

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim & Penny Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Darlene Welsh; Walt & Carolyn Trier; Judy Cope; Cathy Hart

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Bob Spencer and the Spencer family in loving memory of Judy and in joyful hope of the resurrection on the Last Day.

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY between services.

YOUTH GROUP meets TONIGHT beginning with supper at 6:00pm.

MEN'S GROUP & WOMEN'S GROUP will *not* meet in the month of October.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023: do you want them? Not want them? How about a year-end giving statement? Talk to Linda LeFever ASAP!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with church maintenance projects; and a BIG thank you to Mark & Jackie Young for coordinating the efforts!

FLC LIFE TEAM INTEREST MEETING TODAY, October 9, at 11:30am.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for an **important congregational gathering** on **Saturday, October 22**, from 9am – 2pm (lunch & childcare provided!).

TRUNK OR TREAT & potluck supper will be Sunday, October 30.

CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 9 (Trinity 17)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Voters' Meeting 9:00am Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation 11:30am Life Team Interest Meeting (11:30am Choir) 6:00pm Youth Group
Mon. Oct. 10	8:30am Discussion of next Sunday's readings
Wed. Oct. 12	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study (Lg. Catechism) 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Oct. 13	7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis)
Sun. Oct. 16 (Trinity 18)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation 11:30am Choir

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About our Hymn of the Day, *LSB 557* “Seek Where You May”:

Georg Weissel (1590-1635) wrote this text for his own installation in 1623 as pastor of the new church in the Rossgarten section of Königsberg (now Kaliningrad in Russia).

The hymn’s first stanza links the newly built church in Königsberg with the church’s purpose: namely, the salvation of God’s people. The poet begins “Seek where you may” to find salvation, making it clear that only those who build on Christ as their one foundation will find it.

Stanza 2 begins with the same: we may look all around us for salvation, but we will not find it except in Christ, who is not one redemptive foundation among many but is the only one (Matt. 11:3; John 14:6). He is the only unwavering foundation that remains when all others have failed.

Stanza 3 applies faith in Christ to life in this world. With direct and familiar language (“O seek Him first”), the poet delivers the Gospel promise of God’s abundant grace in all times of need (Matt. 6:19-21, 25-34) and overflowing mercy that enables us to live in this life as His forgiven children.

Stanza 4 shifts the address from second to first person, allowing the singers to declare their personal certainty with regard to the world to come, the world inherited through faith in Jesus Christ. It is by the word of the Gospel (in both Word and Sacrament!) that the singers are led in the way of salvation, knowing that even in the face of persecution and death, nothing can sever them from God’s love in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:35-39). In this, the faith is kept and the crown of eternal life is given (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

Drawn from *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns* (CPH, 2019), volume 1, pages 588-589.

*There are abundant connections to find between this hymn and our opening hymn, *LSB 644* “The Church’s One Foundation.” Read them side-by-side and marvel at the richness of our Lord’s gifts—and how they are expressed so beautifully in our Lutheran hymnody!