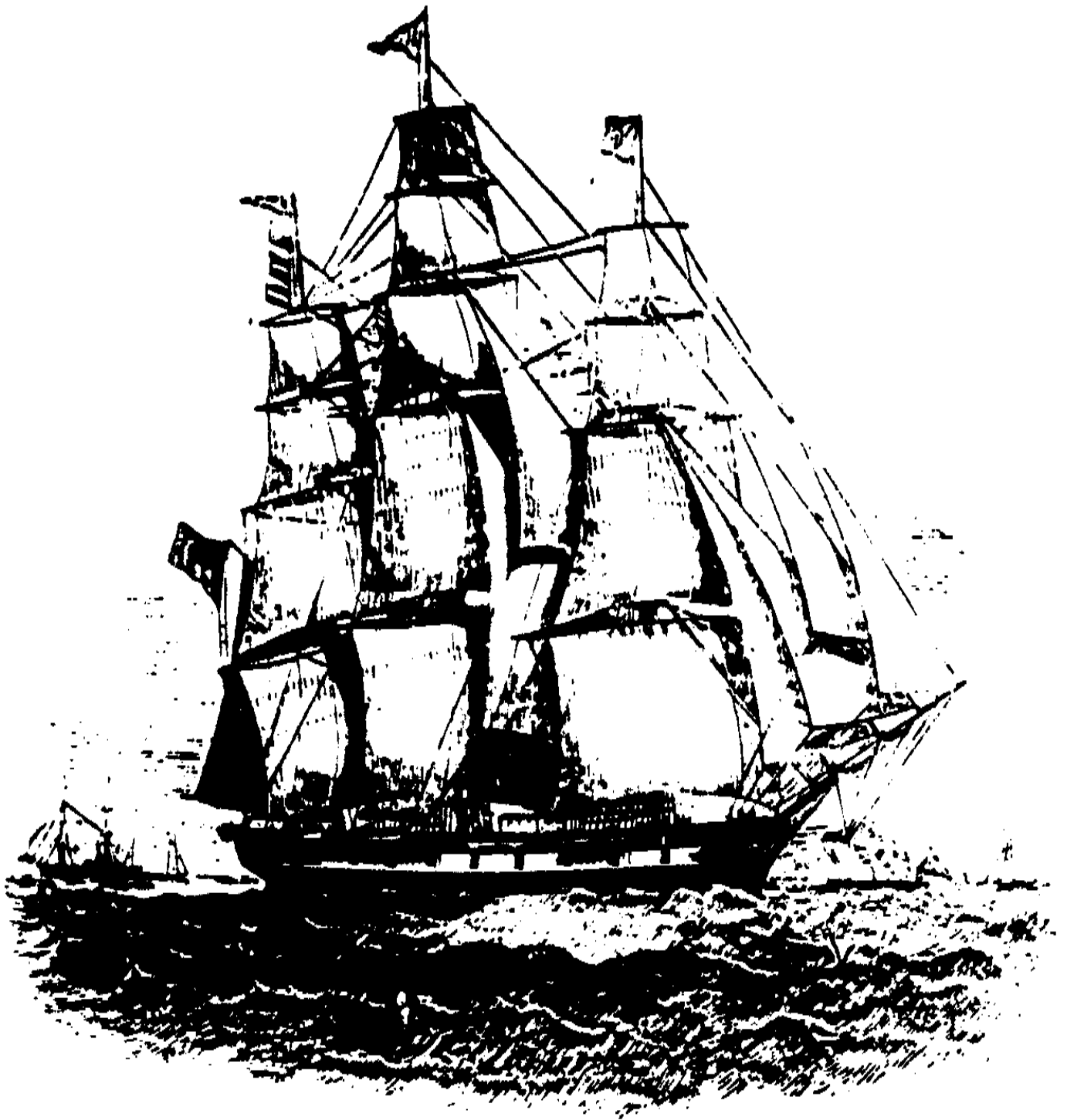


St. Paul Lutheran Church
Serbin, Texas
Wendish Fest Service



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The Order of Morning Service

The twenty-eighth day of September in the year of the Lord 2025

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** Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments. Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.

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.
- O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Amos chapter six beginning with the first verse.

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

The Epistle

P The Epistle is written in the third chapter of 1 Timothy, beginning at verse one.

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

C  **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Gospel

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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: *"You Can Know!"*

Luke 16:19-31

By Reverend Dr. Roland Ziegler

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. Chrstopher 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.

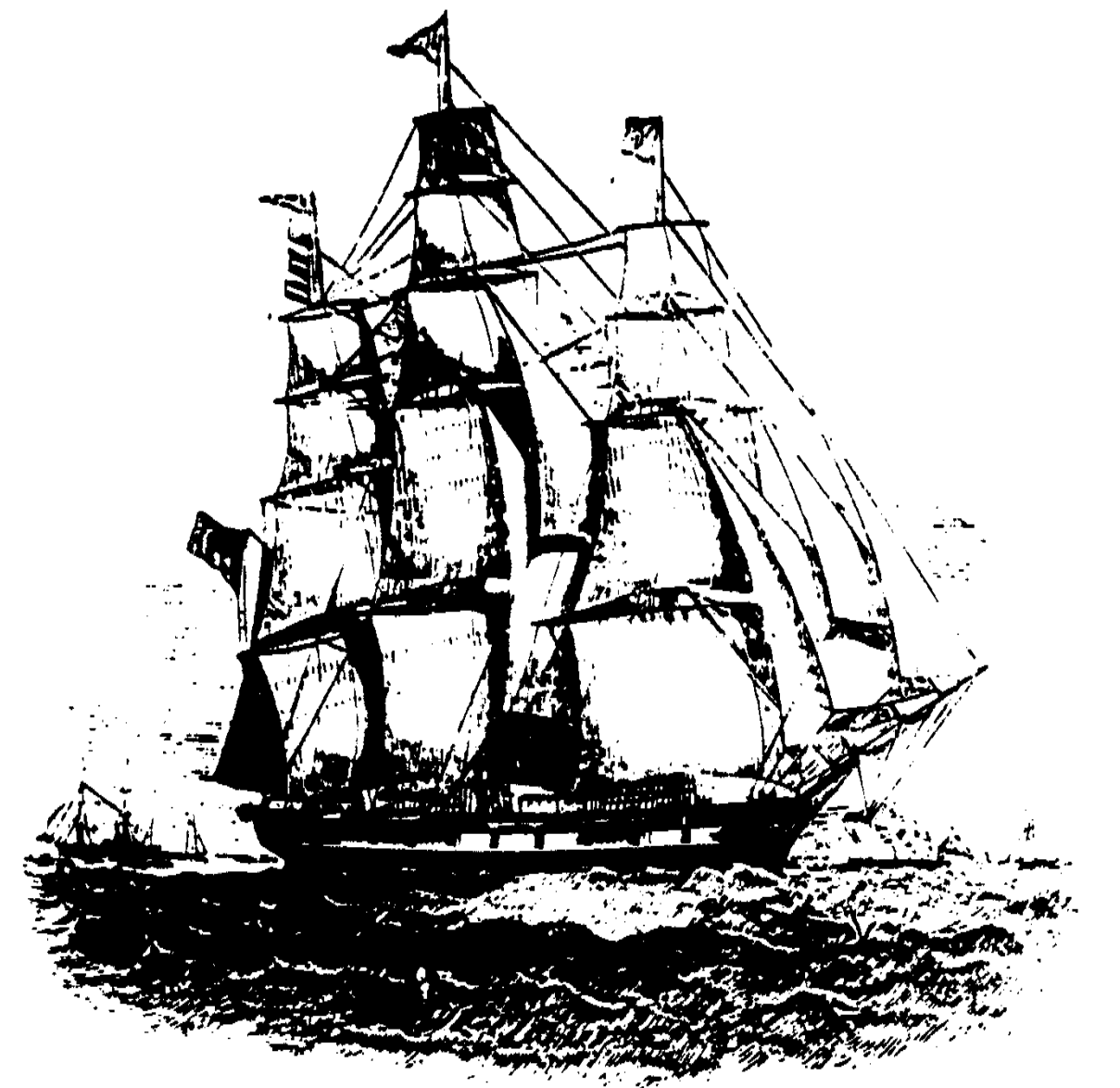
Ahlman and his wife, Deac. Elizabeth C. Ahlman, have four children, and reside in Houston.

Reverend Dr. Roland Ziegler

Roland Ziegler grew up in the hamlet of Abstetterhof, in southwest Germany, in the state of Baden-Württemberg among hills covered by vineyards. After graduating from high school, he studied theology in Tübingen and Erlangen. During his studies, he joined the sister church of the LCMS in Germany, the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK) and graduated from its seminary in Oberursel. During this time he had the opportunity to participate in the exchange program between the seminary in Oberursel and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana and spent a year at CTS Fort Wayne. He worked as a teaching assistant at the seminary in Oberursel and did his vicarage at Holy Cross Church in Berlin. His first call was to St. Mark's Church in Konstanz, at the border to Switzerland.

In 2000, he was called to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to teach Systematic Theology. In Fort Wayne, he met his wife, Anne, a Fort Wayne native.

He serves as the Robert D. Preus Professor of Systematic Theology and Confessional Lutheran Studies and chairman of Systematic Theology.



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GEMEINDE LIED

♫ "Gott is die Liebe"

1. **Gott is die Liebe,
lässt mich erlösen,
Gott is 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 is 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

AMOS 6:1-7

Weh den Stolzen zu Zion und denen, die sich auf den Berg Samarias verlassen, den Vornehmsten des Erstlings unter den Völkern, und zu denen das Haus Israel kommt! Gehet hin gen Kalne und schauet, und von da gen Hamath, die große Stadt, und zieht hinab gen Gath der Philister, welche bessere Königreiche gewesen sind denn diese und ihre Grenze weiter denn eure Grenze. Die ihr euch weit vom bösen Tag achtet und trachtet immer nach Frevelregiment, und schlaft auf elfenbeinernen Lagern und prangt auf euren Ruhebetten; ihr eßt die Lämmer aus der Herde und die gemästeten Kälber, und spielt auf dem Psalter und erdichtet euch Lieder wie David, und trinkt Wein aus den Schalen und salbt euch mit Balsam und bekümmert euch nicht um den Schaden Josephs.

Darum sollen sie nun vornan gehen unter denen, die gefangen weggeführt werden, und soll das Schlemmen der Pranger aufhören.

Pastor DIE EPISTEL

1 TIMOTHEUS 3:1-13

Das ist gewißlich wahr: So jemand ein Bischofsamt begehrt, der begehrt ein köstlich Werk. Es soll aber ein Bischof unsträflich sein, eines Weibes Mann, nüchtern, mäßig, sittig, gastfrei, lehrhaft, nicht ein Weinsäufer, nicht raufen, nicht unehrliche Hantierung treiben, sondern gelinde, nicht zänkisch, nicht geizig, der seinem eigenen Hause wohl vorstehe, der gehorsame Kinder habe mit aller Ehrbarkeit, (so aber jemand seinem eigenen Hause nicht weiß vorzustehen, wie wird er die Gemeinde Gottes versorgen?); Nicht ein Neuling, auf daß er sich nicht aufblase und ins Urteil des Lästereis falle. Er muß aber auch ein gutes Zeugnis haben von denen, die draußen sind, auf daß er nicht falle dem Lästereis in Schmach und Strick. Desgleichen die Diener sollen ehrbar sein, nicht zweizünftig, nicht Weinsäufer, nicht unehrliche Hantierungen treiben; die das Geheimnis des Glaubens in reinem Gewissen haben. Und diese lasse man zuvor versuchen; darnach lasse man sie dienen, wenn sie unsträflich sind. Desgleichen ihre Weiber sollen ehrbar sein, nicht Lästereisinnen, nüchtern, treu in allen Dingen. Die Diener laß einen jeglichen sein eines Weibes Mann, die ihren Kindern wohl vorstehen und ihren eigenen Häusern. Welche aber wohl dienen, die erwerben sich selbst eine gute Stufe und eine große Freudigkeit im Glauben an Christum Jesum.

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 Adellers 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 geregnet!
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.*

Es war aber ein reicher Mann, der kleidete sich mit Purpur und köstlicher Leinwand und lebte alle Tage herrlich und in Freuden. Es war aber ein armer Mann mit Namen Lazarus, der lag vor seiner Tür voller Schwären und begehrte sich zu sättigen von den Brosamen, die von des Reichen Tische fielen; doch kamen die Hunde und leckten ihm seine Schwären. Es begab sich aber, daß der Arme starb und ward getragen von den Engeln in Abrahams Schoß. Der Reiche aber starb auch und ward begraben. Als er nun in der Hölle und in der Qual war, hob er seine Augen auf und sah Abraham von ferne und Lazarus in seinem Schoß. Und er rief und sprach: Vater Abraham, erbarme dich mein und sende Lazarus, daß er die Spitze seines Fingers ins Wasser tauche und kühle meine Zunge; denn ich leide Pein in dieser Flamme. Abraham aber sprach: Gedenke, Sohn, daß du dein Gutes empfangen hast in deinem Leben, und Lazarus dagegen hat Böses empfangen; nun aber wird er getröstet, und du wirst gepeinigt. Und über das alles ist zwischen uns und euch eine große Kluft befestigt, daß die wollten von hinnen hinabfahren zu euch, könnten nicht, und auch nicht von dannen zu uns herüberfahren. Da sprach er: So bitte ich dich, Vater, daß du ihn sendest in meines Vaters Haus; denn ich habe noch fünf Brüder, daß er ihnen bezeuge, auf daß sie nicht auch kommen an diesen Ort der Qual. Abraham sprach zu ihm: Sie haben Mose und die Propheten; laß sie dieselben hören. Er aber sprach: Nein, Vater Abraham! sondern wenn einer von den Toten zu ihnen ginge, so würden sie Buße tun. Er sprach zu ihm: Hören sie Mose und die Propheten nicht, so werden sie auch nicht glauben, wenn jemand von den Toten aufstünde.

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 wirkt, 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: "Du kannst es wissen!"

Lukas 16:19-31

By Reverend Dr. Roland Ziegler

SCHLUßVOTUM**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

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***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
jenicžkeho narodženeho Syna
dał je, zo bychu wschítzy, kíž do
njeho wěrja, žhubjeni njebyli, ale
wěcžne 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