

DAILY DEVOTIONS

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JULY 26 – 28, 2021

LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL, WATERTOWN, WIS.

Here we
STAND

July 27, 2021, 8:15 a.m. | Here We Stand: with Humility

Leader: Mark Luetzow | President, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich.

HYMN

IF GOD HIMSELF BE FOR ME (CW 419:1-4)

See page 4.

RESPONSES

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;

in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Psalm 5:3

We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,

but because of your great mercy.

Daniel 9:18

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalm 90:17

Let me live that I may praise you,

and may your laws sustain me.

Psalm 119:175

MESSAGE

1 Peter 3:15-16

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

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

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

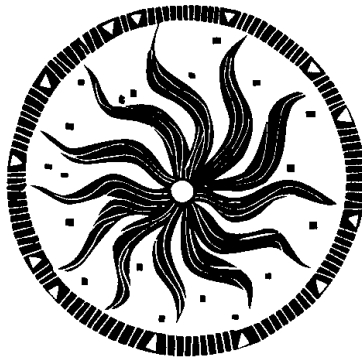
May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

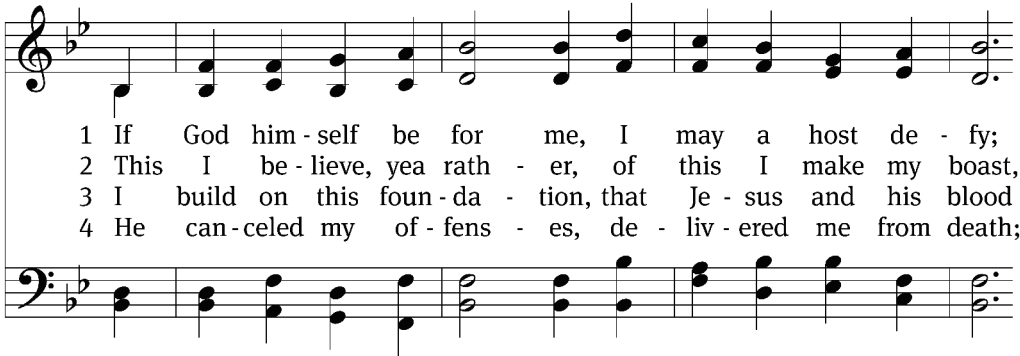
Amen.

HYMN

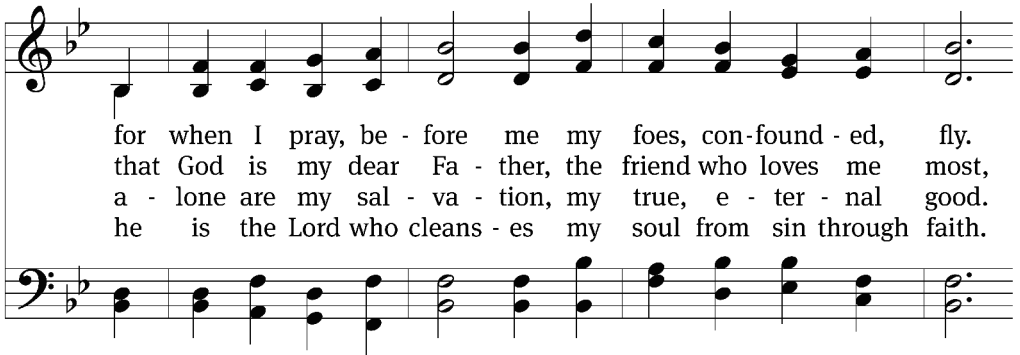
IF GOD HIMSELF BE FOR ME (CW 419:7)

My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of joy and singing, Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

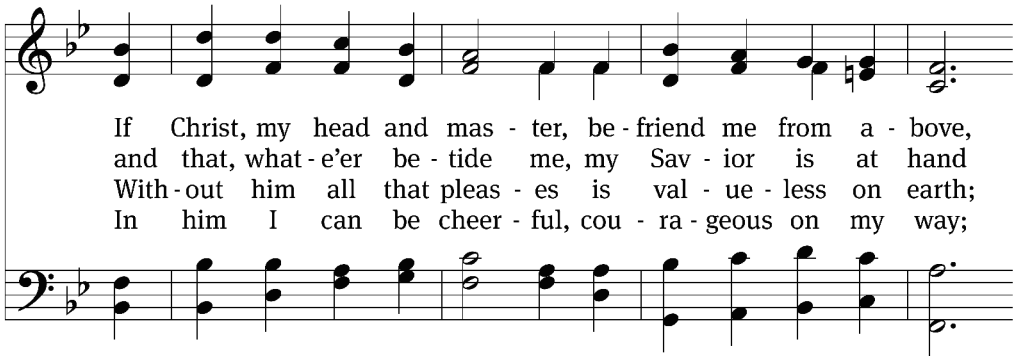




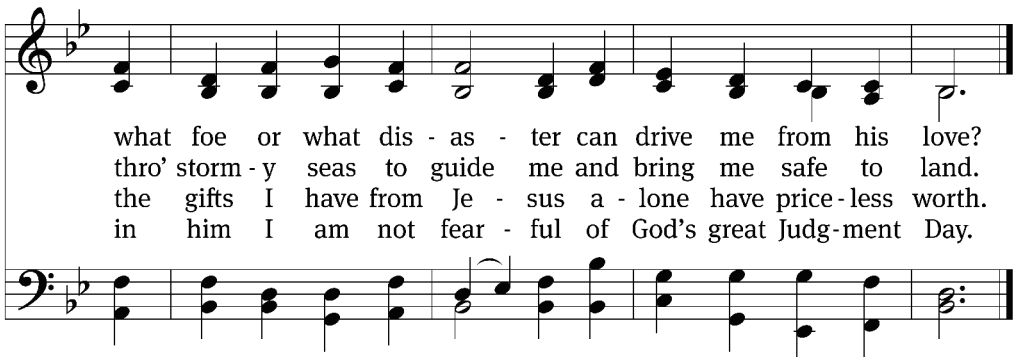
1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
 4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
 that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,
 a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
 he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
 and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand
 With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
 In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
 thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.
 the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.
 in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.

July 28, 2021, 8:00 a.m. | Here We Stand: with Joy

Leader: Matthew Crass | President, Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis.

HYMN

WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK (CW 478)

See page 7.

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

Amen.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

we lie and do not live by the truth.

If we claim to be without sin,

we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:5-8

Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

Silence for personal examination and confession.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1:9

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

1 Peter 1:3-9

PRAYER

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

2 John 3

Amen.



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, praise and ad - o - ra - tion.
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side foes need not a - larm you;
 4 If your task is thus be - gun with the Sav - ior's bless - ing,

For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
 On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; he is your sal - va - tion.
 in his prom - is - es con - fide and no ill can harm you.
 safe - ly then your course will run, naught your soul dis - tress - ing.

Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, and, when day is end - ed,
 Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
 All your trust and hope re - pose in the might - y Mas - ter,
 Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where while you here must wan - der;

in his name then close your eyes; be to him com - mend - ed.
 save you from the tempt - er's might, with his pres - ence cheer you.
 who in wis - dom tru - ly knows how to stem dis - as - ter.
 you at last the joy will share in the man - sions yon - der.

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