

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2020

### **Announcements:**

**CLGO:** The 22nd Annual Christ Lutheran Gold Outing – CLGO will be held today at Savannah Oaks in Lynd. First tee time is scheduled for 1:00 PM. This year our mulligan money will be going to the organ fund. I think we will be just fine with people just “showing up” by 12:30, but if you know for sure that you will be golfing and could call or text pastor at 828-3333 that would be great. For those who would like, and feel comfortable doing so, we will grab a bite to eat at the outdoor patio at Brau Brothers after the round. Cost is \$20 for 9 holes and a cart.

**Offerings:** For those who are able to continue to give an offering, you can mail it (use the self-addressed envelope in your offering packet) to the Church office, 500 Village Drive. We also strongly encourage you to consider using the e-giving option. You can find a link to this on our website.

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### **Psalm 73**

**Refrain:** Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

I am always with you, O Lord;\* you hold me by my right hand.  
You guide me with your counsel,\* and afterward you will take me into glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but you?\* And earth has nothing I desire besides you.  
My flesh and my heart may fail,\*  
but my God is the strength of my heart and my portion 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.

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### **Hymns:**

#### **HYMN #765 "Day by Day"**

Day by day, your mercies, Lord attend me, Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, Where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me O'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow; I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow; Till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me When my burdens grow too great to bear;  
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me, You will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

#### **HYMN #405 "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"**

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though pressed by many a foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe,

That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God,

A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without,  
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt,

That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile,  
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile,

A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled  
And with a pure and heav'nly ray Lights up the dying bed.

Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

### **Hymn #431 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"**

I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares  
If e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.

I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending.  
Oft in adversity I know not where to flee  
When storms of woe my soul dismay; I pass through trials all the way.

Grim death pursues me all the way; Nowhere I rest securely.  
He comes by night, he comes by day, And takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity today. Grim death pursues me all the way.

I walk with angels all the way; They shield me and befriend me.  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me.  
They are my sure defense; All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me.  
He takes my ev'ry fear away When Satan's pow'r assails me,  
And, by his footsteps led, My path I safely tread.  
In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.

My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When you farewell can gladly say To all your sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

### **HYMN #439 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"**

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe, For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend! So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

## **Scripture Readings:**

**1 Kings 19:9-18:** There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

**Romans 9:1-5:** I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

**Matthew 14:22-33:** Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."