



Southern Ohio Synod Hymn List 2017-2018

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Mission Statement: *This list is prepared with the hope of enabling congregations to sing a "more profound Alleluia."*

(See stanza 2 of ELW hymn #850, 851; also LBW hymn #555 or WOV hymn #802)

ADVANCE WORSHIP PLANING SUGGESTIONS:

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation—Suggestions for Worship and Music:

October 31st of this year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant reformation. It was on that date in 1517 that Wittenberg University professor of theology, Dr. Martin Luther, published a document calling for an academic debate over some church practices and, specifically the selling of papal "indulgences," that he saw as antithetical to the teaching of the New Testament. It was normal practice for university professors with the doctorate degree to call for debates on various issues. On this issue, however, Luther got a lot more than he had bargained for! The aftermath was cataclysmic for the church, but actual reformation of the church had begun.

Among many other efforts, Luther reformed the patterns of worship. This took two forms. First, he wrote hymn texts and sometimes he even composed the music for those texts, and encouraged others to do the same. Hymn singing in the vernacular was a primary way to involve the congregation more fully into worship. Secondly, he translated the texts of the Latin mass into the common language and composed liturgical music so the members of the congregation could sing their portion of the liturgy. This is known as "Luther's German Mass of 1526," the English text for which can be found in *Luther's Works, Vol. 53, Liturgy and Hymns*, pages 51-90.

1st Suggestion for Reformation Day Worship: Use of a form of Luther's first vernacular service. An outline of it was provided in the 1972 *Lutheran Book of Worship* on page 120. Liturgical hymns that can be used in Luther's mass can be found in that book and in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The liturgy could take the following form, which includes the basic Holy Communion shape found in both LBW and ELW, but reflects Luther's Mass with its Word and Sacrament emphasis. This suggestion is being made now in September because of situations where some of these Reformation era hymns are not so well known. With advance planning, they can be introduced into congregational worship over a period of weeks prior to Reformation Sunday.

~ Gathering song/Entrance Hymn

~ Apostolic greeting ("The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...")

~ Kyrie hymn: *O Lord, We Praise You* - ELW 499 LBW 215 [Martin Luther added stanzas 2 and 3 to this medieval hymn; the melody appears in the 1524 hymn collection of Luther's long time music advisor, Johann Walter, 1496-1570].

~ Gloria hymn: *All glory be to God on high* - ELW 410 LBW 166 [Nicolaus Decius, 1484-1550, a contemporary and supporter of Luther, wrote adapted the text and music from medieval sources.]

~ Prayer of the Day

~ First Lesson, Psalm, and Second Lesson

~ Alleluia and Gospel

~ Sermon

~ Creed hymn: *We all believe in one true God* - ELW 411 LBW 374 [Martin Luther wrote this text as one of his Catechism hymns; the music dates from the 13th century.]

~ Prayers of Intercession and Peace

~ Great Thanksgiving Dialogue ("The Lord be with you...Lift up your hearts...")

~ Sanctus hymn: *Isaiah in a vision did of old* - ELW 868 LBW 528

~ Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

~ Agnus Dei hymn: *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* - ELW 357 LBW 111 [Nicolaus Decius, a contemporary and supporter of Luther, adapted the traditional text and its 13th century music to produce this hymn.]

~ Distribution of Communion,

~ Communion blessing and post-Communion prayer

~ Aaronic benediction and dismissal

2nd Suggestion for Reformation Day Worship: Help the congregation learn to sing Martin Luther's greatest hymn, *A mighty fortress is our God*, in its original form and rhythm (ELW 503; LBW 228), which is syncopated like modern music.

THE HYMN LIST. The following hymn list is coordinated with the calendar followed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and suggests hymns related to the lectionary of the church as embodied by the Revised Common Lectionary system, and as found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The hymns in this listing are suggested from the following worship resources published Augsburg Fortress, the official publication house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

PRIMARY SOURCE:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship © 2006 - This book contains the most current, officially adopted liturgies and hymn collection of the ELCA. Abbreviation: *ELW*

All hymn numbers on this list printed in **bold type** are from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

OTHER SOURCES:

Lutheran Book of Worship © 1978 - This book contains the previous adopted liturgies and hymn collection of the ELCA. Abbreviation: *LBW*.

With One Voice © 1995 - This volume appeared as a liturgical and hymn supplement. Abbreviation: *WOV*.

This Far by Faith © 1999 - This liturgical resource and hymn collection is geared toward the African American worship experience. It was a cooperative effort between the ELCA and the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Abbreviation: *TFF*.

Worship & Praise © 1999 - This volume is a songbook collection of “praise songs” and contemporary hymns. Abbreviation: *W&P*.

-----The Hymn List-----

[Currently we are in Year A of the Revised Common Lectionary]

September 3, 2017 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost - Lectionary Sunday # 22, (Proper 17)
-GREEN

Jeremiah 15:15-21 (Feeling forlorn, but having encouragement of God’s favor)

698 ~ How long, O God of light

703 ~ 703 O God, why are you silent

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and glory

Psalms 119:33-40 (“Lead me in the path of your commandments...”)

870 ~ LBW 241 We praise you, O God

Romans 12:9-21 (Love as the standard of a Christian's behavior)

708 ~ LBW 765 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O Love divine

836 ~ LBW 557 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Matthew 16:21-28 (Jesus calls his disciples to take up their cross and follow him)

799 ~ LBW 455 Come, follow me, the Savior spake

667 ~ LBW 398 Take up your cross, the Savior said

802 ~ LBW 387 Let us ever walk with Jesus

660 ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross

327 ~ LBW 355 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: On September 14, 1818—exactly 199 years ago—the very first Lutheran synod assembly to be held in Ohio convened in the town of Somerset in Perry County. Present were four ordained ministers, six licensed ministerial candidates, and eight lay delegates, who together launched a stronger base for ministry of their congregations. This meeting is regarded as the original founding date of what is now the Southern Ohio Synod.

September 10, 2017 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost - Lectionary Sunday # 23, (Proper 18)
-GREEN

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (The prophet's responsibility to warn the people)

507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light

LBW 238 God has spoken by his prophets

LBW 428 O God of earth and altar

Psalms 119:33-40 ("Lead me in the path of your commandments...")

772 ~ Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

Romans 13:8-14 (Live honorably as in the day)

836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

579 ~ WOV 756 Lord you give the Great Commission

Matthew 18:15-20 (Reconciliation in the community of faith)

605 ~ LBW 307 Forgive our sins as we forgive

676 ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak

662 ~ LBW 386 Christ is the king! O friends rejoice

452 ~ WOV 745 Awake, O sleeper

603 ~ WOV 735 God! When human bonds are broken

711 ~ WOV 762 O day of peace

374 Day of arising

TFF 145 Jesus, we want to meet

W&P 68 I was glad

September 17, 2017 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #24 (Proper 19) –
GREEN - [Also the Commemoration of Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, renewer of the church, 1179]

Genesis 50:15-21 (Joseph reconciles with his brothers)

631 ~ LBW 315 Love divine, all loves excelling

LBW 483 God moves in a mysterious way
Psalms 103: [1-7] 8-13 ("Lord, you are full of compassion...")
858, 859 ~ LBW 543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Romans 14:1-12 (Accepting diversity in the community of faith)
634 ~ LBW 328/329 All hail the power of Jesus' name
416 ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus
620 ~ LBW 345 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
W&P 106 Now we remain
Matthew 18:21-35 (A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith)
656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
587, 588 ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in God's mercy
716 ~ LBW 419 Lord of all nations, grant me grace
605 ~ LBW 307 Forgive our sins as we forgive
452 ~ WOV 745 Awake, O sleeper
603 ~ WOV 735 God! When human bonds are broken.

September 24, 2017 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #25 (Proper 20) - GREEN

Jonah 3:10--4:11 (God's concern for the city of Nineveh)
779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace
587, 588 ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Psalms 145:1-8 ("The Lord is gracious...abounding in steadfast love")
835 ~ LBW 527 All creatures, worship God most high/All creatures of our God and King
Philippians 1:21-30 (To live is Christ; to die is gain)
449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised
656 ~ LBW 320 O God, our help in ages past
620 ~ LBW 345 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
766 ~ LBW 366 Lord of our life and God of our salvation
LBW 336 Jesus, thy boundless love to me
WOV 777 In the morning when I rise
Matthew 20:1-16 (Parable of the vineyard workers)
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God
513 ~ WOV 712 ~ TFF 130 Listen, God is calling
576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission
549 ~ WOV 773 ~ TFF 244 Send me, Jesus
LBW 381 Hark! the voice of Jesus calling
LBW 505 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go
W&P 96 Make me a servant

October 1, 2017 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #26 (Proper 21) - GREEN

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 (The fairness of God's way)
583, 685 ~ LBW 406 Take my life that I may be
705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
714 ~ LBW 425 O God of mercy, God of light

LBW 428 O God of earth and altar
 LBW 505 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go
Psalm 25:1-9 ("Lead me in your truth and teach me...")
 749 ~ O God of love, O King of peace
Philippians 2:1-13 (Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross)
 656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
 712 ~ LBW 423 Lord, whose love in humble service
 416 ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus
 551 ~ WOV 723 The Spirit send us forth to serve
 343 ~ WOV 661 My song is love unknown
 245 Creator of the stars of night
 431 O Christ, what can it mean?
 W&P 127 Song over the waters
Matthew 21:23-32 (A parable of doing God's will)
 810 ~ LBW 503 O Jesus I have promised
 696 ~ LBW 494 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
 818 ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you
 807 ~ LBW 499 Come, thou fount of every blessing
 793 ~ WOV 776 Be thou my vision
 579 ~ WOV 756 Lord, you give the Great Commission
 LBW 428 O God of earth and altar
 LBW 396 O God, O Lord of heaven and earth
 LBW 498 All who would valiant be

October 8, 2017 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #27 (Proper 22) - GREEN

Isaiah 5:1-7 (The song of the vineyard)
 710 Let streams of living justice
 717 ~ WOV 763 Let justice flow like streams
 719 ~ LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life
Psalm 80:7-15 ("O God...behold and tend the vine")
 403 ~ WOV 685 Like the murmur of the dove's song
Philippians 3:4b-14 (Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ)
 596, 597 ~ LBW 294 My hope is built on nothing less
 594 ~ LBW 299 Dear Christians, one and all
 583, 685 ~ LBW 406 Take my life, that I may be
 600 ~ LBW 295 Out of the depths I cry to you
 590 ~ LBW 297 Salvation unto us has come
 TFF 97 I heard an old, old story
Matthew 21:33-46 (Parable of the vineyard owner's son)
 669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God
 890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory
 686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own
 694 ~ LBW 412 Sing to the Lord of harvest
 438 ~ WOV 627 My Lord, what a morning
 439 ~ WOV 744 Soon and very soon

October 15, 2017 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #28 (Proper 23) – GREEN - [Also the Commemoration of Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, 1582]

Isaiah 25:1-9 (The feast of victory)

471 ~ LBW 212 Let us break bread together

542 ~ LBW 197 O living bread from heaven

487 ~ WOV 701 What feast of love

630 ~ LBW 330 In heaven above

Psalms 23 ("You prepare a table before me...")

778 ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

Philippians 4:1-9 ("Rejoice in the Lord always!")

414 ~ LBW 535 Holy God, we praise your name

858, 859 ~ LBW 543 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

WOV 793 Shout for joy loud and long

TFF 257 I've got the joy, joy, joy

TFF 292 Give thanks

W&P 95 Make me a channel of your peace

Matthew 22:1-14 (Parable of the unwelcome guest at the marriage feast)

312 ~ WOV 648 Jesus, come! For we invite you

488, 489 ~ LBW 224 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness

462 ~ LBW 203 Now we join in celebration

491 ~ LBW 214 ~ TFF 119 Come, let us eat

WOV 751 As man and woman we were made

LBW 78 All praise to you, O Lord

October 22, 2017 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #29 (Proper 24) - GREEN

Isaiah 45:1-7 (An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will)

890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

W&P 149 We bow down

Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13] ("Ascribe to the LORD honor and power")

856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art

I Thessalonians 1:1-10 (Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica)

688 ~ LBW 405 Lord of light

886 ~ LBW 559 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God

576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission

Matthew 22:15-22 (A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God)

583, 685 ~ LBW 406 Take my life, that I may be

680, 681 ~ LBW 362 We plow the fields and scatter

October 29, 2017 - The Festival of the Reformation - RED

[An English form of Martin Luther's vernacular Mass of 1526 is found at the beginning of this hymn list.]

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (The prophecy of a new covenant)

487 ~ WOV 701 What feast of love [31:31-34]

632 ~ LBW 320 O God, our help in ages past

587, 588 ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Psalm 46 ("...the God of Jacob is our stronghold")
503, 504, 505 ~ LBW 228, 229 A mighty fortress is our God [Luther hymn]
Romans 3:19-28 (Justification by faith alone)
779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound [3:21-28]
598 ~ W&P 38 For by grace you have been saved [3:21-28]
590 ~ LBW 297 Salvation unto us has come [3:21-28]
591 ~ TFF 68 That priceless grace [3:24]
654 ~ LBW 369 The church's one foundation
W&P 25 By Grace We Have Been Saved
John 8:31-36 (Freedom in Christ)
517 ~ LBW 230 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word [8:31-32] [Luther hymn]
520 ~ LBW 248 Dearest Jesus, at your word [8:31-32]
459 ~ TFF 114 Wade in the water [8:36]
503, 504, 505 ~ LBW 228, 229 A mighty fortress is our God [Luther hymn]
594 ~ LBW 299 Dear Christians, one and all [Luther hymn]
651 ~ WOV 750 Oh, praise the gracious power
304 Christ, when for us you were baptized
W&P 73 I will sing, I will sing

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: On November 3, 1839 occurred the death of Wilhelm Schmidt, founder (in 1830) of the first Lutheran theological seminary in Ohio, now an integral element in the history of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Schmidt was chosen to be president and first professor of the seminary because at the time he was the only minister in the synod who had formal academic training in classical and theological studies.

November 5, 2017 - All Saints' Sunday - WHITE

[Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on this date, and the clock "falls" back one hour.]

Revelation 7:9-17 (The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb)
425 ~ LBW 314 Behold the host/Who is this host arrayed in white
433 ~ Blessing, honor, and glory
684 ~ WOV 757 Creating God, your fingers trace
426 ~ WOV 691 Sing with all the saints in glory
846 ~ LBW TFF 279 Amen, we praise your name
789 [BRADBURY] ~ LBW 481 [HER VIL TIES] Savior, like a shepherd
843 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
W&P 55 He is exalted
W&P 44/45 Glory to God
TFF 180 Oh, when the saints go marching in
TFF 210 I've got a robe
LBW 525 Blessing and honor and glory and power
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 ("Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD")
492 ~ WOV 706 Eat this bread, drink this cup
I John 3:1-3 (We are God's children)

781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father
286 ~ LBW 52 Your little ones, dear Lord, are we
815 ~ WOV 649 I want to walk as a child of the light
625 ~ WOV 742 Come, we that love the Lord
TFF 218 Behold, what manner of love

Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes: blessed are the poor in spirit...)

728 ~ WOV 764 Blest are they
422 ~ LBW 174 For all the saints whom from their labors rest
420, 421 ~ LBW 177/178 By all your saints in warfare
418 ~ WOV 689 Rejoice in God's Saints
LBW17 How blest are those who know their need of God

Thinking Ahead to Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th: Since many congregations hold their main worship event celebrating Christ's birth on Christmas Eve, the question arises in terms of Sunday morning services on that date this year. Actually, the morning hours of December 24th this year represent liturgically the Fourth Sunday in Advent, which has its own propers and themes. So, the morning service(s) can follow the Advent pattern, even if the Eucharist is to be celebrated in the morning and at the Christmas Eve service(s). These are two separate occasions. On the other hand, if a non-eucharistic alternative seems desirable for the morning worship, a service of "Advent Lessons and Carols" is provided on pages 28 and 29 in the Augsburg Fortress publication, *Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018*.

November 12, 2017 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #32 (Proper 27) - GREEN

Amos 5:18-24 ("Let justice roll down like waters")

717 WOV 763 Let justice flow like streams
710 Let streams of living justice
719 LBW 429 Where cross the crowded ways of life

Or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 (Wisdom found by those who seek her)

705 LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
834 LBW 526 Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

Psalms 70 ("O God...you my...deliverer")

618 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever great Redeemer

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Resurrection through Christ)

425 LBW 314 Behold the host/Who is this host arrayed in white
564 LBW 281 God, who made the earth and heaven
779 LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
596, 597 LBW 293, 294 My hope is built on nothing less
785 LBW 346 When peace like a river (It is well with my soul)

Matthew 25:1-13 (Parable of the wise and foolish maidens waiting for the bridegroom)

**436 LBW 31 Wake, awake, for night is flying
244 LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice, believers!
488, 489 LBW 224 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness

[** In the genre of 16th and 17th century German Lutheran hymns, there is a form known as the "chorale." The song, "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying," has long borne the designation as the "king of chorales." The

hymnologist, Carl Winterfeld, described its tune as “the greatest melody of Evangelical Christendom.” Besides being popular with the hymn singing public, the song has had cultural impact by being used as the basis of Cantata #104 of Johann Sebastian Bach as well as being incorporated in the *St. Paul Oratorio* by Felix Mendelssohn. The text and tune were composed by Lutheran pastor Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) as a positive statement of faith in the aftermath of the decimation by bubonic plague of his parish in Unna, Westphalia. The first stanza of the hymn is based directly on Matthew 25:1-3.]

November 19, 2017 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #33 (Proper 28) - GREEN

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (The day of the LORD)

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

[**Service Book & Hymnal** 298 That day of wrath (*from the Dies Irae*)]

LBW 418 Judge eternal, throned in splendor

LBW 428 O God of earth and altar

Psalms 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (“...teach to number our days...”)

652 ~ LBW 320 O God, our help in ages past

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Be alert for the day of the Lord)

244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice, believers

436 ~ LBW 31 Wake, awake, for night is flying

243 ~ LBW 394 Lost in the night

629 ~ LBW 272 Abide with me

TFF 240 It's me, O Lord

W&P 2 A story for all people

Matthew 25:14-30 (The story of the slaves entrusted with talents)

674 ~ WOV 754 ~ TFF 232 Let us talents and tongues employ

688 ~ LBW 405 Lord of light

583, 685 ~ LBW 406 Take my life, that I may be

WOV 758 Come to us, creative Spirit

TFF 172 If when you give the best of your service

November 26, 2017 - The Festival of Christ the King, Last Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #34 (Proper 29) - WHITE

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (God will shepherd Israel)

502 ~ LBW The king of love my shepherd is

778 ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

Psalms 95:1-7a (“...the LORD is our God and we are the sheep of his hand”)

502 ~ LBW 456 The king of love my shepherd is

Ephesians 1:15-23 (The reign of Christ)

654 ~ LBW 369 The church's one foundation

826 ~ WOV 801 Thine the amen, thine the praise

TFF 294 O Christ the King, anointed

W&P 113 Open our eyes, Lord

W&P 136 The King of glory

Matthew 25:31-46 (Advent of the Son of Man; separation of the sheep and goats)

572 ~ Now is evening

479 ~ WOV 766 We come to the hungry feast

686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own

754 ~ LBW 316 Jesus, the very thought of you
856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art
890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory

-----Here begins Year B of the Lectionary-----



A hymn to sing while lighting the Advent wreath:
240 WOV 630 *Light one candle to watch for Messiah*

[The Advent wreath, according to Roman Catholic author, Francis X. Weiser, “originated a few hundred years ago among the Lutherans of eastern Germany.” The custom is now used by a wide range of Protestant churches, and also in the Roman Catholic Church. Originally it was a custom observed in the home before being adopted for liturgical use in churches. The wreath—itsself a symbol of victory as in the Greek Olympic games—and the lighted candles symbolize the victory of Christ over the powers of darkness. Such symbolism coordinates directly with the arbitrary placement of Jesus’ birthday celebration near the winter solstice, which was a decision made by the church in Rome in the year 330. (The actual date of his birth is not indicated in the New Testament.) From the winter solstice (December 21) the amount of daily sunlight increases incrementally in the northern hemisphere until arriving at the summer solstice (June 21). Symbolically, Christian tradition has understood this usage as a representing John the Baptist’s statement in John 3:30, where he says of Jesus: *He must increase and I must decrease*. So, the tradition of the church practices a kind of “calendar symbolism” with Jesus’ birthday observance, coming just after the winter solstice, and likewise setting John the Baptist’s birthday just after the summer solstice. In any case, various customs connected with increased light—such as the Advent wreath and, also, the Christmas tree—are very much part of the Advent and Christmas traditions in the northern hemisphere.]

December 3, 2017 - the First Sunday in Advent - BLUE

[Also the Commemoration of Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, 1552]

Isaiah 64:1-9 (Prayer that God would come with power and compassion)

632 ~ LBW 320 O God our help in ages past

263 ~ LBW 28 Savior, of the nations, come

257 ~ LBW 34 Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel

801 ~ W&P 28 Change my heart, O God

W&P 103 Now God our Father

TFF 152 Have thine own way, Lord

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 (“Restore us, O God of hosts...”)

484 ~ WOV 711 You satisfy the hungry heart

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end)

435 ~ LBW 27 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

260 ~ LBW 33 The king shall come when morning dawns

246 ~ LBW 37 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

438 ~ WOV 627 My Lord, what a morning

LBW 38 O savior, rend the heavens wide

Mark 13:24-37 (Be ready for the coming of the Son of Man)

436 ~ LBW 31 Wake, awake for night is flying

244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice, believers

557 ~ LBW 269 Awake, my soul and with the sun

242 ~ WOV 633 Awake, awake, and greet the new morn

December 10, 2017 - the Second Sunday in Advent - BLUE

Isaiah 40:1-11 (Good news of God's coming to a people in exile)

256 ~ LBW 29 Comfort, comfort now my people

264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway

290 ~ LBW 70 Go tell it on the mountain

668 ~ LBW 397 O Zion, haste

255 ~ There's a voice in the wilderness

789 (BRADBURY) and LBW 481 (HER VIL TIES) Savior, like a shepherd lead us

W&P 130 Spirit song

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 ("Righteousness...shall prepare for God a pathway")

264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway

2 Peter 3:8-15a (Waiting for and hastening the day of God)

632 ~ LBW 320 O God our help in ages past

436 ~ LBW 31 Wake, awake for night is flying

260 ~ LBW 33 The king shall come

248 ~ WOV 626 People, look East

266 ~ WOV 629 All earth is hopeful

Mark 1:1-8 (John crying out in the wilderness)

246 ~ LBW 37 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

249 ~ LBW 36 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

457 ~ W&P 145 Waterlife

255 ~ There's a voice in the wilderness

December 17, 2017 - the Third Sunday in Advent - BLUE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden)

256 ~ LBW 29 Comfort, comfort now my people

239 ~ LBW 35 Hark, the glad sound

254 ~ LBW 30 Come, thou long expected Jesus

671 ~ WOV 651 + TFF 64 + W&P 123 Shine, Jesus, shine

488 (SCHMÜCKE DICH), **489** (CANTO AL BORINQUEN) and LBW 224 (SCHMÜCKE DICH) Soul, adorn yourself with gladness

710 ~ Let streams of living justice

843 ~ Praise the One who breaks the darkness

TFF 46 Freedom is coming

TFF 152 Have thine own way, Lord

TFF 294 O Christ the King, anointed

Psalms 126 ("The LORD has done great things for us...")

329 ~ WOV 655 As the sun with longer journey

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Keep faith until the coming)

267 ~ LBW 39 Joy to the world

241 ~ LBW 23 O Lord how shall I meet you

244 ~ LBW 25 Rejoice, rejoice believers

242 ~ WOV 633 Awake, awake, and greet the new morn

TFF 42 Come by here, Lord [Kum ba yah]
John 1:6-8, 19-28 (John points to the light)
264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway
266 ~ WOV 629 All earth is hopeful
263 ~ LBW 28 Savior of the nations, come
(Also consult the Mark listing for December 7th)

Partnership Remembrance involving the Sinodo Espirito Santo a Belem, in Brazil: On December 25, 1846 the first Lutheran worship service was held in the Brazilian state of Espirito Santo. This took place in the city of Vittoria and was organized by a group of Lutherans from the area of Pomerania in Germany. The present day Lutheran Synod of Espirito Santo consists of 174 congregations, plus some 75 “preaching points” and includes some 60,000 church members. In a partnership relationship with the Southern Ohio Synod, it is one of the 18 constituent synods of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil. The synod uses neither the title, “synod president” nor “bishop” for its leader, but rather the designation, “Synod Pastor.” The current incumbent of that office is the Rev. Joaquinho Borchardt.

December 24, 2017 - the Fourth Sunday in Advent – BLUE (*as observed in the morning on this date*)

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (The LORD promises an everlasting kingdom)

311 ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed
254 ~ LBW 30 Come, thou long expected Jesus
257 ~ LBW 34 Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel
266 ~ WOV 629 All earth is hopeful

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26 (“Your love, O LORD...will I sing”)

595 ~ Jesus loves me

Or in place of the psalm, Luke 1:46b-55 (Magnificat; see listings for the Gospel)

Romans 16:25-27 (The mystery of God revealed in Jesus Christ)

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
666 ~ LBW 385 What wondrous love is this
665 ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people
252 ~ WOV 628 Each winter as the year grows older

Luke 1:26-38 (The annunciation to Mary)

265 ~ WOV 632 The angel Gabriel from heaven came
882 ~ TFF 168 My soul does magnify the Lord [Magnificat]
251 ~ WOV 730 My proclaims your greatness [Magnificat]
573 ~ LBW 180 My soul now magnifies the Lord [Magnificat]
723 ~ My soul cries out (Canticle of the turning) [Magnificat]
235 ~ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord [Magnificat]
236 ~ Magnificat [Magnificat]
419 (with stanza 6) ~ TFF 219 (with stanza 9) For all the faithful women
296 ~ LBW 40 What child is this
295 ~ LBW 42 Of the Father's love begotten
263 ~ LBW 28 Savior of the nations, come
258 ~ Unexpected and mysterious
WOV 634 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: On December 29, 1848 occurred the death of Ezra Keller, a graduate of Gettysburg Seminary, and formerly a traveling missionary in Ohio. Later (1845) he became the founder and first president of Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. This new institution represented a more Americanized type of Lutheranism.

SUGGESTION: Consider celebrating the Festival of the Epiphany on the Sunday after Christmas this year. Epiphany, with a fixed date of January 6th, is a major church holiday that gets short shrift. The Roman Catholics have begun to celebrate it on a nearby Sunday. In any case, two options are hereafter provided for December 31, 2017.

December 31, 2017 - the First Sunday after Christmas - WHITE

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 ("Rejoice in the Lord!" - "Nations...will see your glory")

267 ~ LBW 39 Joy to the world

288 ~ LBW 55 Good Christian friends, rejoice

290 ~ LBW 70 Go tell it on the mountain

298 ~ LBW 62 The bells of Christmas

266 ~ WOV All earth is hopeful

Psalms 148 ("...praise the name of the LORD")

823 ~ LBW 540 Praise the Lord! O heavens

Galatians 4:4-7 ("In the fullness of time God sent his son")

287 ~ LBW 47 Let all together praise our God

295 ~ LBW 42 Of the Father's love begotten

286 ~ LBW 52 Your little ones, dear Lord

293 ~ TFF 54 That boy-child of Mary

718 ~ LBW 417 In a lowly manger born

Luke 2:22-40 (Baby Jesus is "presented" in the temple; the Nunc Dimittis)

417 ~ LBW 184 In his temple now behold him

296 ~ LBW 40 What child is this

313 ~ LBW 339 O Lord, now let your servant

440 ~ LBW 349 In peace and joy I now depart

OR December 31, 2017 - the Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord - WHITE

Isaiah 60:1-6 ("Arise, shine; for your light has come!")

669 ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people [60:1]

866 ~ WOV 650 We are marching in the light of God [60:1-11]

671 ~ WOV 651 ~ TFF 64 ~ W&P 123 Shine, Jesus, shine [60:1-11]

242 ~ WOV 633 Awake, awake, and greet the new morn [60:1-11]

260 ~ LBW 33 The king shall come [60:1-3]

311 ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed [60:6]

380 ~ LBW 147 Hallelujah! Jesus lives! [60:6]

308 ~ LBW 76 O Morning star, how fair and bright

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 ("...all kings bow down before him...")

311 ~ LBW 87 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Or WOV 646 We three kings of Orient are

Ephesians 3:1-12 (Paul's call to bring the Gentiles to Christ)

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God

662 ~ LBW 386 Christ is the King!

668 ~ LBW 397 O Zion, haste

720 We are called

W&P 114 Our confidence is in the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12 (Wise men follow a star and bring gifts to the Christ child)

301 ~ LBW 75 Bright and glorious is the sky [2:1-12]

303 ~ LBW 84 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning [2:1-12]

271 ~ LBW 69 I am so glad each Christmas Eve [2:1-12]

300 ~ LBW 56 The first noel [2:1-12]

275 ~ LBW 50 Angels from the realms of glory [2:1-3]

310 ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise [2:1-3]

280 Midnight stars make bright the sky [2:9]

273 ~ LBW 46 All my heart again rejoices/Once again my heart rejoices [2:11]

302 ~ LBW 82 As with gladness men of old

TFF 58 There's a star in the east

W&P 57 Hear the angels

-----Planning Further Ahead - Lent-----

Lenten Theme: It has long been customary for Lutheran clergy to preach a series of sermons around a unified theme during the season of Lent. This often happens during mid-week Lenten services. However, with the *Revised Common Lectionary*, there is an implicit running theme on the concept of "covenant with God" which continues through the appointed scriptures for the five successive Sundays in Lent during Year B of the lectionary. This theme could be homiletically developed as a series.

1st Sunday in Lent - "the covenant with Noah" (Genesis reading)

2nd Sunday in Lent - "the covenant with Abraham" (Genesis & Romans texts)

3rd Sunday in Lent - "the covenant with Moses" (Exodus reading)

4th Sunday in Lent - "bronze serpent in the desert prefigures the death of Christ and a new covenant through the cross" (Numbers & John readings)

5th Sunday in Lent - "the prophecy of a new covenant to be written on human hearts, in which God will remember our sin no more" (Jeremiah reading)

January 7, 2018 - the Baptism of our Lord, Lectionary Sunday # 1 - WHITE

Genesis 1:1-5 (God creates light)

771 ~ LBW 463 God, who stretched the spangled heavens

856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art

556 ~ LBW W&P 98 Morning has broken

455 ~ Crashing waters at creation

W&P 127 Song over the waters

Psalms 29 ("The voice of the LORD is upon the waters")

304 ~ Christ, when for us you were baptized

Acts 19:1-7 (Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus)

395 ~ LBW 163 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

401 ~ WOV 687 Gracious Spirit, head our pleading
TFF 105 Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
TFF 107 Holy Spirit, descend

Mark 1:4-11 (John's preaching and the baptism of Jesus)

305 ~ WOV 647 When Jesus came to Jordan [1:9]
LBW 85 When Christ's appearing was made known [1:9]
800 ~ LBW 486 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart [1:10]
304 Christ, when for us you were baptized [1:9-11]
455 Crashing waters at creation [1:9-11]
310 ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise [1:9-11]
322 ~ LBW 88 Oh, love how deep
456 ~ WOV 693 Baptized in water
445 ~ WOV 697 ~ TFF 112 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters

Note that the week of prayer for Christian unity is January 18th – 25th, starting on the festival of the Confession of Peter and ending on the festival of the Conversion of Paul.

January 14, 2018 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday # 2 - GREEN

[Also can incorporate the Commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, + 1968 ~ Hymn: **841** ~ LBW 562 Lift every voice and sing.]

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] (The calling of Samuel)

574 ~ WOV 752 + TFF 230 I, the Lord of sea and sky
676 ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us that we may speak
825 ~ LBW 252 You servants of God, your Master proclaim
798 ~ W&P 137 The summons

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 ("LORD, you have searched me out")

732 ~ WOV 770 Borne Cry

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Glorify God in your body)

652 ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock
881 ~ LBW 557 Let all things now living
689 ~ LBW 409 Praise and thanksgiving
744 ~ W&P 89 Lord, be glorified

John 1:43-51 (Calling of disciples; promise to Nathanael)

817 ~ WOV 784 + TFF 154 You have come down to the lakeshore
696 ~ LBW 494 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
799 ~ LBW 455 Come follow me, the Savior spake
667 ~ LBW 398 "Take up your cross," the Savior said
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God
660 ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross
805 ~ LBW 495 Lead on, O king eternal
280 Midnight stars make bright the sky
TFF 146 I can hear my savior calling

January 21, 2018 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday # 3 - GREEN

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (Repentance at Nineveh)

592 ~ LBW 296 Just as I am without one plea

666 ~ LBW 385 What wondrous love is this

587 [ST. HELENA], **588** [LORD, REVIVE US] ~ LBW 290 There's a wideness in
God's mercy [LORD, REVIVE US]

LBW 303 When in the hour of deepest need

Psalm 62:5-12 ("God alone is my rock and my salvation")

652 ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Living in the end times)

252 ~ WOV 628 Each winter as the year grows older

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God

772 ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

802 ~ LBW 487 Let us ever walk with Jesus

624 ~ LBW 341 Jesus, still lead on

Mark 1:14-20 (Miracle of the fishes; call of disciples)

793 ~ WOV 776 Be thou my vision

757 ~ WOV 782 All my hope on God is founded

[Consult the John listing for January 18th]

January 28, 2018 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday # 4 – GREEN

[Also the Commemoration of Thomas Aquinas, teacher, 1274]

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (The prophet speaks with God's authority)

309 ~ LBW 86 The only Son from heaven

254 ~ LBW 30 Come thou long expected Jesus

310 ~ LBW 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise

513 ~ WOV 712 Listen, God is calling

549 ~ WOV 773 Send me Jesus

737 ~ WOV 768 He comes to us as one unknown

Psalm 111 ("The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom")

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Limits to liberty: the case of food offered to idols)

818 ~ LBW 492 O Master let me walk with you

772 ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

676 ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us that we may speak

470 ~ WOV 703 Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Mark 1:21-28 (Healing of man with unclean spirit)

673 ~ LBW 400 God, whose almighty Word

610 ~ LBW 360 O Christ, the healer, we have come

612 ~ WOV 738 Healer of our every ill

614 ~ WOV 737 There is a balm in Gilead

617 We come to you for healing, Lord

607 ~ TFF 186 Come, ye disconsolate

February 5, 2018 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday # 5 - GREEN

Isaiah 40:21-31 (The creator of all cares for the powerless)

787 ~ WOV 779 On Eagles Wings [NOTE: the version in WOV is much easier for
singers]

858, 859 ~ LBW 532 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Note stanza 2)

771 ~ LBW 463 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
 W&P 97 May you run and not be weary
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c ("The LORD heals the brokenhearted")
607 ~ Come, ye disconsolate
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (A servant for sake of the Gospel)
650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west
676 ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us that we may speak
470 ~ WOV 703 Draw us in the Spirit's tether
 WOV 748 Bind us together
Mark 1:29-39 (Healing Peter's mother-in-law and others)
742 ~ LBW 439 What a friend we have in Jesus
610 ~ LBW 360 O Christ, the healer, we have come
712 ~ LBW 423 Lord, whose love in humble service
607 ~ TFF 186 Come, ye disconsolate

February 11, 2018 - the Transfiguration of our Lord, Last Sunday after Epiphany - WHITE

2 Kings 2:1-12 (Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha)
834 ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
 TFF 171 Swing low, sweet chariot
Psalm 50:1-6 ("Out of Zion...God shine forth in glory")
852 ~ Golden breaks the dawn
2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (God's light seen clearly)
308 ~ LBW 76 O morning star, how fair and bright
815 ~ WOV 649 I want to walk as a child of the light
866 ~ WOV 650 We are marching in the light of God
715 Christ be our light
332 ~ LBW 497 I heard the voice of Jesus
Mark 9:2-9 (Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son)
317 ~ WOV 653 Jesus on the mountain peak
315 ~ LBW 89 How good, Lord, to be here
316 ~ LBW 80 Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair
838 ~ LBW 518 Beautiful savior
671 ~ WOV 651 + TFF 64 + W&P 123 Shine, Jesus, shine
334 Tree of life and awesome mystery
 W&P 32 Come to the mountain

LENT AND THE "A" WORD: It is liturgical custom not to say or sing the word, "Alleluia," during the season of Lent. And so it is customary to avoid hymns and canticles employing the "A" word during this time. In a sense, this is part of the Lenten fast.

February 18, 2018 - the First Sunday in Lent - PURPLE
 [Also the Commemoration of Martin Luther, who died on this date in 1546]

Genesis 9:8-17 (The rainbow, sign of God's covenant)
 LBW 324 O love that will not let me go
Psalm 25:1-10 ("...to those who keep our covenant...all your paths are...love")
749 ~ LBW 414 O God of love, King of peace

I Peter 3:18-22 (Saved through water)

456 ~ WOV 693 Baptized in water

455 Crashing Waters at Creation

442 ~ LBW 194 All who believe and are baptized

451 We are baptized in Christ Jesus

457 ~ W&P 145 Waterlife

Mark 1:9-15 (The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days)

319 ~ LBW 99 O Lord, throughout these forty days

601 ~ LBW 91 Savior, when in dust to you

503, 504, 505 ~ LBW 228/229 A mighty fortress is our God

325 ~ TFF 66 I want Jesus to walk with me

637 Holy God, holy and glorious

W&P 115 Out in the wilderness

February 25, 2018 - the Second Sunday in Lent – PURPLE

[Also the Commemoration of Elizabeth Fedde, Lutheran deaconess and nurse, 1921]

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (God blesses Abraham and Sarah)

831 ~ LBW 544 The God of Abraham praise

618 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever great Redeemer

Psalms 22:23-31 ("All the ends of the earth shall...turn to the LORD")

883 ~ LBW 245 All people that on earth do dwell

Romans 4:13-25 (The promises to those who share Abraham's faith)

635 ~ WOV 675 We walk by faith and not by sight

603 ~ WOV 735 God! When human bonds are broken

428 Give thanks for saints

Mark 8:31-38 (The Passion predicted)

667 ~ LBW 398 "Take up your cross," the Savior said

799 ~ LBW 455 "Come, follow me," the Savior spake

327 ~ LBW 355 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

347 ~ LBW 109 Go to dark Gethsemane

660 ~ LBW 377 Lift high the cross

-----Planning Further Ahead - Easter-----

Easter as a season: Easter is not just a single day, but a whole season of fifty days, and, in fact, it is the most important season in the entire church year. While we Lutherans have been pretty good at observing the season of Lent in special ways, the season of Easter has in many places been largely ignored. Here are some ways to emphasize the whole of the Easter season.

Omit Confession: Traditionally, elements of penance are omitted from the liturgy during the whole of the Easter season. So, this is an appropriate season in which to omit the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness. Indeed, the whole of the Lenten season is seen as "confessional preparation" for the celebration of Easter.

Baptismal Remembrance: Instead of confession, use the "Thanksgiving for Baptism,"

which is given in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* liturgy as an alternative observance.
[See ELW page 97, et al.]

Weekly Eucharist: If your parish does not have a weekly celebration of the Eucharist throughout the rest of the year, schedule weekly Eucharist over the seven Sundays of Easter. In theory, these weeks have always been regarded as the most important "time" in the church year. One way to give practical application of this "theory," would be to have weekly Communion on all the Sundays of the Easter season, since the complete service of Word and Sacrament gives full expression the church's Means of Grace and is its highest mode of celebration.

The Easter Blessing: At the end of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship's* order of Morning Prayer, is a special "Paschal Blessing," which incorporates the basic themes of Easter. (See ELW, page 308; it also appears in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, pages 138-141) This "blessing" is particularly apropos because it repeats the Easter Gospel and includes the church's traditional and greatest hymn of triumph, the "Te Deum" ("We Praise you, O God") The LBW setting for this canticle is particularly festive. During the seven Sundays of Easter this Paschal Blessing could be used to conclude the congregation's worship each week, replacing in the Communion liturgy the post-communion canticle, the post-communion prayer, and the benediction. If the Eucharist is not celebrated weekly during Easter, this Paschal Blessing could replace benediction and final hymn of the service.

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: The 19th century saw two institutions of Lutheran higher education established in Ohio—Capital University, which was chartered by the state on March 2, 1850, and Wittenberg University, which had been previously chartered on March 11, 1845. Capital was an outgrowth of the Lutheran Theological Seminary established in 1830.

March 4, 2018 - the Third Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

Exodus 20:1-17 (Commandments)

772 ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light

LBW 238 God has spoken by his prophets

LBW 510 O God of youth

Psalms 19 ("The statutes of the LORD are just...")

684 ~ WOV 757 Creating God, your fingers trace

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Christ crucified, the wisdom of God)

353 ~ LBW 92 Were you there

337 ~ LBW 98 Alas! and did my Savior bleed

351, 352 ~ LBW 116, 117 O sacred head now wounded

342 ~ WOV 668 There is God's garden

335 ~ TFF 73 Jesus, keep me near the cross

W&P 11 At the foot of the cross

John 2:13-22 (Cleansing of the temple)

890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory

757 ~ WOV 782 All my hope on God is founded

March 11, 2018 - the Fourth Sunday in Lent – PURPLE

[Daylight Saving Time begins in the early hours of this date and the clock springs ahead one hour.]

Numbers 21:4-9 (The lifting up of the serpent)

(See below under John suggestions)

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (“...in their trouble they cried to the LORD”)

709 ~ When our song says peace

Ephesians 2:1-10 (Saved by grace through faith for good works)

759 ~ LBW 479 My faith looks up to thee

623 ~ LBW 327 Rock of ages, cleft for me

779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace

TFF 82 Oh, how he love you and me

TFF 184 Wonderful grace of Jesus

W&P 102 No longer strangers

W&P 112 Only by grace

John 3:14-21 (The lifting up of the Son of Man)

666 ~ LBW 385 What wondrous love is this

343 [LOVE UNKNOWN] ~ LBW 94 [RHOSYMEDRE] My song is love unknown

856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art

456 ~ WOV 693 Baptized in water

715 Christ, be our light

323 God loved the world

W&P 25 By grace we have been saved

March 18, 2018 - the Fifth Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (A new covenant written on the heart)

772 ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light

676 ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us that we may speak

398 ~ LBW 257 Holy Spirit, truth divine

487 ~ WOV 701 What feast of love

Psalms 51:1-12 (“Create in me a clean heart, O God”)

185, 186, 187, 188 ~ LBW page 96 Create in me a clean heart

Or Psalms 119:9-16 (“I treasure your promise in my heart”)

769 ~ LBW 453 If you but trust in God to guide you

Hebrews 5:5-10 (Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation)

340 ~ LBW 105 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth

319 ~ LBW 99 O Lord, throughout these forty days

802 ~ LBW 487 Let us ever walk with Jesus

818 ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you

John 12:20-33 (Grain of wheat, lifted up)

379 ~ LBW 148 Now the green blade rises

506 ~ WOV 658 The word of God is source and seed

W&P 42 Glorify thy name

W&P 132 Step by step

March 25, 2018 - the Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday – SCARLET

[Also the Lesser Festival: the Annunciation of our Lord (from this date it's exactly 9 months until Christmas)]

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 (Processional Gospel)

344 ~ LBW 108 All glory, laud, and honor

346 ~ LBW 121 Ride on, ride on in majesty

264 ~ LBW 26 Prepare the royal highway

Isaiah 50:4-9a (The servant of the LORD submits to suffering)

342 ~ WOV 668 There in God's garden

Psalms 31:9-16 ("O LORD, I am in trouble...")

624 ~ LBW 341 Jesus still lead on

Philippians 2:5-11 (Humbled to the point of death on a cross)

416 ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus

620 ~ LBW 345 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

634 ~ LBW 328, 329 All hail the power of Jesus' name

431 O Christ, what can it mean?

TFF 159 Take the name of Jesus with you

TFF 268 + W&P 77 Jesus, name above all names

W&P 127 Song over the waters

Mark 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39 [40-47] (The Passion)

353 ~ LBW 92 Were you there

349 ~ LBW 123 Ah, holy Jesus

324 ~ LBW 104 In the cross of Christ I glory

338 ~ LBW 107 Beneath the cross of Jesus

345 ~ LBW 115 Jesus, I will ponder

343 ~ LBW 94 + WOV 661 My song is love unknown

350 ~ TFF 80 They crucified my Lord

803 [HAMBURG] ~ LBW 482 [ROCKINGHAM OLD] When I survey the wondrous cross

TFF 243 Your will be done

W&P 24 Broken in love

LBW 110 At the cross her station keeping

April 1, 2018 - The Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day - GOLD, WHITE

Acts 10:34-43 (God raised Jesus on the third day)

377 ~ WOV 674 ~ TFF 91 Alleluia! Jesus is risen

WOV 671 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks

Alternate 1st Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9 (The feast of victory)

362 ~ LBW 210 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

491 ~ LBW 214 + TFF 119 Come, let us eat

531 The trumpets sound, the angels sing

WOV 679 Our paschal Lamb, that sets us free

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 ("This is the day that the LORD has made")

394 ~ LBW 142 Hail thee, festival day!

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Witnesses to the risen Christ)

382 ~ LBW 131 Christ is risen! Alleluia!

368 ~ LBW 140 With high delight let us unite

W&P 151 We rejoice in the grace of God

390 The risen Christ

383 Christ is risen

Mark 16:1-8/John 20:1-18 (Seeing the risen Christ/Empty tomb, announcement of the resurrection)

370 ~ LBW 134 [Luther's Easter Hymn] Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

385 ~ LBW 144 Good Christian friends rejoice and sing

367 ~ LBW 143 Now all the vault of heaven resounds

365 ~ LBW 151 Jesus Christ is risen today

366 ~ LBW 135 The strife is o'er; the battle done

384 [PUER NOBIS] ~ LBW 154 [ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICH TAG] That

Easter day with joy was bright

TFF 88 O Mary, don't you weep

TFF 94 Up from the grave he arose

April 8, 2018 - the Second Sunday of Easter - WHITE

Acts 4:32-35 (The believers common life)

384 [PUER NOBIS] ~ LBW 154 [ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICH TAG] That
Easter day with joy was bright

367 ~ LBW 143 Now all the vault of heaven resound

385 ~ LBW 144 Good Christians friends, rejoice and sing!

369 ~ LBW 128 Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

Psalms 133 ("Hallelujah! Praise the name of the LORD...")

379 ~ LBW 147 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!

1 John 1:1--2:2 (Walking in the light)

376 ~ LBW 145 Thine is the glory [festive melody by Handel]

327 ~ LBW 355 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

500 ~ W&P 106 Now we remain

866 ~ WOV 650 and W&P 148 We are marching in the light of God

TFF 76 Would you be free

John 20:19-31 (Beholding the wounds of Christ)

386 ~ LBW 139 O sons and daughters of the King [traditional for this day]

363 ~ LBW 132 Come, you faithful, raise the strain

635 ~ WOV 675 We walk by faith

390 The risen Christ

W&P 46 Go in peace and serve the Lord

W&P 129 Spirit of the living God

April 15, 2018 - the Third Sunday of Easter - WHITE

Acts 3:12-19 (Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus)

361 ~ LBW 141 The day of resurrection

370 ~ LBW 134 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

Psalms 4 ("...the LORD does wonders for the faithful")

560 ~ WOV 729 Christ, mighty savior

1 John 3:1-7 (The revealing of the children of God)

781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father

286 ~ LBW 52 Your little ones, dear Lord, are we
752 ~ WOV 775 Lord, listen to your children praying
TFF 218 Behold, what manner of love
Luke 24:36b-48 (Eating with the risen Christ)
574 ~ WOV 752 I, the Lord of sea and sky/Here I am Lord
579 ~ WOV 756 Lord, you give the great commission
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God
661 ~ LBW 390 I love to tell the story
439 ~ TFF 38 Soon and very soon
374 Day of arising
W&P 133 That Christ be known

April 22, 2018 - the Fourth Sunday of Easter - WHITE

Acts 4:5-12 (Salvation in the name of Jesus)

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own
456 ~ WOV 693 Baptized in water
WOV 696 I've just come from the fountain
W&P 77 Jesus, name above all names
W&P 100 Name above all names

Psalms 23 ("The LORD is my shepherd")

778 ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

1 John 3:16-24 (Love in truth and action)

781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father
416 ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus
634 ~ LBW 328, 329 All hail the power of Jesus' name
WOV 749 When love is found

John 10:11-18 (Christ the shepherd)

778 ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
502 ~ LBW 456 The king of love my shepherd is
789 (BRADBURY) and LBW 481 (HER VIL TIES) Savior, like a shepherd lead us
782 My shepherd, you supply my need
780 Shepherd me, O God
W&P 132 Step by step
LBW 501 He leadeth me

April 29, 2018 - the Fifth Sunday of Easter - WHITE

[Also the Commemoration of Catherine of Siena, theologian, 1380)

Acts 8:26-40 (Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian)

450 ~ LBW 188 I bind unto myself today
449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised
448 ~ LBW 195 This is the Spirit's entry
TFF 117 Take me to the water

Psalms 22:25-31 ("All the ends of the earth...turn to the LORD")

883 ~ LBW 245 All people who on earth do dwell

1 John 4:7-21 (God's love is perfected in love for one another)

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful we adore thee
818 ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us that we may speak
676 ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you.
708 ~ WOV 765 ~ TFF 83 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
W&P 67 I love you, Lord
WOV 749 Where love is found

John 15:1-8 (Christ the vine; connection to Christ)

447 ~ WOV 695 O blessed spring
377 ~ WOV 674 Alleluia! Jesus is risen
403 ~ WOV 685 Like the murmur of the dove's song
477 ~ WOV 700 I received the living God
629 ~ LBW 272 Abide with me

May 6, 2018 - the Sixth Sunday of Easter - WHITE

Acts 10:44-48 (The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles)

445 ~ WOV 697 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters
442 ~ LBW 194 All who believe and are baptized
449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised

Psalms 98 ("Shout with joy to the LORD!")

822 ~ WOV 795 Oh, sing to the Lord

I John 5:1-6 (The victory of love) and Gospel of John 15:9-17 (Command to love one another)

655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal Savior
656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds
836 ~ LBW 551 Joyful, joyful we adore thee
818 ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you
WOV 749 Where love is found
653 [Taizé], **642** [plainsong] ~ WOV 665 Where true charity and love abide
358 ~ WOV 666 Great God, your love has called us
359 ~ LBW 126 Where charity and love prevail
TFF 213 We shall overcome
W&P 8 Amazing love
W&P 156 What have we to offer

Partnership Remembrance involving the East of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania: on May 14, 1989 the East of Lake Victoria Diocese came into being when 7 parishes were subdivided from the Central Diocese of the national church. (A "diocese" is an area served by a bishop and is thus the equivalent to the synods of the ELCA.) The diocese has since made remarkable growth in an area of Tanzania previously dominated by witchcraft and superstition-laden traditional native religion. The diocese now includes 72 parishes and 47,000 members, and is among the fastest growing of the national church's 20 dioceses. On its web site, www.elvd.net, it describes its commitment to "serve the people holistically—spiritually, physically, and mentally. The current bishop of the diocese is the Rev. Andrew Gulle.

[NOTE on Ascension Day. According to the rubrics provided in the Propers for the 7th Sunday of Easter in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW p.35): “If the Ascension is not celebrated on the previous Thursday, it may be observed on this day.” Since Ascension is a major festival in itself, this rubric should probably be followed, if a parish is not holding a special Ascension Day service on the actual day itself. Also, the Propers of Ascension can be combined with those appointed for the 7th Sunday of Easter.]

May 13, 2018 - Festival of the Ascension of our Lord (*if transferred from May 10th*) – **(also Mother’s Day)** - WHITE

Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus send the apostles)

394 (with Ascension stanzas) ~ LBW 142 Hail thee, festival day

594 [note stanza 7] ~ LBW 9 [note stanza 9] Dear Christians one and all
[Luther hymn]

825 ~ LBW 252 You servants of God

393 ~ LBW 157 A hymn of glory let us sing

364 ~ WOV 678 ~ TFF 96 Christ has arisen, alleluia

Psalms 47 (“God has gone up with a shout”)

604 ~ LBW 300 O Christ, our hope

Or Psalms 93 (“...you are from everlasting”)

854 ~ LBW 525 Blessing and honor

Ephesians 1:15-23 (Eyes to see the risen and ascended Christ)

832 My Lord of light

W&P 136 The king of glory

Luke 24:44-53 (Christ present in all times and places)

392 ~ LBW 158 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

579 ~ WOV 756 Lord, you give the great commission

416 ~ LBW 179 At the name of Jesus

W&P 154 We will glorify

Hymns usable for Mother's Day

640 ~ LBW 357 Our Father, by whose name

813 Faith of our fathers (*Note stanza 2 in the revised text*)

839, 840 ~ LBW 533, 554 Now thank we all our God

AND/OR May 13, 2018 - the Seventh Sunday of Easter - **(also Mother’s Day)** - WHITE

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (Matthias added to the apostles)

395 ~ LBW 163 Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord [Luther hymn]

TFF 106 Come, O Holy Spirit, come

Psalms 1 (“...the LORD knows the way of the righteous”)

717 ~ WOV 763 Let justice flow like streams

1 John 5:9-13 (Life in the son of God)

619 ~ LBW 352 I know that my redeemer lives

452 ~ WOV 745 Awake, O sleeper

John 17:6-19 (Christ’s prayer for his disciples)

398 ~ LBW 257 Holy Spirit, truth divine

816 ~ LBW 513 Come, my way, my truth, my life

463 ~ LBW 206 Lord, who the night you were betrayed

655 ~ LBW 364 Son of God, eternal Savior

744 ~ W&P 89 Lord, be glorified

TFF 159 Take the name of Jesus with you

Hymns usable for Mother's Day

640 ~ LBW 357 Our Father, by whose name

813 Faith of our fathers (*Note stanza 2 in the revised text*)

839, 840 ~ LBW 533, 554 Now thank we all our God

Partnership Remembrance involving the former Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg and now the new Church of the North: On the festival of Pentecost 2012 (May 27) three previously autonomous Lutheran regional church bodies in Germany officially joined in “fusion” with one another, creating what is now known as *The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Northern Germany*, which has been nicknamed, *The Church of the North* (in German: “die Nordkirche”). The largest component of this new church body was the North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church, which stretched from Hamburg to Lübeck, and brought along 594 congregations and over 2 million church members. Smaller was the Evangelical Lutheran church body in Mecklenburg with 269 congregations and around 200,000 members. The smallest of the fusing bodies was the Evangelical Church of Pomerania with 202 congregations and around 100,000 members. The Mecklenburg regional church had been in partnership with the Southern Ohio Synod for over 20 years previously, and now we are partners with the whole of the Church of the North. The new church stretches from the North Sea to Poland. Presiding bishop of the North Church is Gerhard Ulrich, who also heads up the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, a cooperative association of independent regional Lutheran church bodies in Germany.

May 20, 2018 - the Festival of Pentecost - RED

Acts 2:1-21 (Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds)

395 ~ LBW 163 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord [Luther hymn]

743 ~ LBW 317 To God (Now to) the Holy Spirit, let us pray [Luther hymn]

627 ~ LBW 161 O day full of grace

399 ~ WOV 688 O Holy Spirit, root of life

412 Come, join the dance of the Trinity

TFF 41 I want to be ready

TFF 105 Oh, let the Son of God enfold you

W&P 127 Song over the waters

W&P 157 Wind of the Spirit

Alternate 1st Lesson - Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Life to dry bones)

816 ~ LBW 513 Come, my way, my truth, my life

406 ~ WOV 686 Veni Sancte Spiritus

506 ~ WOV 658 The Word of God is source and seed

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (“You send forth your Spirit...”)

815 ~ LBW 527 All creatures worship God most high/All creatures of our God and King

Romans 8:22-27 (Praying with the Spirit)

745 ~ LBW 438 Lord, teach us how to pray aright

402 ~ LBW 441 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ

328 ~ WOV 662 Restore in us, O God

622 Neither death nor life

WOV 680 O Spirit of life

TFF 241 Every time I feel the Spirit
W&P 129 Spirit of the living God
W&P 134 That we may be filled
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (Christ sends the Spirit of truth)
800 ~ LBW 486 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart
804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine
404 ~ LBW 475 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove
786 ~ LBW 459 O Holy Spirit, enter in
773 ~ TFF 193 Precious Lord, take my hand
LBW 160 Filled with the Spirit's power

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: The Southern Ohio Synod held its constituting assembly in Columbus, Ohio, on May 31 - June 2, 1987. As one of the 66 constituent synods of the recently organized Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our new synod brought together for the lower section of Ohio some 247 congregations of the former American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in American, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. Historically, this represented a reunification of several strands of Lutheranism that shared common roots dating back to the first Lutheran synod assembly ever held in Ohio. That first synod met on September 14, 1818, in the southern Ohio town of Somerset in Perry County, and could be considered the ancestral founding date of our present synod.

May 27, 2018 - the Festival of the Holy Trinity, the Sunday after Pentecost - WHITE
[Also the Commemoration of John Calvin, renewer of the church, 1564.]

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Isaiah's vision and call)

(Note: on this occasion the hymns indicated by the asterisk can be used in place of the "Holy, holy, Holy" in the eucharistic liturgy.)

***868** ~ LBW 528 Isaiah in a vision did of old [from Luther's German Mass of 1526]

413 ~ LBW 165 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

414 ~ LBW 535 Holy God, we praise your name

***762** Holy, holy, holy [CUELLAR]

***473** Holy, holy, holy [ARGENTINE SANTO]

WOV 631 Lift up your heads, O Gates

TFF 143 The Lord is in his holy temple

Psalms 29 ("...worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness")

830 ~ LBW 515 How marvelous God's greatness

Romans 8:12-17 (Living by the Spirit)

807 ~ LBW 499 Come, thou fount of every blessing

411 ~ LBW 374 We all believe in one true God [Luther hymn; can be used in place of creed in the liturgy]

408 ~ LBW 522 Come, thou almighty king

521 ~ LBW 251 O day of rest and gladness

819 ~ WOV 717 Come, all you people

622 Neither death nor life

WOV 787 Glory to God, we give you thanks

John 3:1-17 (Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit)

735 ~ WOV 769 Mothering God, you gave me birth

410 ~ LBW 166 All glory be to God on high

323 ~ LBW 292 God loved the world

666 ~ LBW 385 What wondrous love is this
457 ~ W&P 145 Waterlife
W&P 25 By grace we have been saved
W&P 157 Wind of the Spirit
R 135 God so love the world
R 161 Waterlife

June 3, 2018 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary # 9, (Proper 4) – GREEN
Psalm 81:1-10 (Sing with joy to God our strength)

606 ~ WOV 733 Our Father, we have wandered
2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (We see the glory of God in Jesus' face)

715 ~ Christ be our light
673 ~ LBW 400 God, whose almighty Word
843 ~ Praise the One who breaks the darkness
671 ~ WOV 651 Shine, Jesus, shine

Deuteronomy 5:12-15/Mark 2:23—3:6 (Issues of Sabbath behavior)

521 ~ LBW 251 O day of rest and gladness
522 ~ As we gather at your table
526 ~ WOV 719 God is here!
530 ~ Here, O Lord, your servants gather
551 ~ WOV 723 The Spirit sends us forth to service

June 10, 2018 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary # 10, (Proper 5) – GREEN
Genesis 3:8-15 (Accountability for sin; the fall of Adam and Eve; the “curse”)

606 ~ WOV 733 Our Father, we have wandered
347 ~ LBW 109 Go to dark Gethsemane
705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory
LBW Adam we have all been one

Psalm 130 (“With you is forgiveness”)

600 ~ LBW 295 Out of the depths I cry to you
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 (Knowledge of the risen Christ; unseen eternity)

635 ~ WOV 675 We walk by faith and not by sight
619 ~ LBW 352 I know that my redeemer lives
834 ~ LBW 526 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised
328 ~ WOV 662 Restore us, O God

Mark 3:20-35 (The accusation that Jesus was possessed by Beelzubul)

886 ~ LBW 559 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
503, 504, 505 ~ LBW 228/229 A mighty fortress is our God
516 ~ LBW 234 Almighty God your Word is cast
785 ~ LBW 346 When peace, like a river

June 17, 2018 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #11 (Proper 6) -
GREEN - (**also Father's Day**)

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel)
334 Tree of life and awesome mystery

WOV 767 All things bright and beautiful
 W&P 138 The trees of the field
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 ("The LORD is my rock...")
652 ~ LBW 365 Built on a rock
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 (Christ, a new creation)
449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised
669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God
434 ~ LBW 530 Jesus shall reign
383 ~ WOV 672 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna
428 Give thanks for saints
 WOV 781 My life flows on in endless song
 WOV 662 Restore in us, O God
Mark 4:26-34 (The parable of the mustard seed)
680, 681 ~ LBW 362 We plow the fields and scatter
516 ~ LBW 234 Almighty God, your word is cast
379 ~ LBW 148 Now the green blade rises
508 As rain from the clouds
330 Seed that in earth is dying
 236 When seed falls on good soil
 WOV 753 You are the seed
 W&P 121 Seed, scattered and sown
Father's Day hymns
640 ~ LBW 357 Our Father, by whose name
812, 813 ~ LBW 500 Faith of our fathers

June 24, 2018 – The Festival of John the Baptist - WHITE –

[ELW—Leader's Desk Edition has a rubric (page 12) that indicates that this Lesser Festival can replace the regular propers of the Sunday after Pentecost on this occasion. And it is so prescribed on the church year calendar published by Augsburg Fortress for 2018. ISBN 978-1-4514-9607-9]

Psalm 141 ("Let my prayer rise before you as incense")

232 ~ Let my prayer rise up

232 ~ Let my prayer arise

692 ~ We are an offering

Malachi 3:1-4/Acts 13:13-26/ Luke 1:57-67 [68-80] (As promised by the prophet, the birth of John the Baptist and his later ministry was a preparation of the way for the Messiah.)

421 (*with stanza 14*) ~ LBW 178 (*with stanza 15*) By all your saints

255 ~ There's a voice in the wilderness

250 ~ Blessed be the God of Israel

427 ~ LBW 176 For all your saints, O Lord

428 ~ Give thanks for saints

249 ~ LBW 36 On Jordan's banks

305 ~ When Jesus came to Jordan

----Planning Further Ahead - the Bread Sundays ----

The "Bread" Sundays: Beginning with Lectionary Sunday #17 (July 29th) the Revised Common Lectionary provides a focus on Jesus as "bread" for a succession of five Sundays. This could be developed in a "mini" sermon series.

July 29th - Lectionary Sunday #17 - 2 Kings & Gospel of John (crowds are fed bread with meager supplies)

August 5th - Lectionary Sunday #18 - Exodus (manna); John (Jesus, the bread of life)

August 12th - Lectionary Sunday #19 - 1 Kings (Elijah nurtured); John (those who eat the "bread of life" will live forever")

August 19th - Lectionary Sunday #20 - Proverbs (Wisdom's meal); John (Jesus as the living bread which comes down from heaven)

August 26th - Lectionary Sunday 21 - John (eating Jesus' flesh and drinking his blood brings life)

Obviously, these Sundays would be another appropriate time for weekly Eucharist, if this is not the congregation's normal practice.

July 1, 2018 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #13 (Proper 8) - GREEN
Lamentations 3:22-33 (Great is the Lord's faithfulness)

733 ~ WOV 771 and TFF 283 Great is thy faithfulness

631 ~ LBW 315 Love divine, all loves excelling

666 ~ LBW 385 What wondrous love is this

LBW 298 One there is, above all others

OR Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (God created humankind for immortality)

619 ~ LBW 352 I know that my Redeemer lives

624 ~ LBW 341 Jesus still lead on

449 ~ LBW 189 We know that Christ is raised

Psalms 30 ("O LORD...you have lifted me up")

495 ~ LBW 207 We who once were dead

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus)

678 ~ LBW 408 God, whose giving knows no ending

686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own

691 ~ WOV 759 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring

Mark 5:21-43 (Christ healing a woman and Jairus' daughter)

610 ~ LBW 360 O Christ, the healer, we have come

617 We come to you for healing, Lord

614 ~ WOV 737 and TFF 185 There is a balm in Gilead

612 ~ WOV 738 Healer of our every ill

607 ~ TFF 186 Come, ye disconsolate

779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

Hymns for use in the observance of Independence Day

(ELW has Propers for the "National Holiday" on page 63.)

888 O beautiful for spacious skies

890 ~ LBW 332 Mine eyes have seen the glory

LBW 566 My country 'tis of thee

889 The right hand of God

July 8, 2018 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #14 (Proper 9) - GREEN

Ezekiel 2:1-5 (The call of Ezekiel)

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

Psalms 123 ("...our eyes look to you, O LORD")

262 ~ Wait for the Lord

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (God's power made perfect in weakness)

618 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever, great Redeemer

592 ~ LBW 296 Just as I am without one plea

779 ~ LBW 448 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

623 ~ LBW 327 Rock of ages, cleft for me

774 ~ WOV 780 Leaning on the everlasting arms

626 ~ WOV 736 By gracious power [a Bonhoeffer text]

790 ~ WOV 746 Day by day

W&P 41 Give thanks

Mark 6:1-13 (Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal)

669 ~ LBW 383 Rise up, O saints of God!

665 ~ LBW 393 Rise, shine, you people!

615 ~ WOV 739 In all our grief [could be used as Kyrie in the liturgy]

773 ~ WOV 731 and TFF 193 Precious Lord, take my hand

July 15, 2018 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #15 (Proper 10) - GREEN

Amos 7:7-15 (The sign of the plumb line: God's judgment on Israel)

710 Let streams of living justice

717 ~ WOV 763 Let justice flow like streams

Psalms 85:8-13 ("I will listen to what the LORD God is saying")

513 ~ WOV 712 Listen, God is calling

Ephesians 1:3-14 (Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory)

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

781 ~ LBW 474 Children of the heavenly Father

815 ~ WOV 649 I want to walk as a child of the light

TFF 69 What can wash away my sin?

TFF 139 What a blessing

W&P 133 That Christ be known

W&P 136 The king of glory

Mark 6:14-29 (The death of John the Baptist)

421 [with stanzas 14] ~ LBW 178 [with stanza 15] By all your saints in warfare

618 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever, great redeemer

600 ~ LBW 295 Out of the depths I cry to you

WOV 656 By the Babylonian rivers

July 22, 2018 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #16 (Proper 11) -GREEN
[Also the Lesser Festival of Mary Magdalene, apostle]

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel)

789 (BRADBURY) and LBW 481 (HER VIL TIES) Savior, like a shepherd lead us

782 My shepherd, you supply my need
780 Shepherd me, O God
778 ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd
502 ~ LBW 456 The king of love my shepherd is
Psalm 23 ("The LORD is my shepherd...")
778 ~ LBW 451 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
Ephesians 2:11-22 (Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace)
323 God loved the world
496 ~ WOV 710 One bread, one body
650 ~ LBW 359 In Christ there is no east or west
654 ~ LBW 369 The church's one foundation
TFF 111 I've just come from the fountain
W&P 102 No longer strangers
Mark 6:30-34; 53-56 (Christ healing the multitudes)
507 ~ LBW 237 O God of light, your Word, a lamp
610 ~ LBW 360 O Christ, the healer, we have come
617 We come to you for healing, Lord
614 ~ WOV 737 and TFF 185 There is a balm in Gilead
612 ~ WOV 738 Healer of our every ill
607 ~ TFF 186 Come, ye disconsolate

July 29, 2018 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #17 (Proper 12) –
GREEN [Also the Commemoration of Olaf, king of Norway, martyr]

Ephesians 3:14-21 (Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling)

452 ~ WOV 745 Awake, O sleeper
467 ~ LBW 217 We place upon your table, Lord
W&P 2 A story for all people
W&P 130 Spirit song

Psalm 145:10-18 ("You...satisfy the desire of every living thing")

484 ~ WOV 711 You satisfy the hungry heart

2 Kings 4:42-44 (Elijah feeding a hundred people) and John 6:1-21 (Christ feeding five thousand)

515 ~ LBW 235 Break now the bread of life
775 ~ LBW 457, 458 Jesus priceless treasure
494 ~ LBW 200 For the bread, which you have broken
472 ~ WOV 709 + TFF 125 Eat this bread
674 ~ WOV 754 + TFF 232 Let us talents and tongues employ
535 ~ TFF 158 Hallelujah! We sing your praises
480 O bread of life from heaven

August 5, 2018 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #18 (Proper 13) -
GREEN

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (The LORD gives manna in the wilderness)

491 ~ LBW 214 Come, let us eat
471 ~ LBW 212 Let us break bread together on our knees
362 ~ LBW 210 At the lamb's high feast

647 Glorious things of you are spoken ~ LBW 358 Glories of your name are spoken

Psalm 78:23-29 (“...mortals ate the bread of angels...”)

490 ~ LBW 198 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Ephesians 4:1-16 (Maintain the unity of the faith)

576 ~ WOV 755 We all are one in mission

458 ~ LBW 91 Praise and thanksgiving be to God

579 ~ WOV 756 Lord, you give the great commission

798 ~ W&P 137 The summons/Will you come and follow me

WOV 748 +TFF 217 + W&P Bind us together, Lord

W&P 102 No longer strangers

John 6:24-35 (Christ, the bread of life)

542 ~ LBW 197 O living bread from heaven

495 ~ LBW 207 We who once were dead

618 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever, great redeemer

477 ~ WOV 700 I received the living God

487 ~ WOV 701 What feast of love

485 ~ WOV 702 I am the bread of life

472 ~ WOV 709 + TFF 125 Eat this bread

480 O bread of life from heaven

TFF 124 Fill my cup, Lord

August 12, 2018 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #19 (Proper 14) - GREEN

1 Kings 19:4-8 (Elijah receives bread for his journey)

618 ~ LBW 343 Guide me ever, great Redeemer

484 ~ WOV 711 You satisfy the hungry heart

492 ~ WOV 706 Eat this bread, drink this cup

Psalm 34:1-8 (“Taste and see that the LORD is good”)

493 ~ Taste and see

Ephesians 4:25–5:2 (Put away evil, live in love)

656 ~ LBW 370 Blest be the tie that binds

676 ~ LBW 403 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak

818 ~ LBW 492 O Master, let me walk with you

358 ~ WOV 666 Great God, your love has called us

692 We are an offering

WOV 664 A new commandment

WOV 749 When love is found

TFF 124 Fill my cup, Lord

TFF 156 Come to Jesus

John 6:35, 41-51 (Eat my flesh and drink my blood)

488 ~ LBW 224 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness [SCHMÜCKE DICH]

489 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness [CANTO AL BORINQUEN]

[Consult the listings for July 29th and August 5th]

August 19, 2018 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #20 (Proper 15) – GREEN

Proverbs 9:1-6 (Invited to dine at wisdom's feast)

488 ~ LBW 224 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness [SCHMÜCKE DICH]

489 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness [CANTO AL BORINQUEN]

484 ~ WOV 711 You satisfy the hungry heart

Psalms 34:9-14 ("...those who seek the LORD lack nothing")

531 ~ WP 139 The trumpets sound, the angels sing

Ephesians 5:15-20 (Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God)

705 ~ LBW 415 God of grace and God of glory

821 Shout to the Lord

822 ~ WOV 795 Oh, sing to the Lord

861 ~ WOV 799 When long before time

850 [FREDERICKTOWN], **851** ~ WOV 802 [ENGELBERG] When in our music
God is glorified

WOV 793 Shout for joy loud and long

TFF 253 Just a closer walk with thee

TFF 292 Give thanks

W&P 129 Spirit of the living God

John 6:51-58 (Eat my flesh and drink my blood)

[Consult the listings for July 29th and August 5th and 12th]

August 26, 2018 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #21 (Proper 16) -
GREEN

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (Joshua calls all Israel to serve the LORD)

662 ~ LBW 386 Christ is the king!

727 ~ LBW 421 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth

LBW 512 Oh, blest the house (Note stanza 4)

LBW 270 God of our life, all glorious Lord (Note stanza 2)

TFF 236 Some folk would rather have houses

Psalms 34:15-22 ("The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous...")

827 ~ LBW 516 Arise, my soul arise

Ephesians 6:10-20 (Put on the armor of God)

503, 504, 505 ~ LBW 228, 229 A mighty fortress is our God

LBW 373 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round (Note stanza 4)

LBW 389 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

LBW 529 Praise God. Praise him.

W&P 15 Be bold, be strong

John 6:56-69 (The bread of eternal life)

468 ~ LBW 496 Around you, O Lord Jesus

490 ~ LBW 198 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

462 ~ LBW 203 Now we join in celebration

472 [BERTHIER] Eat this bread

492 ~ WOV 709 [STONERIDGE] Eat this bread

485 ~ WOV 702 I am the bread of life

469 By your hand you feed your people

Partnership Remembrance involving the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kazakhstan: In the
18th century, a former German princess, later known as Catherine the Great, became the tsarina

of Russia. Having pushed her husband aside, she herself became the all-powerful tsar. During her long reign, she actively encouraged large numbers of Germans to settle in the Volga region of her country. These people flourished in their new homeland. However, during World War II, when Nazi Germany invaded Russia, the Soviet dictator, Joseph Stalin, doubted the loyalty of the many Russians of German ancestry. On September 1, 1944, he ordered their mass removal to far-off Kazakhstan and Siberia. Some one million Volga Germans were involved. Despite great suffering, some of them became the founders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kazakhstan. During the post war era, the church there grew to some 230 congregations. However, the fall of Soviet Communism in 1991 allowed freedom of movement, and large numbers of these ethnic Germans chose to emigrate, leaving behind a much reduced Lutheran presence. Currently, the Kazakhstan Lutheran Church has some 50 congregations, which exist as a tiny religious minority in a largely Muslim society (70%). The largest Christian presence in the population is the Russian Orthodox Church (23%). Lutherans face a number of strictures laid down by the government, but the church lives on. The Kazakh Church has an official partnership the Southern Ohio Synod and also with the Church of the North in Germany. Serving as bishop is the Rev. Yuri Novgorodov, who has visited the Southern Ohio Synod a number of times in recent years.

Completed July 29, 2018, on the Commemoration of Olaf, king of Norway, martyr (+1030), while sitting on the deck of my house and looking out at Buckeye Lake. I can almost see St. Olaf rounding the bend, being rowed in his longboat by his team of Vikings. Almost.

–Bill Rauch