

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30TH, 2017
DIVINE SERVICE – 9:00 AM



Hope Lutheran Church, LCMS

Rev. Daniel Carlson – Pastor
Deaconess Margaret Anderson - Organist

AT A GLANCE

TODAY'S HYMNS

"I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD – TLH #462"**ERROR! AUTOTEXT ENTRY NOT DEFINED.** OPENING HYMN
"O JESUS KING, MOST WONDERFUL – TLH #361"**ERROR! AUTOTEXT ENTRY NOT DEFINED.** HYMN OF THE DAY
"THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR"**ERROR! AUTOTEXT ENTRY NOT DEFINED.** COMMUNION HYMNS
"GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING"**ERROR! AUTOTEXT ENTRY NOT DEFINED.** CLOSING HYMN

TODAY'S READINGS

Introit.....Ps. 105:2-6

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-9**ERROR! AUTOTEXT ENTRY NOT DEFINED.**

EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:28-39**ERROR! AUTOTEXT ENTRY NOT DEFINED.**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13:44-52**ERROR! AUTOTEXT ENTRY NOT**

TODAY'S THEME

"YOU ARE NOT ALONE"

One of the great ironies of our contemporary world is that people can live in close proximity to one another in large cities and yet feel alone. Surrounded by others, many people experience loneliness. Feeling alone can happen because of a broken relationship, a chronic illness, or the death of someone near and dear. Today's Readings remind us that God is present for us in the midst of our loneliness. "You are a people holy to the Lord your God," we hear in Deuteronomy, "chosen . . . to be a people for His treasured possession." When Paul poses the question in Romans 8, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"—the answer is no one. Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We gather at the altar today to receive Christ's body and blood, and He is present with us when we do so. To a lonely world, and to our lonely times, today's Readings shout, "You are not alone." Jesus is Immanuel, that is, "God with us." And no trouble, distress, violence, or persecution can overcome God's present love for us in Jesus Christ.

SERMON OUTLINE

REV. DANIEL CARLSON

- 1) Who is the priceless treasure and the pearl of costly worth, really?
- 2) If it's Jesus, what can we offer Him that He will accept?
- 3) WE are the priceless treasure and pearl which Christ has given all He has for!

Traditionally, the congregation stands on “doxological” stanzas during hymns. Today, should you see a Δ before a hymn stanza, the Pastor will stand. You are asked to stand as well, in reverence to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE

The prelude is a time for contemplation and silent prayer as you prepare for the Service.

OPENING HYMN

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD – TLH #462

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His mercy, [...] Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

PS. 105:2-6

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

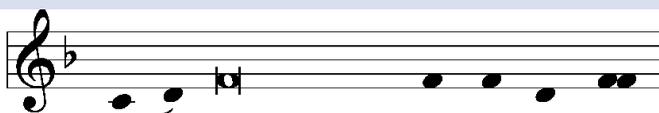
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

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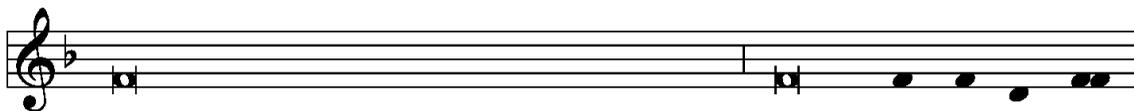
LORD, HAVE MERCY



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



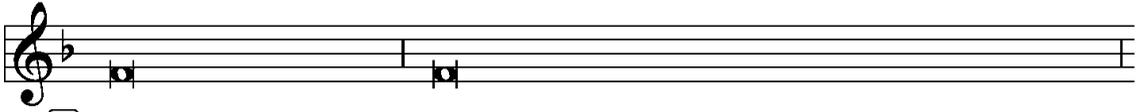
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



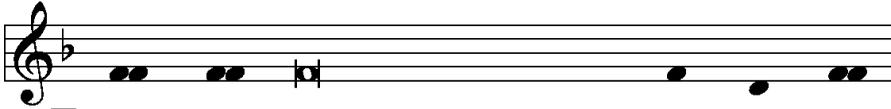
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-9

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:28-39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

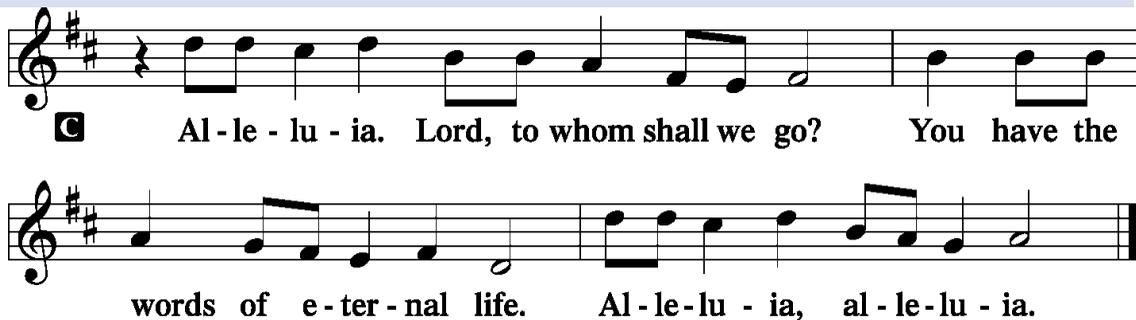
What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING & OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

† THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED AT THIS CONGREGATION IN THE CONFESSION AND GLAD CONFIDENCE THAT, AS HE SAYS, OUR LORD GIVES INTO OUR MOUTHS NOT ONLY BREAD AND WINE BUT HIS VERY BODY AND BLOOD TO EAT AND TO DRINK FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNION WITH HIM AND WITH ONE ANOTHER. OUR LORD INVITES TO HIS TABLE THOSE WHO TRUST HIS WORDS, REPENT OF ALL SIN, AND SET ASIDE ANY REFUSAL TO FORGIVE AND LOVE AS HE FORGIVES AND LOVES US, THAT THEY MAY SHOW FORTH HIS DEATH UNTIL HE COMES.

BECAUSE THOSE WHO EAT AND DRINK OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD UNWORTHILY DO SO TO THEIR GREAT HARM AND BECAUSE HOLY COMMUNION IS A CONFESSION OF THE FAITH WHICH IS CONFESSED AT THIS ALTAR, ANY WHO ARE NOT YET INSTRUCTED, IN DOUBT, OR WHO HOLD A CONFESSION DIFFERING FROM THAT OF THIS CONGREGATION AND THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD, AND YET DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT, ARE ASKED FIRST TO SPEAK WITH A PASTOR.

FOR FURTHER STUDY, SEE MATTHEW 5:23F.; 10:32F.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 COR. 11:17-34.

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



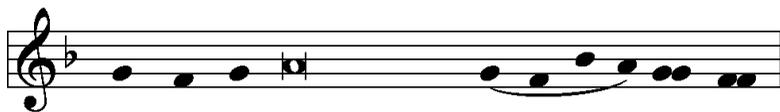
C And also with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



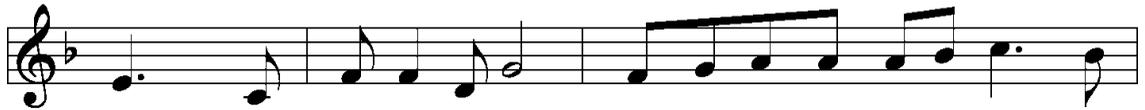
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



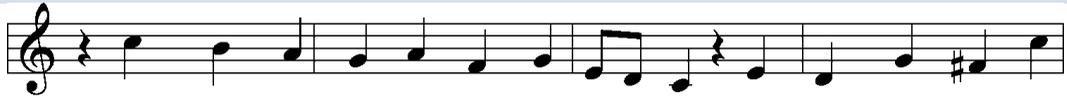
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN

THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and
3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who
4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me
5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -
Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -
jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
of my cheer; For He who is of death the
Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es

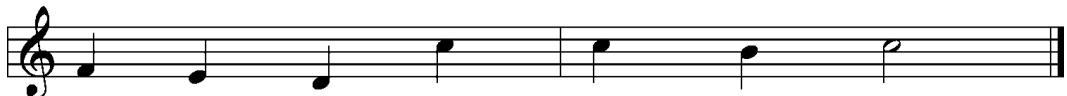


ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, [...] who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICTION



C A - men.



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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 Rev. Dr. Arthur Porter – Head Elder
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Saturday Bible Study: Saturdays at 9:00am

Divine Service: Sundays at 9:00am
Sunday School: Sundays at 10:20am

SERVING HOPE THIS WEEK...

Lector: Greg Weiland
Ushers: Greg Weiland and Robby Trione
Altar Care: Peg Weiland
Altar Flowers: Rita Minor
Birthday Cake: Pastor Carlson

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

July 22 AM Class	3
July 23, 2017	
Children/Youth SS	3
Divine Service	21
Offering	\$ 1560.00
Needed Weekly for budget	\$ 919.00
Surplus/Shortfall	+\$ 641.00

BIBLE STUDY

Saturday Morning Bible Study has resumed. If it's been a while since you've attended, you are invited and encouraged to make this hour a part of your routine. Bible Study is an important part of your Christian walk and studying with your pastor and fellow members strengthens the bonds of unity and peace we share.

OUTREACH WORKSHOP 101

INTRO TO LUTHERAN OUTREACH & PLANNING

Your congregation can reach people in the harvest and see your church grow with new people coming to faith!



Evangelism can be scary. Outreach on the other hand is fun, effective, simple, practical, and doable!

Following what you learn in this workshop, your congregation can reach people in the community and grow!

What Is This?

In this Workshop you and your congregation will learn how to begin putting a plan in place to reach people *in **fun, effective, simple, practical, and doable*** ways and see people come to Faith, Baptism, and Discipleship in your local congregation. Our Southern District Mission Executive, Pastor Eric Johnson, draws on his experience as a church planter to show you how his church plants reached people in the community resulting in 125 adult and 167 children baptized into Christ and His church over a 3 year period.

Who Is This For?

Every member of the congregation. The Workshop is for extroverts who love to talk to people, and introverts who don't like talking to people. You will learn how every member can be part of the outreach ministry.

The Details:

When: Saturday August 19th, 9am till 1pm with a “working” lunch.

Where: Hope Lutheran Church – 4800 Montevallo Rd, Birmingham

RSVP: Please RSVP with the church office or email pastor@hopebham.org

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KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE COMING REFORMATION FESTIVITIES
THROUGHOUT BIRMINGHAM!

Hope will host a Lutheran Hymn Festival on October 14th at 3:00pm. The Festival will be at Hope or First.

Vestavia is sponsoring the mass Reformation Service in early November, being held at Samford's Beeson Divinity School chapel.

There may be other events scheduled throughout the rest of this, the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.



WHEN TO CALL YOUR PASTOR

In order for the pastor to better serve you, please contact pastor. . .

Before going into/**When** leaving the hospital.

(The hospitals will no longer notify the pastor.)

When a baby is born. **Arrange** for Baptism.

When private communion is desired.

When there is a death in the family.

(DO NOT schedule with the Funeral Home until you first speak to the pastor!)

When you have a prayer request.

When you desire private counsel. **When** in a crisis.

When you desire a home visit.

Before entering armed services. **When** you are deployed.

When you have change of record information.

(Birth, Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding, Transfer, address, phone, etc.)

Pastor's Cell: ___218-499-9024_____

Church/Pastor's Office: ___205-956-1930_____

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Judith Petersen
Delores Fry
Florence Huggins
Sandi Minor
Diane Golchert
Stu & Ann Swindle
Hank Hollis
Shelly Trione

David Kinkle
Sophie Nadler
Ellen Russell
Rev. Perry McCullam
Wayne Prewitt
Bob Howell

BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Mgeni	7/4
Daniel Carlson	7/18
Robby Trione	7/27

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Sam Trione	7/14
Daniel Carlson	7/19

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 5th, 9:00am

Bible Study (Ephesians)

Saturday, August 5th, 10:30am

Council Meeting

Saturday, August 19th, 9:00am

Outreach Workshop

Saturday, September 16th, 11:30am

Congregational Vision Meeting

Please be sure to look at the current prayer list, and if there are any changes, let Pastor Dan know RIGHT AWAY (on paper or via email; word of mouth will likely be forgotten)

Check around your pew and make sure you've picked up your hymnals and bibles and returned them to the book racks. Also, if you see any old paper, bulletins, or garbage, please pick it up and throw it away. Thank you.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field' (Matt. 13:44). The field is dirty in contrast to the treasure; while the one is trodden underfoot, the other is picked up. And yet the field hides the treasure. So also 'our life is hid with Christ in God' (Col. 3:3), that is, in the negation of all things which can be felt, held, and comprehended by our reason." LW 25:383