

656 As Surely As I Live, God Said

CW 656

- 1 “As surely as I live,” God said,
“I would not see the sinner dead,
but that he turn from error’s ways,
repent, and live through endless days.”
- 2 And so our Lord gave this command:
“Go forth and preach in ev’ry land;
bestow on all my pard’ning grace
who will repent of sinful ways.
- 3 “All those whose sins you thus remit
I truly pardon and acquit,
and those whose sins you do retain
condemned and guilty shall remain.
- 4 “What you will bind, that bound shall be;
what you will loose, that shall be free;
unto my Church the keys are giv’n
to op’n and close the gates of heav’n.”
- 5 The words which absolution give
are his who died that we might live;
the minister whom Christ has sent
is but his humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands,
absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
he who by grace the Word believes
forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

Please stand for the final stanza

7 Praise God the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, Three in One,
as was, is now, and so shall be
forever and eternally!

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In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed what we have devised and
desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your
holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not
have done,**

and we have not done those things that we

should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

***Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading

Hosea 3:1-5

¹The LORD said to me, “Go again. Show love to a woman who is loved by another man, a woman who keeps committing adultery. Show love just as the LORD loves the people of Israel, even though they keep turning to other gods and loving the raisin cakes.”

²So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and nine bushels of barley. ³I said to her, “You will stay with me for many days. You must not be promiscuous. You must not be with any other man, and I will also be for you.”

⁴So the people of Israel will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred memorial stones, and without the special vest or family idols.

⁵Afterward the people of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

51 God, Be Merciful to Me

Psalm 51

1 God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea;
your compassions overflow,
blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2 My transgressions I confess,
grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against your grace
and provoked you to your face;
I confess your judgment just,
speechless, in your mercy trust.

3 I am evil, born in sin;
you desire all truth within.
You alone my Savior are,

teach your wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, your grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.

- 4 Broken, humbled to the dust
by your wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear your voice;
from my sins, O hide your face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 2:5–11

⁵Now if anyone has caused sorrow, he has not done it to me, but to all of you to some extent (not to overstate it). ⁶This punishment inflicted on such a person by the majority is enough, ⁷so that instead you should rather forgive and comfort him, or else such a person could be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸For that reason, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹In fact, this was also the purpose of my writing: I wanted to know the result of your being tested, that is, if you are obedient in all things.

¹⁰If you forgive anyone anything, I do too. To be sure, if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the

presence of Christ for your sake, ¹¹so that Satan would not take advantage of us. We are certainly not unaware of his schemes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 15:1–10

¹All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. ²But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³He told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I

have found my lost sheep!’ ⁷I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

⁸“Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654

1 Jesus sinners does receive;
oh, may all this saying ponder
who in sin’s delusions live
and from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners does receive.

- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
yet his words, rich grace revealing,
pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
here their ills have perfect healing
who with humble hearts believe:
Jesus sinners does receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
are not by the Lord forsaken;
weary souls who lost their way
are by Christ, the Shepherd, taken
in his arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners does receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to you
with a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too;
grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners does receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know,
were as scarlet my transgression,
it shall be as white as snow
by your blood and bitter passion,
for these words I do believe:
Jesus sinners does receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace,
 from the law I stand acquitted.
Christ has purchased my release
 and my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners does receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners does receive,
 even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave:
Jesus sinners does receive.

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Sermon

Luke 15:1-10

Find the Lost

I. God wants them to be found

II. God rejoices when they are found

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

545 O Love, How Deep

CW 545

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
and to this world himself he came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed, for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself but us.
- 5 For us, by wicked men betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad,
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

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(Stand)

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916

- 1 Today your mercy calls us
to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
whatever we have been,
however long from mercy
our hearts have turned away,
your precious blood can wash us
and make us clean today.
- 2 Today your gate is open,
and all who enter in
shall find a Father's welcome
and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
a present joy be giv'n,
a future grace be promised,
a glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us,
his Holy Spirit waits;
his blessèd angels gather
around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
how often we have come;
although we oft have wandered,
it is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
 O ever-open Door,
what should we do without you
 when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
 to drive us to despair,
we know one gate is open,
 one ear will hear our prayer.

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 09/14/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 09/15/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday 09/16/2025...11:00-2:00 AM Vera Talaski Visitation
2:00 PM Vera Talaski Funeral
Sunday 09/21/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 89, Communed: 79
Monday Service: 17, Communed: 15

Our Time to Our Lord

September Servers

Sundays Ron Nichol, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

Monday: Barry Mays

Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard, Ed Newsome

Altar Guild: Marian Whitney and Teenia Rose

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our Talents to Our Lord

Service Update: Please note that there will be **NO Monday service on September 22nd** as Pastor will be attending a Symposium and Mentor training in Wisconsin.

St. Luke's Family Devastated by House Fire: On Tuesday Shannon Essenmacher's house burned. While the family escaped injury, the contents of the house are likely a complete loss. Their family dog also died in the fire. We have a list in the office of items they need. It has also been posted on our private Facebook page. Keep them in your prayers during this difficult time.

A Big Thank You: Thank you to Marian Whitney and Teenia Rose, who have stepped up for the Altar Guild and will prepare the altar for our September services!!!

Vassar's Pumpkin Roll: This year Vassar will be holding their annual Pumpkin Roll. **The event will be on Oct. 11th, Noon until 4:00.** We were asked if we would like to participate. If you are interested, contact the office for more information.

Euchre/Game Night: Cards, board games, fellowship!!! No date have been set yet. More information to come.

Eggs Anyone? There are eggs in the kitchen refrigerator with a donation container on the counter. Feel free to get what you need!

Take a Moment! Please take a moment to look around the church and school grounds. Our facilities look beautiful! Thank you to all of those who donated their time, talents, and treasures. Your efforts are appreciated!



Our Treasures to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$4,840.00

Tuition: \$5,000.00

School Fees: \$800.00

These offerings reflect our Sunday service on September 7th

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Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

St. Luke's students at MLS: Phoebe Schultz-senior,
Braylin Zieroff -senior,

Piper Schultz-sophomore and Bentleigh Goss-freshman
(Bentleigh is a former LES student from St. Paul's
Mayville)

Braylin plays on the Varsity Football team

Phoebe and Piper run cross country

Their schedules are on the MLS bulletin board!

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Football: September 19th at Nouvel-----September 26th at Valley Lutheran

Cross Country: September 20th at Lakers -----

September 23rd at Alma

September 27th at Sheperd -----

September 30th at Birch Run

Join us on Friday, October 10, 2025, as the Cardinals host Hemlock for our **Salute to Service** football game. All active and retired service members will receive complimentary admission as we honor their sacrifice and dedication. MLS alumni veterans will also receive a special **Salute to Service shirt** and a **meal ticket** as a token of our gratitude.

The MLS Jr. Cardinal Volleyball Club is open to students in grades 4-8 from a WELS/ELS church or school.

Participants will meet for five skill sessions on Sundays from October 19 to November 16. When you register, please select the dates you will be attending. If you don't select a date but then end up coming that is fine. It's just helpful for planning purposes.

10/19 (3:30-5 pm), 10/26 (3:30-5 pm), 11/2 (3:30-5 pm), 11/9 (3:30-5 pm), 11/16 (3:30-5 pm).

The deadline to register is October 5 at midnight.

REGISTRATION FEE:	\$25 (Early Bird - Before Sept. 15)
	\$30 (Regular - Sept. 15 to Oct. 5)