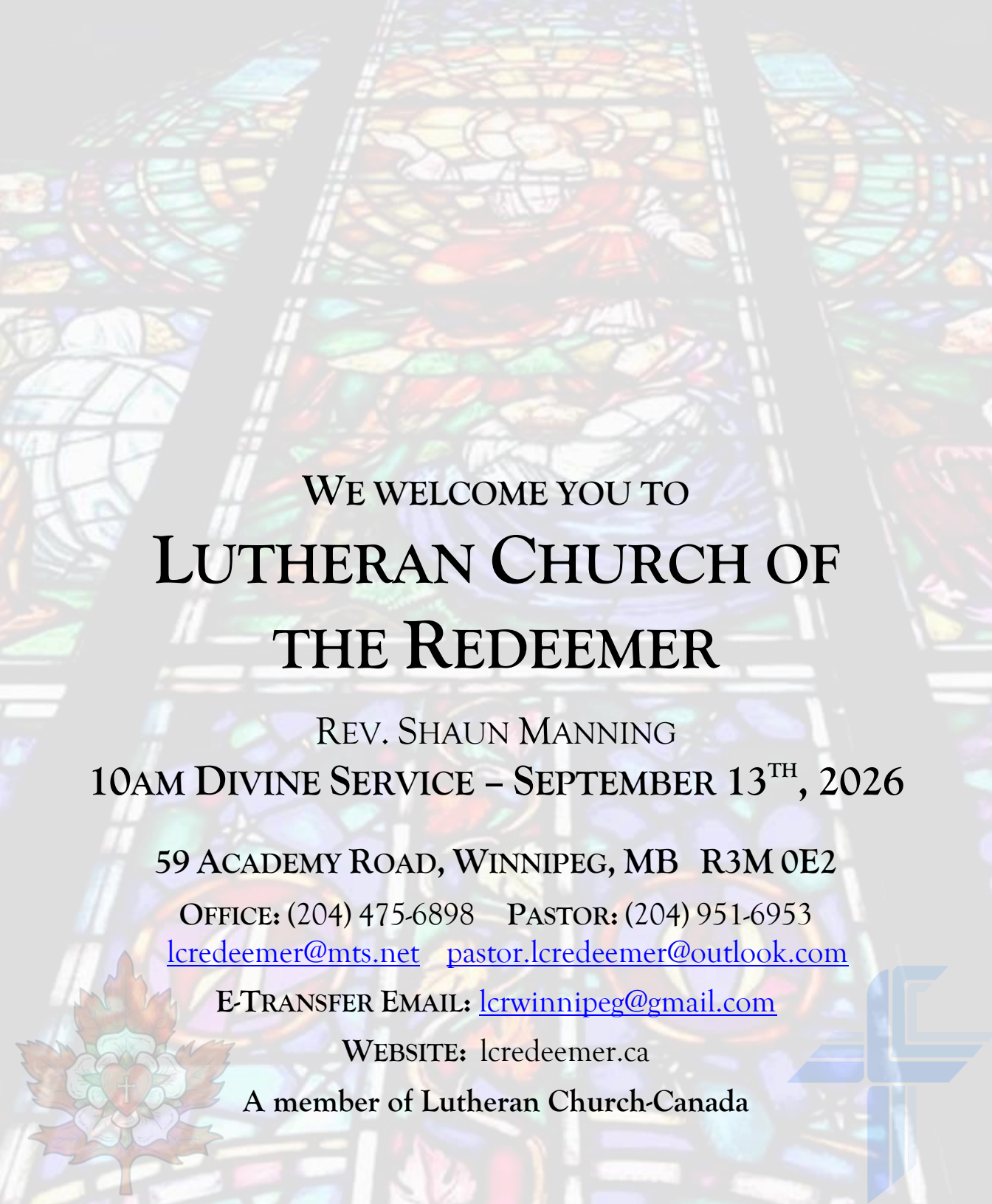




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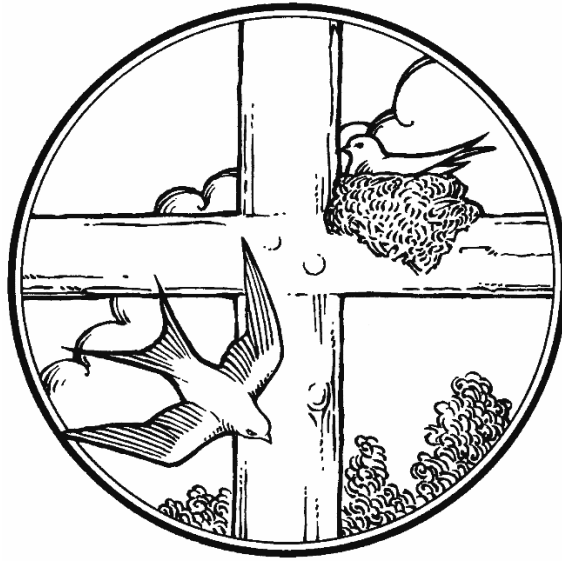
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

“You cannot serve God and money” (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world.

Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Three – (LSB pp 184ff)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

OPENING HYMN –

#725 – Children of the Heavenly Father

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INTROIT – Ps. 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; *antiphon*: Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*

listen to my | plea for grace.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*

turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;

give your strength to your | servant,*

and save the son of your maid- | servant.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY – page 189

OLD TESTAMENT READING – *1 Kings 17:8–16*

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”

¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

GRADUAL

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to | trust in man.

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to trust in | princes.

EPISTLE – *Galatians 5:25–6:10*

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

ALLELUIA – page 190

HOLY GOSPEL – *Matthew 6:24-34*

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you

anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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HYMN OF THE DAY – #758 – The Will of God Is Always Best

SERMON

OFFERTORY – pages 192

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our Shut-ins –

Elwood Kaminsky & Kathy Krahenbil

Also Eileen Wiens and others we know to be in need.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are not a member of Lutheran Church Canada or a sister church, please feel welcome to come up during the Supper to receive a blessing. Indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your heart. If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to the Pastor after the service and express your holy desire.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN –

#745 – In God, My Faithful God

COMMUNION LITURGY – pages 194-198

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION – page 201

CLOSING HYMN –

#878 – Abide with Me

POSTLUDE

REDEEMER REPORTER

BUDGET UPDATE:

The Voters approved a \$280,498 expense budget for 2026. As of [August 31/26](#), revenue from general offerings and rental of our church facilities is \$112,965 leaving us just 4 months to make up this large \$167,533 shortfall. We ask that you continue to prayerfully consider our financial circumstances when making your offerings to the church, and the efforts being undertaken to sustain our church in these difficult financial times. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

DIVINE SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY TIMES:

Our Sunday Service will continue at **10am through to the end of September** with no Bible Study.

Starting Sunday October 4th, every Sunday will be:

10am Bible Study

11am Divine Service

This will continue until late-May 2027.

PRIVATE CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION:

This is offered on Saturday mornings 10am-11am at the church.