

Today's Hymns:

- # 843 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive  
 # 501 Come Down, O Love Divine  
 # 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive  
 # 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us  
 # 616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me  
 # 640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior  
 # 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### Introit

- P** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
**C** I have fled to you for refuge!  
**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
**C** In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!  
**P** Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
**C** for no one living is righteous before you.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
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**C** I have fled to you for refuge!

### Collect of the Day

**O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

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## **Genesis 50:15–21**

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."  
<sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

## **Romans 14:1–12**

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

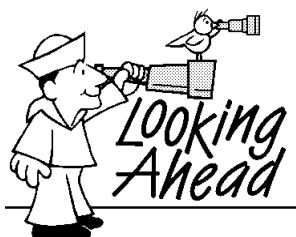
<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

## **Matthew 18:21–35**

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I

do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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### **Upcoming Council Meetings:**

October 19 @ 7 PM

November 2 @ 7 PM

### **Budget Meeting:**

October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

**October Voters' Meeting** rescheduled to allow time for the business office to prepare for the meeting: **November 5<sup>th</sup>** following worship



The Church Office will be closed September 12<sup>th</sup> thru October 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any bulletin/calendar announcements please contact Marie Johnson 748-2025 or 701-220-6386 or

[cmjohnson2007@gmail.com](mailto:cmjohnson2007@gmail.com) during this time.



If anyone is willing to take on the task of heading/organizing the annual Trunk or Treat, please contact the office.

**\_\_FIRST ANNUAL\_\_**  
**TURTLE MOUNTAIN Ladies' Retreat**  
**Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND**  
**September 29 – October 1, 2023**

Please join us for the first annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together family style to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship all in the beautiful Turtle Mountains of northern North Dakota. Event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50 non-refundable deposit. Complete retreat information will be sent out to registrants in advance of the retreat.



***WOMEN'S RETREAT***

**GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. William Cwirla**

The Rev. William M. Cwirla recently retired and moved from Hacienda Heights, CA, where he served Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, to beautiful Port Angeles, WA, the epicenter for the Olympic Peninsula. Rev. Cwirla is a former president of Higher Things, and was the co-host of the acclaimed podcast, The God Whisperers. He was also a member of the Liturgy Committee for the Lutheran Service Book.

Currently there are 40 registrants from 12 different congregations in three different states. A couple of confirmed teens, some church workers, and ladies of all ages.

Only 50 spots available!!

See the narthex bulletin board for more information and registration forms.