

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### WEEKEND WORSHIP



*I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
Psalm 122:1*



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## ***Worship Notes***

***St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor – January 25 & 26, 2025***

*We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today,  
and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!*

### THEME

Today's worship focuses not so much on Titus, but the role of the pastor. Pastors are called not to be successful as the world counts success but to "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness," to "fight the good fight of the faith," and to feed the flock of God the true food of Word and Sacrament. Faith-filled overseers of the flock are vigilant in care – gracious stewards of God's Law and Gospel counsel; attentive stewards of God's abundant grace – a vital treasure for believers. And these appointed laborers of Christ need to remain strong in godly virtue and order, equipped to battle fierce wolves and subtle evil that mingle in the lives of God's people. Amid striving evil and genuine need, pastors and confessors proclaim that the kingdom of God comes near.

### HYMN OF THE DAY:

Our *Hymn of the Day* this weekend, ***Preach You the Word and Plant It Home***, is found in the section of our hymnal that focuses on the Word of God. This remarkable hymn was written in 1973 by Martin Franzmann (1907-76) to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois (*which later moved to Fort Wayne*). It was first sung at an "Evening of Christian Poetry and Hymnody" for seminary faculty, administrators, and their families.

The text resonates with numerous scriptural allusions *and* direct quotations, weaving together Jesus' parable of the sower (*Matthew 13:3-23*) with prophetic and apostolic admonitions to those who preach the living Word of God. The 17<sup>th</sup> century German tune is also used for the Advent hymn, *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*.

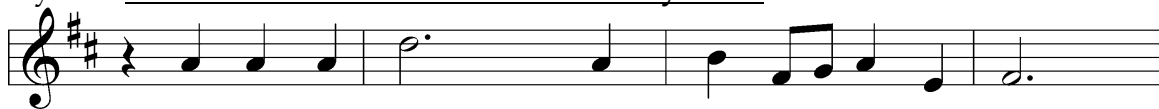
# St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor

## A Service of the Word

### Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, and Welcome to Worship

#### Hymn - The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

LSB 838



1 The saints in Christ are one in ev - 'ry place  
2 In chains for Christ! His pris'n - ers love to sing,  
3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;  
4 Lord Je - sus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth re - peat;



To serve the Gos - pel of His cost - ly grace;  
For slaves and free re - joice to praise our King;  
Where then shall be our hun - ger, dan - ger, pain?  
The work that You be - gan, You will com - plete.



From those first days to this, our hope the same;  
What though the Church on earth still suf - fers wrong?  
Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,  
By grace let ev - 'ry foe be - come Your friend;



The love of Christ, one Lord, one sav - ing name.  
The cross of Christ re - mains our pil - grim song.  
Then be with Christ, to live for - ev - er - more.  
Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and nev - er end.

Text: Christopher M. Idle, 1938, alt.

Tune: Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949

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Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### **Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Declaration of Grace**

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** 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.

**L** 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.

**L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

### **Introit**

*Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Titus 3:4-5a*

**L** When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

**C** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.

**L** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

**C** with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**L** Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
**C** your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**L** Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,  
**C** who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

**L** who exult in your name all the day  
**C** and in your righteousness are exalted.

**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.

**L** When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,  
**C** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.

Gloria Hymn

LSB 506

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each  
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,  
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,  
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You called Titus to the work of pastor and teacher. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 20:28–35*

*“Pay careful attention ... to all the flock.”*

<sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

*Psalm 71:1-14*

**L** <sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

**C** let me never be put to shame!

**L** <sup>2</sup>In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

**C** incline your ear to me, and save me!

**L** <sup>3</sup>Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**C** you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**L** <sup>4</sup>Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

**C** from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

**L** <sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are my hope,

**C** my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**L** <sup>6</sup>Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

**C** My praise is continually of you.

**L** <sup>7</sup>I have been as a portent to many,

**C** but you are my strong refuge.

**L** <sup>8</sup>My mouth is filled with your praise,

**C** and with your glory all the day.

**L** <sup>9</sup>Do not cast me off in the time of old age;

**C** forsake me not when my strength is spent.

**L** <sup>10</sup>For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together <sup>11</sup>and say,

**C** “God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him.”

**L** <sup>12</sup>O God, be not far from me;

**C** O my God, make haste to help me!

**L** <sup>13</sup>May my accusers be put to shame and consumed;

**C** with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my hurt.

**L** <sup>14</sup>But I will hope continually

**C** and will praise you yet more and more.

**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.

## Epistle

*Titus 1:1-9*

### *The attributes of a pastor.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, <sup>2</sup>in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began <sup>3</sup>and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior; <sup>4</sup>To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

<sup>5</sup>This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you — <sup>6</sup>if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. <sup>7</sup>For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, <sup>8</sup>but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup>He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel*



## Alleluia Hymn

LSB 952/952a

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1-9

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

### *The Lord sends out the Seventy-Two.*

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

<sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## Children's Message

## Hymn - Preach You the Word

LSB 586



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 **Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"**

6 **Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.**

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## Sermon

*Our offerings are placed on the altar as the Offertory Hymn is sung*

## Offertory Hymn

LSB 784



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry  
trea - sure store; Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er,



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79  
Tune: Henri A. C. Malan, 1787-1864  
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*Stand*

## 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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition:*

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Our prayers conclude:*

**L** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**L** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## Collect for the Word

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166

**L** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

**C** Amen.

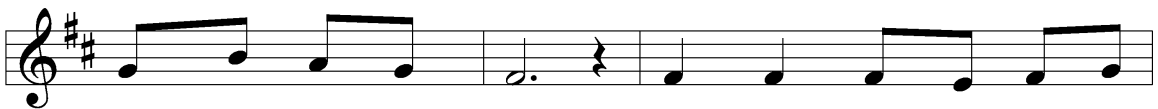
*Sit*

## Hymn - Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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## **Silent Prayer, Announcements, & Postlude**

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*You may prepare for next weekend by reading:*

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

*The call of Jeremiah*

**Psalm 71:1-6**

*"In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge..."*

**1 Corinthians 12:31b - 13:13**

*The gift of love*

**Luke 4:31-44**

*Jesus drives out an evil spirit; Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law.*

Hymn - **"Son of God, Eternal Savior"** (LSB 842)



**Serving This Weekend:**

Liturgist: Vicar Joshua Horst  
Preacher: Seminarian Christian Dollar  
Saturday Pianist: Jenna Horst  
Sunday Organist: Clayton Klein  
Acolytes: Sunday 8:00 – Gabe Radke & Emma Weinstein  
Sunday 10:30 – Timo Finnegan & Angela Wang  
Elders: 5:00 – Luke Burkemper 8:00 – Bump Trower 10:30 – Tim Schaff  
Ushers: Team A

*Chancel Flowers*

*The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God in loving memory of Guy Miller, as it would have been his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on this day (Sunday)!*

