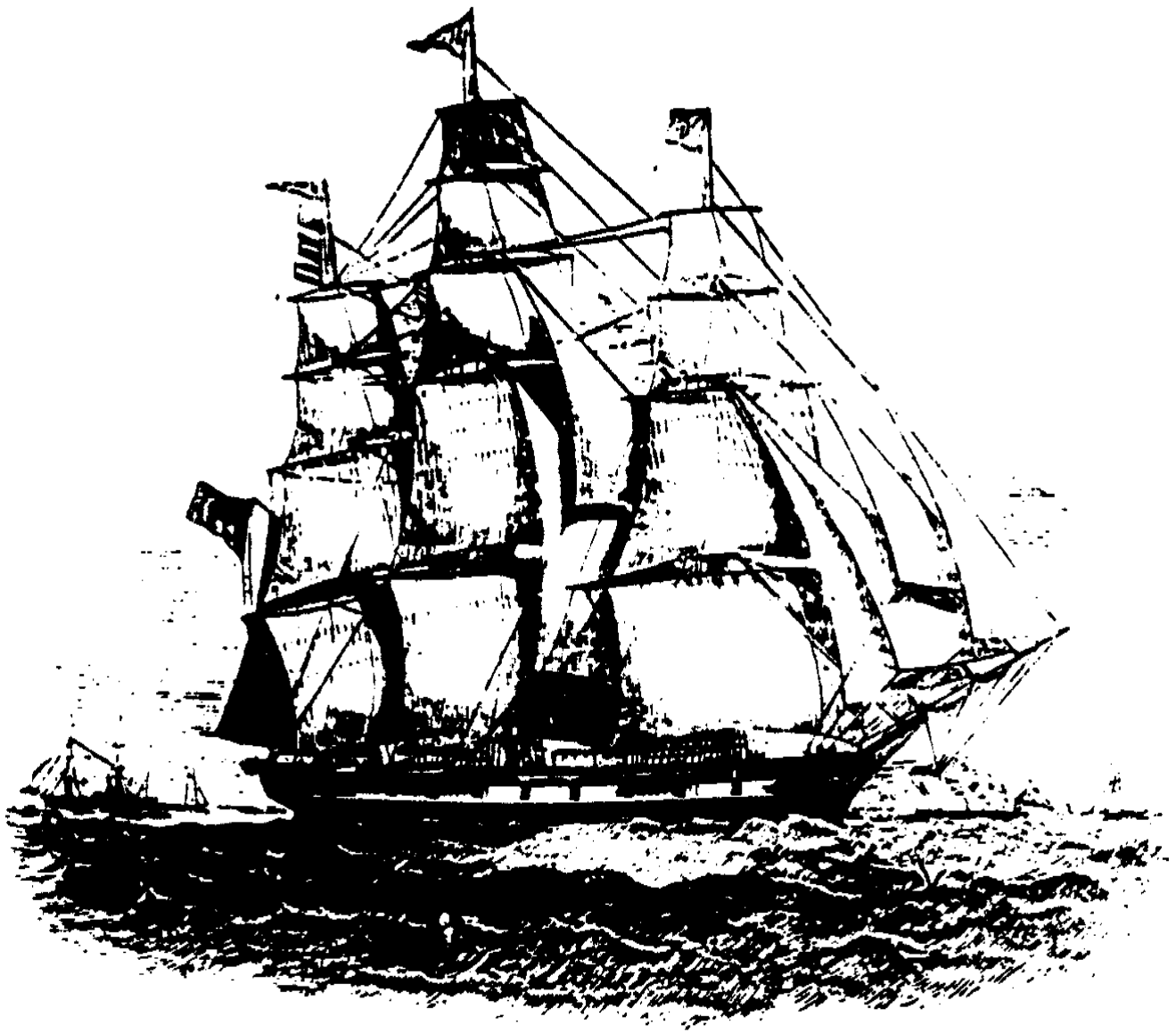


St. Paul Lutheran Church
Serbin, Texas
Wendish Fest Service



Reverend John Schmidt
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September 27, 2026

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The Order of Morning Service

The twenty-seventh day of September in the year of the Lord 2026

8:30 a.m.

(The order of worship for the 10:30 a.m. German service begins on page 9)

The Pre-Service Music

The Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn:

„God Loves Me Dearly“ LSB 392

- 1** God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. *Refrain*

Refrain:

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

- 2** I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. *Refrain*

- 3** He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. *Refrain*

- 4** Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. *Refrain*

- 5** Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. *Refrain*

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Stand

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

C Amen.

The Confession of Sins

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C** **Amen.**

The Introit

- P** The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praise to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Gloria Patri

- C** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis.

- C** **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**

The Collect for The Day

- P** Let us pray.
- Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

The Old Testament Reading

P The Old Testament reading for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Ezekiel chapter eighteen beginning with the first verse.

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

P The Epistle is written in the second chapter of Philippians, beginning at verse one.

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Gospel

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

The Sermon Hymn

♪"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 708

- 1** Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
- 2** Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.
- 3** Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

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The Sermon: "These Things"

Matthew 21:23-32

By Reverend Dr. Christopher Ahlman

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Offertory

✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

Offering Hymn

♪"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781 V. 1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

The General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Sit

The Hymn

♪"For All the Saints" LSB 677

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**△8 From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Stand

The Collect for the Church

¶ Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☩ Amen.

Benediction

¶ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

☩ Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Recessional Hymn

♪ “God of Grace and God of Glory” LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**
- 3 Cure Your children’s warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.**
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.**

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The Announcements

The Postlude

Reverend John Schmidt

Rev. John Schmidt graduated from the St. Louis Seminary in 1992. He served St. John's Lutheran Church in Secor, Illinois from 1992-1999. He then served as an associate Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska from 1999-2008. He was the ninth Pastor in their history. Since November 2008 he has served as the ninth pastor in the history of St. Paul Lutheran Church. From 2009-2021 he served as circuit visitor of Circuit 23 of the Texas District. He currently serves as Chaplain of the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Cen-Tex Family Services, Inc., which provide Head Start services for Bastrop, Lee, Fayette and Colorado County.

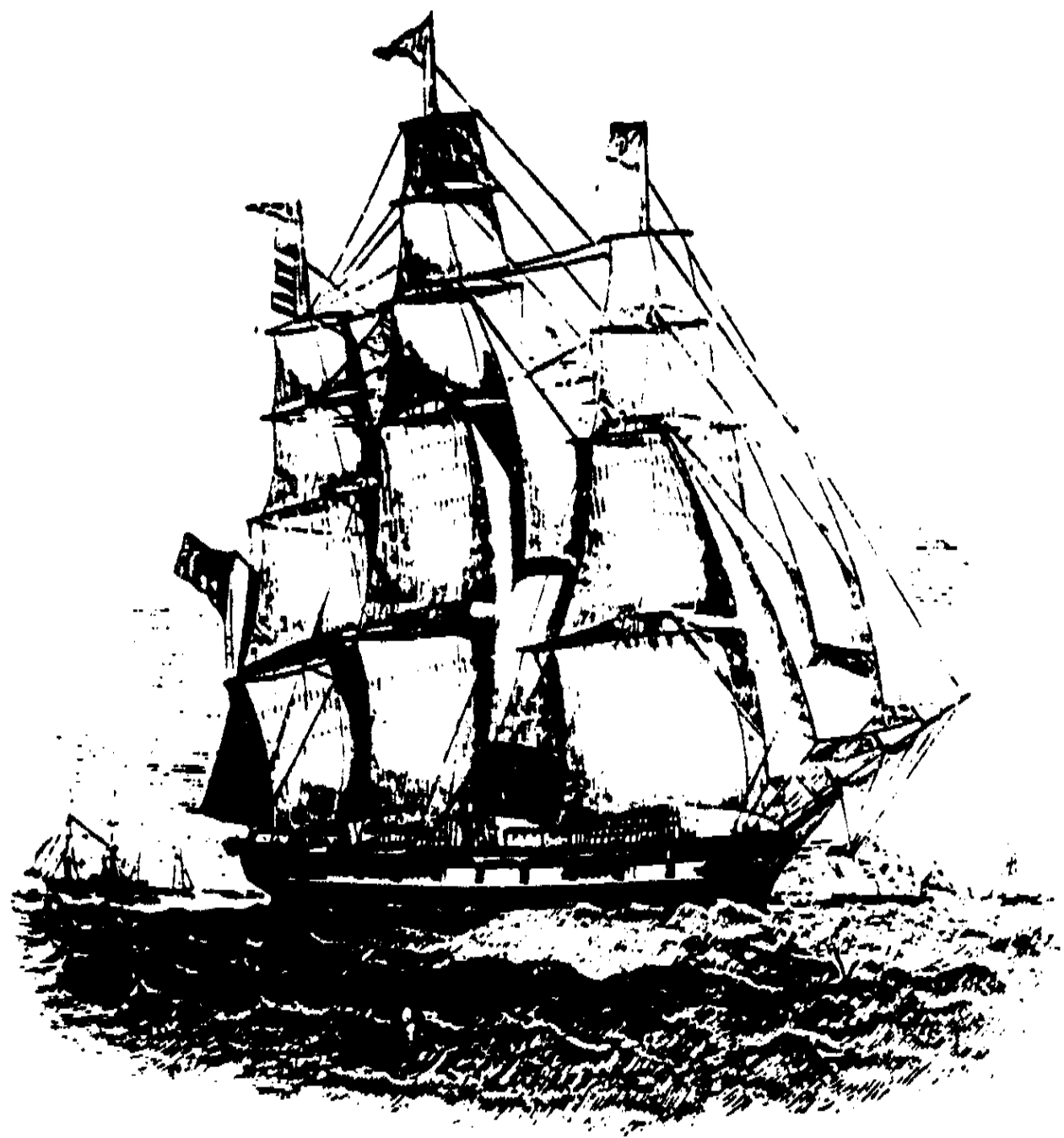
To God be the glory.

Rev. Dr. Christopher S. Ahlman

Rev. Dr. Christopher S. Ahlman is Associate Pastor and Director of Parish Music at Memorial Lutheran Church & School, Houston, Texas, in which capacity he has served since October 2017. Previously, he served through LCMS Office of International Mission, based in Leipzig, Germany, supporting urban parish revitalization efforts and executing a comprehensive evangelistic musical outreach program in western Russia through organ recital tours, lectures, and masterclasses in churches, conservatories, and universities.

Ahlman earned the Bachelor of Arts in Music (2002) at Concordia University, Seward, Neb.; the Master of Divinity (2006) at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.; the Master of Sacred Music (2008) at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.; and the Doctor of Musical Arts (2011) at The University of Texas, Austin, Tex.

Ahlman and his wife, Deac. Elizabeth C. Ahlman, have four children, and reside in Houston.



Wendish Fest Gottesdienst

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GEMEINDE LIED

♪ "Gott ist die Liebe"

1. **Gott ist die Liebe,
lässt mich erlösen,
Gott ist die Liebe,
Er liebt auch mich. Refrain**

*God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain*

Refrain:

**Drum sag ich noch einmal,
Gott ist die Liebe!
Gott ist die Liebe,
Er liebt auch mich.**

Refrain:

*Therefore I say again,
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.*

2. **Ich lag in Banden,
der bösen Sünde,
Ich lag in Banden,
Und konnt nich los. Refrain**

*I was in slavery,
Sin, death and darkness,
God's love was working,
To make me free. Refrain*

3. **Er sandte Jesus,
Den treuen Heiland,
Er sandte Jesus,
Und macht mich los. Refrain**

*He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus,
And set me free. Refrain*

4. **Jesus, mein Heiland,
Gab sich zum Opfer,
Jesus, mein Heiland,
Büßt meine Schuld. Refrain**

*Jesus my Savior,
Himself did offer.
Jesus my Savior,
Paid all I owe. Refrain*

5. **Dich will ich preisen,
Du ewge Liebe,
Dich will ich loben,
Solang ich bin. Refrain**

*Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal,
Now I will praise You,
All my life long. Refrain*

Pastor Der Herr sei mit euch
Gemeinde **Und mit deinem Geiste.**

ANTIPHONE #54

Pastor Heilige uns, Herr, in deiner Wahrheit!
Halleluja!
Gemeinde **Dein Wort ist die Wahrheit. Halleluja!**
Pastor Ehre sei Gott in der Höhe

LIED

♪ "Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr" TLH 237 v. 1

**Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr'
Und Dank für seine Gnade,
Darum dass nun und nimmermehr
Uns rühren kann kein Schade.
Ein Wohlgefalln Gott an uns hat,
Nun ist groß Fried ohn Unterlass,
All Fehd hat nun ein Ende.**

*All Glory be to God on high
Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh,
The strife as last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men,
And peace shall reign on earth again;
Oh, thank Him for his goodness!*

Pastor Der Herr sei mit euch!
Gemeinde **Und mit deinem Geiste!**
Pastor Lasst uns beten:

KOLLEKTE

Pastor Allmächtiger, ewiger Gott, der du durch deinen Heiligen Geist die ganze Christenheit heiligst und regierst, erhöre unser Gebet und gib uns gnädiglich, daß sie mit allen ihren Gliedern in reinem Glauben durch deine Gnade dir diene: um Jesu Christi, deines lieben Sohnes, unsers Herrn, willen.

Gemeinde Amen

Pastor DAS ALTE TESTAMENT

HESEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

Und des HERRN Wort geschah zu mir: Was habt ihr unter euch im Lande Israels für ein Sprichwort: »Die Väter haben saure Trauben gegessen, aber den Kindern sind die Zähne davon stumpf geworden«? So wahr ich lebe, spricht Gott der HERR: Dies Sprichwort soll nicht mehr unter euch umgehen in Israel. Denn siehe, alle Menschen gehören mir; die Väter gehören mir so gut wie die Söhne; jeder, der sündigt, soll sterben.

Und doch sagt ihr: »Der Herr handelt nicht recht.« So höret nun, ihr vom Hause Israel: Handle denn ich unrecht? Ist's nicht vielmehr so, dass ihr unrecht handelt? Denn wenn der Gerechte sich abkehrt von seiner Gerechtigkeit und tut Unrecht, so muss er sterben; um seines Unrechts willen, das er getan hat, muss er sterben. Wenn sich dagegen der Ungerechte abkehrt von seiner Ungerechtigkeit, die er getan hat, und übt nun Recht und Gerechtigkeit, der wird sein Leben erhalten. Denn weil er es gesehen und sich bekehrt hat von allen seinen Übertretungen, die er begangen hat, so soll er leben und nicht sterben. Und doch sprechen die vom Hause Israel: »Der Herr handelt nicht recht.« Sollte ich unrecht handeln, Haus Israel? Ist es nicht vielmehr so, dass ihr unrecht handelt? Darum will ich euch richten, ihr vom Hause Israel, einen jeden nach seinem Weg, spricht Gott der HERR. Kehrt um und kehrt euch ab von allen euren Übertretungen, damit ihr nicht durch sie in Schuld fallt.

Werft von euch alle eure Übertretungen, die ihr begangen habt, und macht euch ein neues Herz und einen neuen Geist. Denn warum wollt ihr sterben, ihr vom Haus Israel? Denn ich habe kein Gefallen am Tod des Sterbenden, spricht Gott der HERR. Darum bekehrt euch, so werdet ihr leben.

Pastor DIE EPISTEL

PHILIPPER 2:1-4, 14-18

Ist nun bei euch Ermahnung in Christus, ist Trost der Liebe, ist Gemeinschaft des Geistes, ist herzliche Liebe und Barmherzigkeit, so macht meine Freude dadurch vollkommen, dass ihr eines Sinnes seid, gleiche Liebe habt, einmütig und einträchtig seid. Tut nichts aus Eigennutz oder um eitler Ehre willen, sondern in Demut achte einer den andern höher als sich selbst, und ein jeder sehe nicht auf das Seine, sondern auch auf das, was dem andern dient.

Tut alles ohne Murren und ohne Zweifel, damit ihr ohne Tadel und lauter seid, Gottes Kinder, ohne Makel mitten unter einem verdorbenen und verkehrten Geschlecht, unter dem ihr scheint als Lichter in der Welt, dadurch dass ihr festhaltet am Wort des Lebens, mir zum Ruhm an dem Tage Christi, sodass ich nicht vergeblich gelaufen bin noch vergeblich gearbeitet habe. Und wenn ich auch geopfert werde bei dem Opfer und Gottesdienst eures Glaubens, so freue ich mich und freue mich mit euch allen. Darüber sollt ihr euch auch freuen und sollt euch mit mir freuen.

DAS HAUPTLIED

♪ "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" TLH 39

**Lobe den Herren, Den mächtigen König
der Ehren!**

**Meine geliebete Seele, das ist mein
Begehren.**

Kommet zuhauf!

Psalter und Harfe, wacht auf!

Lasset die Musikam hören!

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!*

*O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy Health and Salvation!*

Join the full throng;

Wake, harp and psalter and song:

Sound forth in glad adoration!

**Lobe den Herren, der alles so herrlich
regieret,**

**Der dich auf Adlers Fittichen sicher
geführt,**

Der dich erhält,

Wie es dir selber gefällt.

Hast du nich dieses verspüret?

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,*

*Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth,
sustaineth.*

Hast thou not seen

How thy desires all have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

**Lobe den Herren, der künstlich und
fein dich bereitet,
Der dir Gesundheit verliehen, dich
freundlich geleitet!
In wieviel Not
Hat nicht der gnädige Gott
Über dir Flügel gebreitet!**

*Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully,
wondrously, made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly
falling, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief
Ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.*

**Lobe den Herren, der deinen Stand
sichtbar gesegnet,
Der aus dem Himmel mit Strömen
der Liebe gereget!
Denke daran,
Was der Allmächtige kann,
Der dir mit Liebe begegnet!**

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His
mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.*

**Lobe den Herren was in mir ist lobe
den Namen!
Alles, was Odem hat, lobe mit Abrahams
Samen!
Er ist dein Licht .
Seele, vergiss es ja nicht!
Lobende, schliesse mit Amen!**

*Praise to the Lord! O, let all that
Is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now
with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

PASTOR DAS EVANGELIUM:

MATTHÄUS 21:12-32

Und als er in den Tempel kam und lehrte, traten die Hohenpriester und die Ältesten des Volkes zu ihm und fragten: Aus welcher Vollmacht tust du das und wer hat dir diese Vollmacht gegeben? Jesus aber antwortete und sprach zu ihnen: Ich will euch auch eine Sache fragen; wenn ihr mir die sagt, will ich euch auch sagen, aus welcher Vollmacht ich das tue. Woher war die Taufe des Johannes? War sie vom Himmel oder von den Menschen?

Da bedachten sie's bei sich selbst und sprachen: Sagen wir, sie war vom Himmel, so wird er zu uns sagen: Warum habt ihr ihm dann nicht geglaubt? Sagen wir aber, sie war von Menschen, so müssen wir uns vor dem Volk fürchten, denn sie halten alle Johannes für einen Propheten. Und sie antworteten Jesus und sprachen: Wir wissen's nicht. Da sprach er zu ihnen: So sage ich euch auch nicht, aus welcher Vollmacht ich das tue.

Was meint ihr aber? Es hatte ein Mann zwei Söhne und ging zu dem ersten und sprach: Mein Sohn, geh hin und arbeite heute im Weinberg. Er antwortete aber und sprach: Nein, ich will nicht. Danach reute es ihn und er ging hin. Und der Vater ging zum zweiten Sohn und sagte dasselbe. Der aber antwortete und sprach: Ja, Herr!, und ging nicht hin. Wer von den beiden hat des Vaters Willen getan?

Sie antworteten: Der erste. Jesus sprach zu ihnen: Wahrlich, ich sage euch: Die Zöllner und Huren kommen eher ins Reich Gottes als ihr. Denn Johannes kam zu euch und lehrte euch den rechten Weg, und ihr glaubtet ihm nicht; aber die Zöllner und Huren glaubten ihm. Und obwohl ihr's saht, tatet ihr dennoch nicht Buße, sodass ihr ihm dann auch geglaubt hättet.

DAS GLAUBENSBEKENNTNIS

♪ "Wir glauben all' an einen Gott" TLH 252

**Wir glauben all' an einen Gott,
Vater, Sohn und Heil'gen Geist,
Der uns hilft in aller Not,
Den die Schar der Engel preist,
Der durch seine grosse Kraft
Alles wirket, tut und schafft.**

*We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Ever-present Help in need
Praised by all the heavenly host,
By whose mighty power alone
All is made and wrought and done.*

**Wir glauben auch an Jesum Christ,
Gottes und Marien, Sohn,
Der vom Himmel kommen ist
Und uns führt in's Himmels Thron
Und uns durch sein Blut und Tod
Hat erlöst aus aller Not.**

*We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's Don,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.*

**Wir glauben auch an Heiligen Geist,
Der von beiden gehet aus,
Der uns Trost und Beistand leist
Wider alle Furcht und Graus.
Heilige Dreifaltigkeit,
Sei gepreist zu aller Zeit!**

*We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both fore'er proceeds:
Who upholds and comforts us
In all trials, fears and needs.
Blest and holy Trinity
Praise forever be to Thee! Amen.*

DIE PREDIGT: DIESE TATEN

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SCHLUBVOTUM

EINSAMMLUNG DER OPFERGABEN

DAS KIRCHENGEBET

DAS VATERUNSER

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel. Geheiliget werde dein Name. Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, also auch auf Erden. Unser täglich Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern. Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung. Sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen. Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft, und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen

LIED

♪ "Bis hieher hat mich Gott gebracht" TLH 33

**Bis hieher hat mich Gott gebracht
Durch seine grosse Güte;
Bis hieher hat er Tag und Nacht
Bewahrt Herz und Gemüte;
Bis hieher hat er mich geleit't,
Bis hieher hat er mich erfreut,
Bis hieher mir geholfen**

*The Lord hath helped me hitherto
By His surpassing favor;
His mercies every morn were new,
His kindness did not waver.
God hitherto hath been my Guide,
Hath pleasures hitherto supplied,
And hitherto hath helped me.*

**Hab Lob und Ehre, Preis und Dank
Für die bisher'ge Treue,
Die du, o Gott , mir lebenslang
Bewiesen täglich neue!
In mein Gedächtnis schreib' ich an:
Der Herr hat grosse Ding' getan
An mir und mir geholfen.**

*I praise and thank Thee, Lord, my God,
For thine abundant blessing
Which heretofore Thou hast bestowed
And I am still possessing.
Inscribe this on my memory:
The Lord hath done great things for me
And graciously hath helped me.*

**Hilf ferner auch, mein treuer Hort,
Hilf mir zu allen Stunden!
Hilf mir an all und jedem Ort,
Hilf mir durch Jesu Wunden;
Hilf mir im Leben, Tod und Not
Durch Christi Schmerzen, Blut und Tod:
Hilf mir, wie du geholfen!**

*Help me henceforth, O God of grace,
Help me on each occasion,
Help me in each and every place,
Help me through Jesus' Passion;
Help me in life and death, O God,
Help me through Jesus' dying blood;
Help me as thou hast helped me!*

ANTIPHONE #76

Pastor Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden! Halleluja!
Gemeinde Preiset ihn, alle Völker, Halleluja!

KOLLEKTE

Pastor Wir danken dir, lieber Herre Gott das du auch uns armen Heiden zur Gemeinschaft deines lieben Sohnes berufen hast, und bitten dich, du wollest uns durch deinen heiligen Geist leiten und führen, daß wir in deinem Lichte wandeln und deines lieben Sohnes nimmermehr fehlen, sondern ihn allezeit als aller Heiden Trost finden und ihm dienen mögen: durch Jesus Christus, deinen Lieben Sohn, unsern Herrn

Gemeinde Amen

Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich!
Der Herr lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über dir und sei dir gnädig!
Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich und gebe dir seinen Frieden!

Gemeinde Amen, Amen, Amen

SCHLUSSLIED

♪"Lass mich dein sein und bleiben" TLH 334

**Lass mich dein sein und bleiben,
Du treuer Gott und Herr;
Von dir lass mich nichts treiben,
Halt mich bei reiner Lehr';
Herr, lass mich nur nicht wanken,
Gib mir Beständigkeit!
Dafür will ich dir danken
In alle Ewigkeit.**

*Let me be Thine forever,
Thou faithful God and Lord
Let me forsake Thee never
Nor wander from thy word;
Lord, do not let me waver,
But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever
Thy holy name I'll bless.*

**Herr Jesu Christ, mein Leben,
Mein Heil und ein'ger Trost,
Dir tu' ich mich ergeben,
Du hast mich teu'r erlost
Mit deinem Blutvergiessen,
Mit grossem Weh und Leid;
Lass mich des auch geniessen,
Zu meiner Seligkeit!**

*Lord Jesus, my Salvation,
My Light, my Life divine,
My only Consolation,
O make me wholly thine!
For thou hast dearly bought me
With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me,
Eternal life obtain.*

**O Heil'ger Geist, mein Tröster,
Mein Licht und teures Pfand,
Lass mich Christ, mein'n Erlöser,
Den ich im Glaub'n erkannt,
Bis an mein End' bekennen,
Stärk mich in letzter Not,
Von dir lass mich nichts trennen,
Gib einen sel'gen Tod!**

*And Thou, O Holy Spirit,
My Comforter and Guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit
I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing
Whom I have known by faith.
Give me thy constant blessing
And grant a Christian death.*

Announcements and Greetings

The Postlude

***Wir wünschen Ihnen ein gesegnetes Wendish
Fest und alles Beste von unserm Herrn und
Heiland Jesus Christus.***

Ψschetož tak je Bóh tón swět
lubował, zo wón swojeho
jeničkeho narodženeho Syna
dał je, zo bychu wschitzy, kiž do
njeho wěrja, žhubjeni njebyli, ale
wěczne žiwjenje měli.

Jana 3:16

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt,
dass er seinen eingebornen
Sohn gab, auf dass alle, die an
ihn glauben, nicht verloren
werden, sondern das ewige
Leben haben.

Johannes 3:16

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son that whosoever beliebeth
in him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.

John 3:16