



Southern Ohio Synod Hymn List 2014-2015

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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)

THE HYMN LIST. This 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 7, 2014 - 13th 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...")

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

Special Southern Ohio Synod Remembrance: On September 14, 1818—exactly 196 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 the ministry of their congregations. This meeting is regarded as the original founding date of what is now the Southern Ohio Synod.

September 14, 2014 - Holy Cross Day - SCARLET or RED

[OBSERVED LESSER FESTIVAL: In *Evangelical Lutheran Worship—Leader's Desk Edition* (page 12) it lists Holy Cross Day as one of several Lesser Festivals which may displace the regular progression of the church year's Sunday observances, whenever one of these occasions falls on a Sunday. Their usage adds variety to our use of the Christian year. See below for the pericopes and suggested hymns for Lectionary Sunday # 24.]

Numbers 21:4b-9 (Moses lifts up a bronze serpent to save the people)

Psalms 98:1-4 ("Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things") *or*

Psalms 78:1-2, 34-38 ("They...remember that God was...their redeemer")

and 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 (The cross is the power of God)

and John 3:13-17 (The Son of Man is lifted up on the cross to save the people)

660 ~ LBW 337 Lift high the cross

356 ~ LBW 118 Sing, my tongue

338 ~ LBW 107 Beneath the cross of Jesus
803 ~ LBW 482 When I survey the wondrous cross
324 ~ LBW 104 In the cross of Christ I glory
W&P 25 By grace we have been saved
****TFF 77 The Old Rugged Cross**

[**Textually this would be a particularly appropriate day to use this old chestnut. For those with Augsburg Fortress' CD-ROM, *Hymns for Worship*, it can be easily placed in a worship bulletin as a graphic.]

OR September 14, 2014 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #24 (Proper 19) - GREEN

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...")

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 21, 2014 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #25 (Proper 20) - GREEN

[Also the Festival of Matthew, apostle and evangelist; hymn: **421** (with stanza 20), LBW 178 (with stanza 18) "By all your saints in warfare"]

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")

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

September 28, 2014 - 16th 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

Psalms 25:1-9 ("Lead me in your truth and teach me...")

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 5, 2014 – 17th 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

Psalms 80:7-15 ("O God...behold and tend the vine")

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 12, 2014 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #28 (Proper 23) - GREEN

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...")

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 19, 2014 – 19th 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")

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 26, 2014 - The Festival of the Reformation - RED

[Also the Commemoration of Philipp Nicolai (+ 1608), Johann Heermann (+ 1647), and Paul Gerhardt (+ 1676), hymnwriters in the immediate generations following the Reformation; hymn: **308**, LBW 76 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"]

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

Psalms 46 ("...the God of Jacob is our stronghold")

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]**

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

594 ~ LBW 299 Dear Christians, one and all

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 2, 2014 - 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")
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

November 9, 2014 – 22nd 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
 Psalm 70 ("O God...you my...deliverer")
 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 repertoire of a certain kind of 16th century German Lutheran hymn known as the "chorale", this particular song, "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying," has long borne 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 16, 2014 – 23rd 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...”)

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 23, 2014 - The Festival of Christ the King, Last Sunday after Pentecost,
Lectionary Sunday #34 (Proper 29) - WHITE

[Also the Commemoration of Clement, Bishop of Rome, + circa 100; Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, + 1927;
hymn: **812, 813** ~ LBW 500 “Faith of our fathers, living still”]

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”)

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 beings 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 the Roman Catholic Church. It was originally 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 known.) From the solstice the amount of daily sunlight increases incrementally in the northern hemisphere until arriving at the summer solstice. So the tradition of the church practices a kind of “calendar symbolism” with Jesus’ birthday observance, and various customs connected with increased light—such as the Advent wreath and also the Christmas tree—these are very much a part of that symbolism.]

November 30, 2014 - the First Sunday in Advent - BLUE

[Also the Festival of Andrew, hymn: **420** (with stanza 3), LBW 177 (with stanza 5) “By all your saints in warfare” ~ Note the emphasis in the Andrew stanza on the beginning of the church year and the advent of Christ.]

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...”)

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 7, 2014 - the Second Sunday in Advent - BLUE

[Also the commemoration of Ambrose, bishop of Milan, + 397 ~ Hymn: **263** LBW 28 “Savior the Nations, Come - an Advent song by Ambrose and adapted by Martin Luther]

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

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

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 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 14, 2014 - the Third Sunday in Advent - BLUE

[Also the commemoration of John of the Cross, renewer of the church, + 1591 ~ Hymn: **428** "Give thanks for saints"]

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, 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

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

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 59,373 church members. In a partnership relationship with the Southern Ohio Synod, is one of the 18 constituent synods of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil.

December 21, 2014 - the Fourth Sunday in Advent - BLUE

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”)

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.

December 28, 2014 - 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")
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

[** Martin Luther produced both tune and text for this adaptation of the "Simeon's Song" in today's Gospel. It was part of the Reformer's ongoing project of producing hymns that would put the words of Scripture into a singable form usable by congregations.]

Rubric on Epiphany: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* on page 21 gives the following rubric: "If celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord is not possible on January 6, it may be observed on the second Sunday of Christmas (January 2 or later). When January 6 falls on a Sunday, it is celebrated as the Epiphany of our Lord." Since Epiphany is a major festival of the church and since many congregations have no special weekday observances of January 6th, Epiphany should then normally be observed on the second Sunday of Christmas, in the opinion of the compiler of this hymn list. The Roman Catholic Church in the United States has begun to annually observe Epiphany on a Sunday.

January 4, 2015 - 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...")
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 11, 2015 - 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")

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, heed 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 18 - 25, starting on the festival of the Confession of Peter and ending on the festival of the Conversion of Paul)

January 18, 2015 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday # 2 - GREEN

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

[Also the festival of the Confession of Peter ~ **420** (with stanza 7), LBW 177 (with stanza 10) "By all your saints in warfare"]

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")

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 25, 2015 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday # 3 - GREEN

[Also the festival of the Conversion of Paul ~ **420** (with stanza 8), LBW 177 (with stanza 11) "By all your saints in warfare"]

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** ~ 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")

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]

February 1, 2015 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary Sunday # 4 - GREEN

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")

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 8, 2015 - 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")

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 15, 2015 - 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
Psalms 50:1-6 ("Out of Zion...God shine forth in glory")
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.

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.

February 22, 2015 - the First Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

[Also the commemoration of George Herbert, hymnwriter, +1633 ~ Hymn: **816** ~ LBW 513 "Come, my way, my truth, my life.]"

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

March 1, 2015 - the Second Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

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")

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 spoke
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 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.

March 8, 2015 - the Third Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

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

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...")

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 15, 2015 - the Fourth Sunday in Lent - PURPLE

[Also the commemoration of Jonathon Edwards, teacher, missionary to the American Indians, + 1758 ~ Hymn: **284** ~ LBW 72 "Twas in the moon of wintertime," a hymn originally written by missionaries in the language of the Huron tribe of Native Americans.]

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”)

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 22, 2015 - 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”)

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

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 29, 2015 - the Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday - SCARLET

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

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

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 5, 2015 - 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

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

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 12, 2015 - the Second Sunday of Easter - WHITE

[Also the commemoration of Olaus Petri, + 1552, and Laurentius Petri, + 1573, renewers of the church in Sweden ~ Hymn: **468** ~ LBW 496 "Around you, O Lord Jesus," a hymn of Swedish origin.]

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...")

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 19, 2015 - 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")

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 26, 2015 - 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")

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

May 3, 2015 - the Fifth Sunday of Easter - WHITE

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")

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

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.

May 10, 2015 - the Sixth Sunday of Easter - **(Mother’s Day)** 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 (“Should with joy 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

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

[NOTE on Ascension Day. According to the rubrics provided in the Propers for the 7th Sunday of Easter in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (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 17, 2015 - Festival of the Ascension of our Lord (*if transferred from May 21st*) - 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

Psalm 47 ("God has gone up with a shout")

Or Psalm 93 ("...you are from everlasting")

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

AND/OR May 17, 2015 - the Seventh Sunday of Easter -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

Psalm 1 ("...the LORD knows the way of the righteous")

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

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.

May 24, 2015 - the Festival of Pentecost - RED

[Also the festival of the Visitation ~ **723** ~ My soul cries out (Canticle of the turning–Magnificat)]

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...")

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 31, 2015 - the Festival of the Holy Trinity, the Sunday after Pentecost - WHITE

[Also the commemoration of Seattle, Chief of the Duwamish Indian Confederacy, + 1866 ~ Hymn: **284** ~ LBW 72 "Twas in the moon of wintertime," a hymn originally written by missionaries in the language of the Huron tribe of Native Americans.]

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”)

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 7, 2015 - 2nd 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 372 In Adam we have all been one

Psalms 130 (“With you is forgiveness”)

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 14, 2015 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #11 (Proper 6) -
GREEN

[Also the commemoration of Basil the Great +379, Gregory of Nyssa, +385, Gregory of Nazianzus, +379;
important leaders and bishops of the early church ~ Hymn: **428** Give thanks for saints.]

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

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15 ("The LORD is my 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

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

The "Bread" Sundays: Beginning with Lectionary Sunday #17 (July 26th) 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 26th - Lectionary Sunday #17 - 2 Kings & Gospel of John (crowds are fed bread with meager supplies)

August 2nd - Lectionary Sunday #18 - Exodus (manna); John (Jesus, the bread of life)

August 9th - Lectionary Sunday #19 - 1 Kings (Elijah nurtured); John (those who eat the "bread of life" will live forever)

August 16th - Lectionary Sunday #20 - Proverbs (Wisdom's meal); John (Jesus as the living bread which comes down from heaven)

August 23rd - Lectionary Sunday 21 - John (eating Jesus' flesh and drinking his blood brings life)

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

June 21, 2015 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday 12 (Proper 7) (*Father's Day*) -GREEN [Also the commemoration of Onesimos Nesib, former slave, Bible translator, evangelist, + 1931 ~ Hymn: **513** ~ WOV 712 "Listen! God is calling," an African hymn.]

Job 38:1-11 (The creator of heaven and earth)

856 ~ LBW 532 How great thou art

830 ~ LBW 515 How marvelous God's greatness

251 ~ WOV 730 My soul proclaims your greatness

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32 ("When you hide your face, they are terrified")

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (Paul's defense of his ministry)

309 ~ LBW 86 The only Son from heaven

355, 356 ~ LBW 118 Sing, my tongue

WOV 659 O sun of justice

Mark 4:35-41 (Christ, calming the sea)

755 ~ LBW 334 Jesus, Savior, pilot me

756 ~ LBW 467 Eternal Father, strong to save

794 Calm to the waves

LBW 498 All who would valiant be

WOV 781 My life flows on in endless song

TFF 173 When upon life's billows

TFF 198 When the storms of life are raging

TFF 206 We are often tossed and driven

TFF 251 Like a ship that is tossed and driven

Father's Day hymns

640 ~ LBW 357 Our Father, by whose name

812, 813 ~ LBW 500 Faith of our fathers

June 28, 2015 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #13 (Proper 8) - GREEN

[Also the commemoration of Irenaeus, important leader and bishop of the early church, + 202 ~ Hymn: **825** ~ LBW 252, "You Servants of God," whose tune, LYONS, is named after the ancient city in France where Irenaeus was bishop.]

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")

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

July 5, 2015 - 6th 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
 Psalm 123 ("...our eyes look to you, O 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

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 12, 2015 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #15 (Proper 10) - GREEN

[Also the commemoration of Nathan Söderblom, Nobel peace prize laureate and Lutheran archbishop, + 1931, ~ Hymn: **613** ~ WOV 741 "Thy holy wings," a hymn of Swedish origin.]

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
Psalm 85:8-13 ("I will listen to what the LORD God is saying")
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 19, 2015 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #16 (Proper 11) -GREEN

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

Psalms 23 ("The LORD is my shepherd...")

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 26, 2015 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #17 (Proper 12) - GREEN

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

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

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 f rom heaven

August 2, 2015 - 10th 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

Psalms 78:23-29 ("...mortals ate the bread of angels...")

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 9, 2015 - 11th 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

Psalms 34:1-8 ("Taste and see that the LORD is good")

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 26th and August 2nd]

August 16, 2015 – 12th 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")
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 26th and August 2nd and 9th]

August 23, 2015 - 13th 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...")
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 Mecklenburg Church in Germany. Serving as bishop is the Rev. Yuri Novgorodov, who has visited the Southern Ohio Synod a number of times in recent years.

August 30, 2015 - 14th after Pentecost, Lectionary Sunday #22 (Proper 17) - GREEN
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (God's law, a sign of a great nation)

772 ~ LBW 480 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
LBW 504 O God, my faithful God

Psalms 15 ("LORD...who may abide upon your holy hill?")

James 1:17-27 (Be doers of the word, not hearers only)

686 ~ LBW 410 We give thee but thine own
708 ~ WOV 765 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
728 ~ WOV 764 Blest are they

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (authentic religion)

512 ~ WOV 713 Lord, let my heart be good soil
804 ~ LBW 508 Come down, O love divine
606 ~ LBW WOV 733 Our Father, we have wandered
607 ~ TFF 186 Come, ye disconsolate
WOV 732 Create in me a clean heart
TFF 188 I was sinking deep in sin

Completed on August 9, 2014, the Commemoration of Edith Stein, martyr (+1942), with a multitude of thanks for the help of Kerrill Foster, my former secretary and colleague at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Newark, Ohio.

—Bill Rauch