m.	Gemütlichkeit – <i>Sponsored by Church Extension Fund</i> .....	GH - ABCD

A map of the Grand Traverse Resort is available online at [michigandistrict.org/apcmap](http://michigandistrict.org/apcmap)

## Wednesday, October 16

### Breakfast on your own | NIIJII Restaurant & Marketplace open at 6:30 a.m.

7:45–8:15 a.m.	Morning Devotions   Rev. Thomas M. E. Gustafson .....	MB
8:15–9:25 a.m.	Keynote #5   Rev. Warren L. Lattimore .....	MB
	<i>Loving Reconciliation: For the Sake of the Neighbor</i>	
9:25–9:35 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation   Wellspring Lutheran Services .....	MB
9:35–9:45 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation   Concordia Plans .....	MB
9:45–10:05 a.m.	Break .....	MB
10:05–11:15 a.m.	Keynote #6   Rev. Dr. Gerard I. Bolling .....	MB
	<i>Reconciling the Community to the Nations</i>	
11:15–11:45 a.m.	Closing Worship   Rev. Marcus J. Lane .....	MB

## Important Information

**Cell Phones** – Please set cell phones to silent during all sessions. Also, please be sure to mute sound on your laptops. We want to spare you the embarrassment.

**Internet** – Wireless Internet is available for free in the conference areas.

Network name: LCMS2024 No password required.

**Wednesday Check-Out** – Check-out time on Wednesday is 11 a.m. Please be sure to have your belongings out of your room by that time.

**Evaluation** – You will receive an online evaluation via email at the conclusion of the conference.

**Presentations** – Videos of speaker presentations from main room sessions will be available online to all attendees. You will be notified via email when they become available. [YouTube.com/michiganlcms](https://www.youtube.com/michiganlcms).

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**Counseling Sessions are Available with Mandy Vergin in the Northwoods Boardroom (Lobby Level/near the Shops)**

You can sign up online using the QR Code at right.



# Additional Options

## Resort Guest Golf Offer

Play their three championship courses at special rates:

The Bear by Jack Nicklaus

\$70/midweek • \$85/weekend  
(9-hole rate - N/A)

The Wolverine by Gary Player

\$70/midweek • \$85/weekend  
(9-hole rate - \$45/midweek • \$50/weekend)

Spruce Run GTRS's Original Course

\$50/midweek • \$60/weekend  
(11-hole rate - \$40/midweek • \$40/weekend)

Twilight Rates (after 2:30pm)

The Bear \$60 • The Wolverine \$60 • Spruce Run \$45

Late Twilight Rates (after 4:30pm)

The Bear \$45 • The Wolverine \$45 • Spruce Run \$35

For individual tee times call 800.748.0303 OR for groups of 8 or more call or email

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Based on availability | Proper golf attire required | Rental clubs available

## Traverse City Attractions

For information about Traverse City Events, Attractions and more, visit their website:

<https://www.traversecity.com/events/>

## Connect With Us



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Did you know that there is a District Pastors' Group on Facebook?  
Join today to connect and share resources with fellow brothers in Christ!

***"Pastors of the Michigan District, LCMS" click "Join Group"***

Pastors' Wives! You can also connect on Facebook at  
***"Katie Conference - Michigan District LCMS" click "Join Group"***

# Information for Wives

## The Katie 2025

The Katie, a Michigan District conference for pastors', deacons' and vicars' wives and widows, is designed with prayer and love for this unique group of women. God has blessed the District with an amazing collection of highly creative and deeply committed leaders who have a passion for these women who stand beside their husbands. This year's committee started to work the moment last year's conference ended. Their focus has been on you as we seek God's face on your behalf.



Join us in April, as together we hear from our speaker, Monique Nunes on the theme “Let Your Light Shine: When the Light Grows Dim, What Happens?” based on Matthew 5:16. We are to let our lights shine. What happens when our light grows dim or is snuffed out? Jesus is our beacon of light. We will examine, explore, and engage various ways of letting our lights shine and share ways on refueling, recharging, and redirecting our lights when our light grows dim.

The Katie Conference seeks to uplift the women God has chosen to be His hands and hearts to the men He has called into the ministry. While they carry a unique set of burdens, they also enjoy some amazing and abundant blessings. The Katie is a celebration of those blessings and a support for those burdens. Join us April 25–27, 2025 in Bay City as together we explore what it means to let our light shine.

# Compassion Ministry

## Thrive Medical Clinic

In support of the Michigan District Critical Targets, specifically Great Compassion Ministry, the All Pastors Conference has partnered with Thrive Medical Clinic. The vision of Thrive Medical Clinic (TMC) is to give every woman and man considering abortion the opportunity to confirm their pregnancy through an ultrasound (allowing them to see their child for themselves), to receive information about their options from a source that doesn't profit from or push abortion, and to learn about the realistic solutions, practical resources, and loving support that would empower them to parent their child or make an adoption plan. It's our dream that these precious women, men, and children can thrive, not just survive.

For their wish list, visit [friendsoftmc.org/shop-for-tmc](http://friendsoftmc.org/shop-for-tmc)

For their Amazon wish list, visit our event page: [michigandistrict.org/apc24](http://michigandistrict.org/apc24) and click on Compassion Ministry.

Ingathering items can be dropped off at registration. The conference worship service offering will also go to this ministry.

# Exhibitors

Visit Exhibitors' Displays in the Governor's Hall - EF

Monday, October 14, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. &

Tuesday, October 15, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



Camp Arcadia  
[camp-arcadia.com](http://camp-arcadia.com)  
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Church Extension Fund  
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Booth #9



Concordia Center for the Family  
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Concordia Plan Services  
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Concordia Theological Seminary  
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Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society  
[elms-deaf.org](http://elms-deaf.org)  
Booth #22



Genesis System Integration  
[genesisav.com](http://genesisav.com)  
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Gifts For All God's Children  
[giftsforallgodschildren.org](http://giftsforallgodschildren.org)  
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Good Friend Ministries  
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Booth #2



Harvest Partnership - Michigan  
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India Bible Study  
[indiastudybible.org](http://indiastudybible.org)  
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Martin Luther's Evening Prayer  
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MOST Ministries  
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Parish Nursing/CCWC  
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POBLO  
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The Timothy Group  
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Wellspring Lutheran Services  
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Worship Anew  
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## Ron Haas | Breakout | Generosity Plan

Tuesday, October 15, 11:30 a.m. | Mackinac Room



**“But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity” (Isaiah 32:8 NLT).**

You need a generosity action plan because giving is spiritual warfare. When you give generously to Kingdom causes, you are pushing back the darkness. Satan will tempt you with greed, fear, and doubt to discourage you from giving. He will whisper in your ear, “You can’t afford to give,” or “your gifts won’t matter.” Isaiah teaches generous people “plan to do what is generous and they stand firm in their generosity.” Giving decisions aren’t simple or easy. Consider these challenges which may stand in your way.

### **Family**

Taking care of your family is a spiritual responsibility (1 Tim. 5:8), but some use family obligations as an excuse for not giving. You may have heard someone say, “I’m helping my child or grandchild through college, so I can’t give.” The friend at midnight’s friend also used his children as an excuse. He said, “My children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything” (Luke 11:7). He had bread to give his friend so his excuse wasn’t “I can’t give you anything” but “I don’t want to give you anything.”

### **Future**

Life is so uncertain. We worry about what we will eat or what we will wear. Jesus reminds us, “For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them” (Matt. 6:32). It’s only human to question, “If I give, will I have enough to meet my needs?” (see Matt. 6:33). Generous people make generosity a priority because they know God will meet their future needs.

### **Finances**

Making wise giving decisions is difficult work. You may want to give but simply cannot because of other responsibilities. Fred was asked for a campaign gift. He initially indicated he would give \$25,000, but after prayer and considering his other gift commitments, he decided to give \$10,000. With so many worthy charitable options, you must ask the Lord for wisdom to “discern what is best” (Phil. 1:10).

### **Frustrations**

Satan will sling his fiery darts at you to throw you off track. You might be thinking about giving a gift when life interrupts you with a car accident, health issues, or chaos at work. These challenges can impact your gift amount or timing. Pray fervently for the strength to stand firm against the devil’s excuses.



# Opening Worship | Prayer and Preaching | Monday 12:30–1 p.m.

## Opening Song

*Christ be My Leader* LSB 861

1. Christ be my leader  
by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness,  
for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow,  
my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight  
when Jesus is there.
2. Christ be my teacher  
in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting,  
for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him;  
though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me;  
in Jesus I stand.
3. Christ be my Savior  
in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me,  
for He is the Life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting  
nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation:  
with Jesus I reign.

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## Opening Versicles

LSB 260

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: 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.**

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C: Teach me Your paths.**

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C: Your Word is truth.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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

## Old Testament Canticle

1. The Lord is my strength and my song  
And He, He has won my salvation, He is my God

Chorus

And I shall prepare Him my heart  
And I shall prepare Him my heart  
And I shall prepare Him my heart

2. The Lord (the Lord) is my strength (is my strength)  
and my song (and my song) And He, (And He)  
He has won (He has won) my salvation, (my salvation)  
He is my God (He is my God)

Chorus

And I shall prepare Him my heart  
And I shall prepare Him my heart  
And I shall prepare Him my heart  
And I shall prepare Him my heart

3. The Lord, He shall reign forever and ever. Amen.  
The Lord, He shall reign forever and ever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 7:11-16

Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house. All that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the Lord and in his own house he successfully accomplished. Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Song

### *In Christ There is No East or West*

Verse 1

In Christ there is no East or West  
In Him, no South or North  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide Earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding humankind.

Chorus

Oh, Jesus, the name above every name  
Holy is He!  
As one, let us come  
And adore Him for Eternity

Singing praise to the Son  
'Til His kingdom comes  
Friends, let us sing  
As one, let us come  
And adore Him for Eternity

Post Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse 2

Oh come then, people of the faith  
What e'er your race may be  
All children of the living God  
Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West  
In Him meet South and North  
All Christ-like souls are joined as one  
Throughout the whole wide Earth.

Chorus

Oh, Jesus, the name above every name  
Holy is He!  
As one, let us come  
And adore Him for Eternity

Singing praise to the Son  
'Til His kingdom comes  
Friends, let us sing  
As one, let us come  
And adore Him for Eternity

Post Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"In Christ there is No East Or West"

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## Responsory

LSB 263

P: 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.**

P: 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 Your glory dwells.**

P: 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.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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.**

## **Homily**

### **Prayer**

**LSB 265**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

## **Collect of the Day**

P: God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Collect of the Word**

P: 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 take them to heart 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.**

**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.**

## **Song**

## ***Christ is Risen***

### Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave

### Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave

Christ is risen from the dead  
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### Bridge

Oh death! Where is your sting?  
Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
Oh Church! Come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
Oh death! Where is your sting?  
Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
Oh Church! Come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead, He's alive, He's alive

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

"Christ is Risen"

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## **Blessing**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**C: Amen.**

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# Divine Service | Monday 7–8:30 p.m.

## Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

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

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

***This is the Feast***

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

**Malachi 3:13-18**

“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

**Colossians 1:13-20**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 23:27-43**

And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, [c] saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we

indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn

## ***Be Thou My Vision***

1. Be Thou my Vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee  
and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.
3. Be Thou my battle shield,  
sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my dignity,  
Thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter  
and Thou my high tow'r.  
Raise Thou me heavenward,  
O pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and Thou only,  
the first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my  
Treasure Thou art.

### Chorus

O God, be my Everything,  
be my Delight;  
be, Jesus, my Glory;  
my soul satisfied.

O God, be my Everything,  
be my Delight;  
be, Jesus, my Glory;  
my soul satisfied.

5. High King of Heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys,  
O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision,  
O Ruler of all.

### Chorus

### TAG

Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision,  
O Ruler of all.

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## Sermon

**Rev. David A. Davis**

## Nicene Creed

**C:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

**Offertory by Nathanael Zuellig**

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer a sacrifice of thanks and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of His people,  
In the courts of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem

### Preface

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Proclamation of Christ**

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**C: 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.**

### **Pax Domini**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Nathanael Zuellig**

Holy Lamb of God  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.

Holy Lamb of God  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.

Holy Lamb of God  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace

### **Communion Song**

### **Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me**

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need His power is displayed  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him!  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Communion Song

1. In Christ there is no East or West  
In Him, no South or North  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide Earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding humankind.

#### Chorus

Oh, Jesus, the name above every name  
Holy is He!  
As one, let us come  
And adore Him for Eternity

Singing praise to the Son  
'Til His kingdom comes  
Friends, let us sing  
As one, let us come  
And adore Him for Eternity

#### Post Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### Post Communion Canticle

Now Lord, You will let Your servant go in peace  
According to Your Word  
For my eyes have seen Your saving deed  
Which You have set before all men:  
A light for revelation to the Gentiles  
And for glory to Your people, Israel

### Ending

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

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### *In Christ there is No East or West*

2. Oh come then, people of the faith  
What e'er your race may be  
All children of the living God  
Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West  
In Him meet South and North  
All Christ-like souls are joined as one  
Throughout the whole wide Earth.

#### Chorus

#### Post Chorus

"In Christ there is No East Or West"

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### **Post-Communion Collect**

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

### ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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# Morning Devotions | Responsive Prayer 2 | Tuesday 8–8:30 a.m.

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## Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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.**

## Psalm 112

P: Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**C: His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

P: Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**C: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

P: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**C: For the righteous will never be moved;  
he will be remembered forever.**

P: He is not afraid of bad news;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

**C: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,  
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

P: He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever;  
his horn is exalted in honor.

**C: The wicked man sees it and is angry;  
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;  
the desire of the wicked will perish!**

**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.**

## Scripture Reading

**Matthew 5:21–26**

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

## Hymn

## Great is Thy Faithfulness LSB 809

1. Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father:  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not:  
Thy compassions, they fail not:  
As Thou hast been,  
Thou forever wilt be.

### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness,  
Mercy, and love.

### Chorus

3. Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine,  
With ten thousand beside!

### Chorus

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## Homily

### Kyrie

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P: O Lord,

C: **have mercy.**

P: O Christ,

C: **have mercy.**

P: O Lord,

C: **have mercy.**

### Lord's Prayer

C: **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.**

### Apostles' Creed

C: **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.**

**Versicles**

- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C: let my cry come to You.**  
 L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C: for You answer me.**  
 L Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C: and blot out all my iniquities.**  
 L Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C: and renew a right spirit within me.**  
 L Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**  
 L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.**  
 L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C: my lips will praise You.**  
 L For You have been my help,  
**C: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**  
 L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C: unite my heart to fear Your name.**  
 L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C: and I will glorify Your name forever.**  
 L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**  
 L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**  
 L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C: listen to my plea for grace.**

**Hymn**

- I hear the Savior say  
 “Thy strength indeed is small  
 Child of weakness, watch and pray  
 Find in Me thine all in all”

Chorus

Jesus paid it all  
 All to Him I owe  
 Sin had left a crimson stain  
 He washed it white as snow

- Lord, now indeed I find  
 Thy power and Thine alone  
 Can change the leper’s spots  
 And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

- And when before the throne  
 I stand in Him complete  
 “Jesus died, my soul to save”  
 My lips shall still repeat

Chorus x2

**Jesus Paid it All**

Chorus Tag

He washed it white as snow  
 He washed it white as snow

Bridge x6

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt  
 And raised this life up from the dead

Bridge 2 x4

Oh, praise Him.

Chorus x 2

Tag

He washed it white as snow  
 He washed it white as snow

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**Collect**

**C:** 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.

**Benedicamus and Blessings****LSB 287**

L Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

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# Morning Devotions | Daily Prayer | Wednesday 7:45–8:15 a.m.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

**C: in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.**

P: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**C: and with Your glory all the day.**

P: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**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.**

## Psalm 23

P: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**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.**

## Hymn

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood.

## ***Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)***

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

## Bridge

Above all else I adore Your name  
Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise  
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## Scripture Reading

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## Homily

### Apostles' Creed

**C: 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

**C: 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.**

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

### Concluding Prayers

**P: Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every 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.**

**P: Let us bless the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

## *In Christ Alone*

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world, by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again.

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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# Closing Devotions | Daily Prayer | Wednesday 11:15–11:45 a.m.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;

**C: hear me and answer me.**

P: Evening, morning, and noon

**C: I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

P: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;

**C: He will never let the righteous fall.**

**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.**

## Psalm 133

P: Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

**C: It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!**

P: It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

**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.**

## Hymn

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

## *The Church's One Foundation LSB 644*

4. Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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## Homily

**Kyrie**

P: O Lord,  
**C: have mercy upon us.**  
 P: O Christ,  
**C: have mercy upon us.**  
 P: O Lord,  
**C: have mercy upon us.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**C: 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.**

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

**Concluding Prayer**

P: Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy’s sake we pray.  
**C: Amen.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**Christ Be My Leader LSB 861**

1. Christ be my leader  
 by night as by day;  
 Safe through the darkness,  
 for He is the way.  
 Gladly I follow,  
 my future His care,  
 Darkness is daylight  
 when Jesus is there.
  
2. Christ be my teacher  
 in age as in youth,  
 Drifting or doubting,  
 for He is the truth.  
 Grant me to trust Him;  
 though shifting as sand,  
 Doubt cannot daunt me;  
 in Jesus I stand.

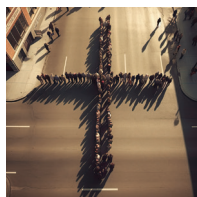
3. Christ be my Savior  
 in calm as in strife;  
 Death cannot hold me,  
 for He is the Life.  
 Nor darkness nor doubting  
 nor sin and its stain  
 Can touch my salvation:  
 with Jesus I reign.

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# Calendar of Events



## Theological Conference

*We Are Not Alone: Engaging Your Community Together*

February 1, 2025 | Lansing, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/theo25](http://www.michigandistrict.org/theo25)



## Katie Conference

*Let Your Light Shine: When the Light Grows Dim, What Happens?*

April 25–27, 2025 | Bay City, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/katie25](http://www.michigandistrict.org/katie25)



## West Pastors Conference

May 6–7, 2025  
Traverse City, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/west25](http://www.michigandistrict.org/west25)



## South and East Pastors Conference

*Out of the Wilderness ... Hope*

May 13–14, 2025  
Frankenmuth, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/se25](http://www.michigandistrict.org/se25)



## Circuit Visitors Conference

May 14–15, 2025  
Frankenmuth, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/events](http://www.michigandistrict.org/events)



## North and East Pastors Conference

*Not Bowed to Baal - The Man of God in a Culture of Death*

May 20–21, 2025 | Frankenmuth, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/ne25](http://www.michigandistrict.org/ne25)



## Intentional Interim Ministry Conference

May 28–29, 2025  
Hillsdale, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/events](http://www.michigandistrict.org/events)



## Michigan District Convention

*Nourished for the Journey*

June 22–24, 2025  
Ann Arbor, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/convention](http://www.michigandistrict.org/convention)



## National Youth Gathering

*Endure*

July 19–23, 2025  
New Orleans, LA  
[www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com)



## Jr. High Youth Gathering

*Together*

August 5–7, 2025  
Frankenmuth, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/jrhigh25](http://www.michigandistrict.org/jrhigh25)



## Emeriti Conference

September 2–3, 2025  
Frankenmuth, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/emeriti25](http://www.michigandistrict.org/emeriti25)



## IIM Conference

September 22–25, 2025  
Hillsdale, Mich.  
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## All Pastors Conference

October 6–8, 2025  
Boyne Falls, Mich.  
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February 1, 2025 | Our Savior, Lansing, Mich.  
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**1 Kings 19:18**

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