



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Homecoming Sunday

September 11, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School**

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*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Grand Dialogue

Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

### WELCOME

### WELCOME HOME

Home is a welcome at the door

**Home is acceptance**

Home is laughter around the table, bread and cup

**Home is remembering promises made in water and spirit**

Home is continuing to see where God is leading

**Home is going there together**

Home is where God dwells

**God dwells in each of us**

**Welcome home.**

## GATHERING HYMN • ELW 834

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## PSALMODY

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the fifttenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, 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 to you, O Christ.**

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## REFLECTION

*Please stand as you are able.*

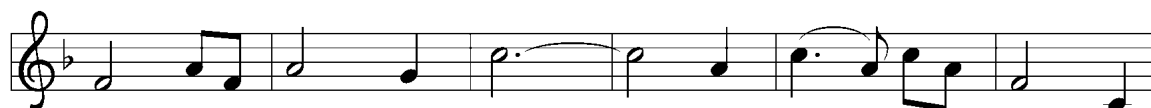
### HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 779

*Amazing Grace*

*Verse 3 will be sung in canon a cappella (no organ); the Congregation starts the canon.*



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Affirmation of Vocations of Christians in the World**

Christian friends, we all are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. Today at the start of the program year let us affirm and reaffirm all we do in the name of Christ.

You at home, in kitchens, living rooms, those at work, and those here in person, who carry out their vocation as a Christian in the world, children, youth, adults, seniors, whether in classrooms, board rooms or caregiving rooms, places in life of so many varieties.

Whatever station in life, will you endeavor to pattern your life and service after our Lord Jesus? Will you hold firm and lift high the message of God's grace in Jesus Christ?

**Yes with God's help.**

## **Installation of 2022-23 Council**

And you who are called to a specific ministry of leadership here at Saint Luke, the 2022-23 Council: You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect the One in whose name we gather. You are called to be diligent in specific areas of serving, that the Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this community of faith.

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the positions to which you have been elected?

*Response: Yes, by the help of God.*

People of God, will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry we have been given in Jesus Christ?

**Yes, be the help of God.**

I declare you installed as officers/council members of this congregation. God bless you as you prove to be faithful servants of Christ.

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (8:45)

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP (11:15)

### INTRODUCTION

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism, and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism, and also join this community of faith.

Brothers and sisters, affirming your baptism, and joining this community of faith, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

We rejoice with all of you today and welcome you also into this faith community. Do you intend to share your gifts, and be active participants in this life of this congregation?

*Response: I do.*

Will you the people of Saint Luke embrace the gifts, needs, sorrows, joys of these people joining this community of faith? Will you share what we have received, the power of prayer, a love for God's word and sacraments, a desire to follow in Christ's ministry?

*Response: We will*

### WELCOME

Let us welcome these brothers and sisters.

**We rejoice this day! We gladly receive you as disciples of this congregation. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

# MEAL

## OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at [saintlukegive.us](http://saintlukegive.us)

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church  
9100 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

## CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

*The Chorister's Prayer*

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks and praise, for in the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please pray in your own preferred language.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga a nosotros tu reino,  
hagase tu voluntad,  
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;  
perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,  
mas libranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder, y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us home to the table.  
Come, taste and see.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup. If you wish gluten free bread, simply let the server know .*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:*  
**Amen.**



LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 782

*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*



- 1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23  
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

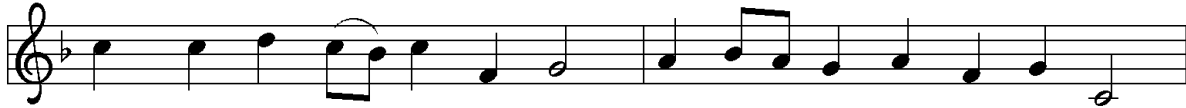
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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God, creator of all things, finding us and holding us from eternity

Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;

Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

bles you now and forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN • ELW 595

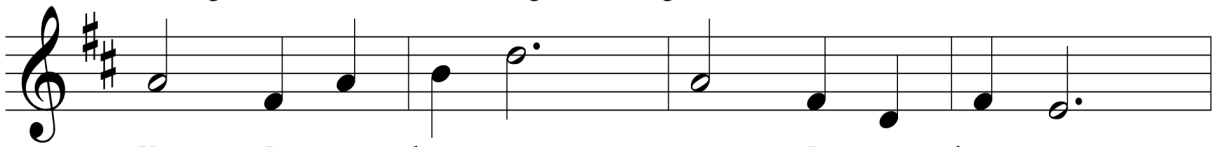
*Jesus Loves Me! (Saint Luke version)*



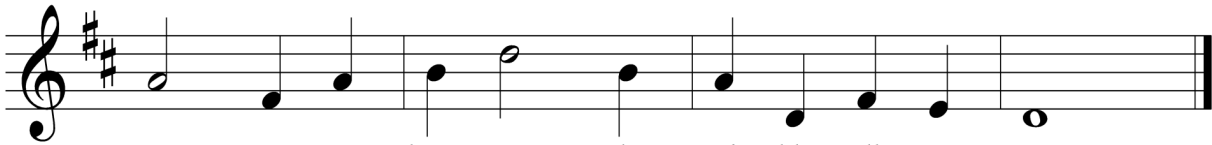
1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! he who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide;
3. Je - sus loves me! still to - day walk - ing with me on my way;



Je - sus said so lov - ing - ly, "Let the chil-dren come to me."  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
want - ing as a friend to give light and life to all who live.



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace,  
with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

### READERS

8:45 Jeff Groen

11:15 Charles Helling

### CRUCIFER

8:45 Jennifer Duin

### MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Choristers and Schola Cantorum (8:45)



THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Stephen, Yoli, Ted and Craig Darnell, and Christine, Jay, Jillian and Jordyn Battle, in celebration and thanksgiving of their parents/grandparents, Tom and Carol Darnell, who celebrated 60 years of marriage this past Thursday, September 8.

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# This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

## SUNDAY, September 11—Homecoming Sunday

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM Reception  
11:15 AM Holy Communion

## MONDAY, September 12

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
6:00 PM Yoga

## TUESDAY, September 13

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
10:00 AM Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)  
1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting  
4:00 PM Properties Committee  
7:00 PM Reformation Bells  
7:00 PM Congregation Council Zoom  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, September 14

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections  
8:00 AM CDS Classes  
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program  
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal  
7:30 PM AA

## THURSDAY, September 15

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
5:30 PM CDS Back to School Parents Night  
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

## FRIDAY, September 16

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
12:00 PM Food Ministry

## SATURDAY, September 17

9:00 AM Quilters  
9:30 AM AA

## SUNDAY, Sept. 18—15th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM Reception  
10:15 AM Forum  
11:15 AM Holy Communion  
3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online

*NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed*

## Upcoming Commemorations

### John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

*Tuesday, September 13, 2022*

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

### Holy Cross Day

*Wednesday, September 14, 2022*

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

### Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

*Friday, September 16, 2022*

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

### Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

*Saturday, September 17, 2022*

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reprovved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

## Saint Luke Update 9/11/2022 Edition

**THE COVID TRANSMISSION RATE in Montgomery County has for now decreased, so now masks are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED indoors at Saint Luke. Thank you for staying safe and well.**

### WELCOME TO ALL: HOMECOMING SUNDAY

We begin a new program year—wonderful!! So glad that we can **worship in person more and more**, and at the same time have available the online opportunity for those who may benefit. We are blessed.

Today we get an introduction to Faith Formation Classes during the 10:00 a.m. hour and at the same time a **reception is available on the patio**—breakfast burritos, apple fritters, muffins of all flavors—enjoy the fellowship!

We **install our Council Members** today and give thanks for their service! We welcome **new members** to Saint Luke at the 11:15 a.m. service.

**Welcome** to Kristen Ross, Alison Boyce, Liam Tait, Blake, Kayley, and Henry Danser, Jacquelyn Krueger, Kay Paide, Sandra Pierce, David Murray, Daneen Warfield, Jonathan, Kate, Maggie and Liam Gordon.

Also from our virtual worshippers we especially celebrate the following as being part regular partners of this community of faith: Phil and Sharon Schroeder (Florida), Jack and Sally Niermann, (Missouri), Bill and Kathy Darling (Texas).

### PRAYER PARTNERS + BRUNCH

Can you spend a few minutes each day lifting up 7-10 individuals or families in prayer? What an amazing ministry to know someone is praying for us. Each day Prayer Partners pray for each member of Saint Luke and so many others. If you can be a Partner, contact Parish Nurse, Director of Caring Ministries, Ruth Manchester at [rmanchester@saintluke.us](mailto:rmanchester@saintluke.us)

And, all Prayer Partners, prospective partners and any interested in hearing about this ministry, come to the **Brunch on Sunday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.** in the Big Top—Upper Parking lot. Thanks to all for your amazing ministry for prayer—don't miss out on the delicious brunch and fellowship. RSVP by Friday, September 23, to [rmanchester@saintluke.us](mailto:rmanchester@saintluke.us) or call the church office, 301-588-4363.

### WICKRE ANNUAL ORGAN CONCERT

The annual Paul and Carrie Memorial Organ concert will feature **Organ and Percussion Duo “Organized Rhythm” on Sunday September 25 at 5:00 p.m.** followed by a reception on the patio. Come enjoy popular music such as Fanfare for the Common Man and Hoe Down of Aaron Copland as well as Danse Macabre of Saint-Saëns and Jupiter from The Planets of Gustav Holst. There will be a free-will offering.

### WELCOME NATALIE UGARTE

When you call the church office you may hear a new voice. Welcome to our new administrative **assistant in the office**, Natalie Ugarte. Natalie began her work at Saint Luke on Tuesday, September 6. We give thanks for her and know you will want to say welcome.

# Today's Music

## HYMN NOTES

### **Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

*Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908*

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever” (I Timothy 1:17) is the basis for this hymn of pure praise. The rollicking anapestic rhythm of the Welsh melody rushes the singer along to the climactic poetic thought of God being invisible only because He is hidden by the splendor of light.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound**

*John Newton, 1725-1807*

Based on King David's review of his kingdom before the Lord (I Chronicles 17:16-17) and entitled “faith's review and expectations,” the text is a personal testimony of a man whose early life on a slave ship was turned around by an “amazing grace” that “saved a wretch like me.” His experience has been duplicated by a host of singers who have been saved the grace of God, and find comfort in singing this hymn.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **My Shepherd, You Supply My Need**

*Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

No psalm has inspired more hymn settings than the 23rd, and Watt's development of the theme of the house of heaven with an inspired conclusion is not found in the psalm itself: “No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.” The text was raised from long neglect by its setting to the famous tune RESIGNATION from the 1835 *Southern Harmony*—a collection of folk hymns collected in the southern Appalachian mountains.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **Jesus Loves Me!**

*Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915*

With good reason Edith Blumhofer says this is the “most popular of all Sunday school hymns.” Written by Warner, it appeared in the novel *Say and Seal* (1860). In that novel an ill young boy named Johnny asks his Sunday school teacher, Mr. Linden, to sing, and he sings this song in four stanzas. The tune was written by William Bradbury for this text and added the refrain. - ELW Hymnal Companion

## MUSIC NOTES

### **Prelude: Grand Dialogue—Louis Marchand (1669-1732)**

The flowering of French organ music from 1660–1740 known as the “classical” period coincided with the reign of Louis XIV and the coming of age of French baroque music. In the works of Louis Marchand we hear an exemplar representation of the style with music that is stylized and refined, rich in the use of ornamentation, and varied in manner and character, taking full advantage of the tonal palette of the French Classical organ. Marchand's Grand Dialogue in C (Versailles, 1696) is a tour of contrasts, exploring the powerful reeds of the Grand jeu, the supple brilliance of the Recit cornet, the dark gravity of the organ's foundation flue pipes in the Fond d'orgue, and the delightful dialogue of various flute mutation and reed solo combinations. The son of a Lyon organist, Marchand was reportedly a child prodigy who eventually became one of the most famous French virtuosos in Europe.—Jonathan Wohlers

### **Choral Anthem : The Chorister's Prayer—Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)**

Forbes L'Estrange writes about this piece: I have known this prayer ever since I was a young chorister in the parish church choir of Bisley and West End in Surrey. The words were printed on the certificate which marked my formal admission to the choir. When the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) commissioned me to set the words to music, I dug out the certificate and recalled how special and significant those chorister years were to me. With my younger sister singing next to me on the soprano line and our foster father Richard opposite us, holding up the bass line, I became familiar with the rituals, prayers and music of Eucharist and Evensong and thus began a life-long love of choral music.—Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

### **Prelude: Toccata—Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)**

The word toccata comes from the Italian word Toccare meaning to touch. This piece, written by French organist and composer Dubois, has 2 sections, A and B. Section A begins at a joyful speed and uses the mixtures and reeds. Then, section B begins in B major using the oboe. And finally, section A repeats and uses the full registration of the organ at the very end of the piece.