
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27-28, 2024

Steadfast Love Forever

As We Gather

Lutheran Service Book: Concordance contains an alphabetical listing of key words in the texts of the hymnal. Although it might seem to be structured for church professionals choosing hymns for services, it has value for all people in the church. Paging through the book, it is easy to discover what words are frequently repeated in hymns—words that are important to singers of Christian songs. Among frequently repeated words are “eternal,” “forever,” “everlasting,” “endless,” “eternally,” and “eternity.” There is no time limit to the relationship God has with His faithful people.

PREPARATION

Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 784

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| 1 | <i>Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.</i> | 4 | <i>Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.</i> |
| 2 | <i>Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.</i> | 5 | <i>Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.</i> |
| 3 | <i>Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.</i> | 6 | <i>Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.</i> |

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 143:1a, 2, 8, 10; 145:8-9

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- C** Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.
- P** Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.
- C** Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- P** The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C** The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

Confession and Absolution

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.
- C** Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.
- P** Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.
- P** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C** Amen.
- P** As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.

WORD

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

Lamb of God

LSB 550

1 *Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.*

2 *Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain*

*Refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

3 *I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain*

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9

C Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

I Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.

II Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever;

I to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever;

II to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever;

I to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever;

II to Him who made the great lights, for His steadfast love endures forever;

I the sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever;

II the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever.

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

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the

breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse for Pentecost 10

Mark 6:50c

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

How Wide the Love of Christ

LSB 535

1 *How wide the love of Christ!
It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity
Within its broad embrace.*

2 *How long the love of Christ!
Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound
In everlasting peace.*

3 *How high the love of Christ!
Beyond all thought it soars,*

*And yet upon our passing lives
Unmeasured mercy pours.*

4 *How deep the love of Christ,
Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands
All human pain and loss.*

5 *All praise to You, O Christ,
For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!*

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Sermon

Offering

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Hymn

In Christ Alone

- Verse 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**
- Verse 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
Till 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**
- Verse 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**
- Verse 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**

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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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the whole family of God in Christ Jesus, that we may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being; that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; and that we may be rooted and grounded in love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that our Lord, who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, would be glorified in His Church and in Christ Jesus; that He would ground us in love; and that He would give us a faith rooted in Christ's promises and strength to comprehend with all the saints His love that surpasses all knowledge, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P To the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that He would bless our families even as He blessed Noah, bringing forth new life under His promises, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all marriages, that God would make them strong and fruitful according to His will; and for every home, that God's Word would rule there, uniting it in forgiveness and causing Christ to dwell in every heart through faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our country, that the Lord of might would spare us and future generations from wickedness; for our leaders, that by God's blessing they would rule according to His good pleasure; and for God's protection over our armed forces, police and all public servants, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For [_____ and] all those in need, that they would trust the One sent to heal and make whole, receiving from Him health for body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that God would not allow our hearts to become hardened by indifference or frustration in this world, but would lead us to His blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith to receive forgiveness and confidence according to Christ's New Testament, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Father in heaven, You name every family in heaven and on earth. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Preserve us in the faith so that Christ might dwell in our hearts richly until that day when we join

them around Your throne; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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.

Hymn

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919

1 *Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.*

2 *Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.*

3 *Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.*

4 *Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.*

5 *Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.*

6 *Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Prayers

Ali Gerlach, Tommy Brown, Donna Eggemeyer, Ellie Markley
65th Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Darlene Asbury on July 25th
50th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Linda Stegmann on July 27th

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Elijah Rabacchi	Betty Brelje	Audrey Rathert	Rosemary Fulton
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Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

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Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar

Remember God's work through LCMS U as you pray:

- for recent college graduates, that they would find gainful employment as well as a church home where they can learn about God's holy Word in all of its truth and purity.
- for all students, that God would protect them and provide people to share with them the Word of God.

Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, July 28.....	1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35
Monday, July 29.....	1 Samuel 14:47-15:9; Acts 24:1-23
Tuesday, July 30	1 Samuel 15:10-35; Acts 24:24-25:12
Wednesday, July 31	1 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27
Thursday, August 1.....	1 Samuel 17:1-19; Acts 26:1-23
Friday, August 2.....	1 Samuel 17:20-47; Acts 26:24-27:8
Saturday, August 3.....	1 Samuel 17:48-18:9; Acts 27:9-26

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study—will resume on September 4th

Handicapped Accessible Service—August 8, 10 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

St. Mark's Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 3, 6:00 p.m. & Sunday, August 4, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Ryan Matthias, Guest Preacher

Confirmation Classes Meeting

for 7th & 8th Grade Students & Parents

Sunday, August 11th, 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

St. Mark's Lutheran School Faculty & Staff Installation

Sunday, August 18th, 9:00 a.m.

Wurstmart & Country Store

St. Mark's Annual Wurstmart & Country Store is coming up at the beginning of November. As your gardens are growing and producing fresh produce for canning and preserving, keep our Country Store in mind. We always have a need for Crafts, fresh produce, baked goods and canned goods. Thank you to all of our members who donate items for the Country Store.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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