
HYMNS

OPENING HYMN	TLH #321 - <i>O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee</i>
HYMN (after the Creed)	TLH #324 - <i>Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (st. 1-4)</i>
HYMN (after General Prayer)	TLH #324 - <i>Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (st. 5-8)</i>
DISTRIBUTION HYMN	TLH #315 - <i>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>

Epistle: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

from the Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration: Article V

The term *repentance* is not used in the Holy Scriptures in one and the same sense. In some passages of Holy Scripture it is used and taken to mean a person's entire conversion. For example, "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). And, "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:7). But in this passage (Mark 1:15) and elsewhere, when repentance and faith in Christ (Acts 20:21), or repentance and forgiveness of sins (Luke 24:46-47), are mentioned as distinct, *to repent* means nothing other than to truly acknowledge sins, to be heartily sorry for them, and to stop doing them. This knowledge comes from the Law. It is not enough for saving conversion to God if faith in Christ is not added. The comforting preaching of the Holy Gospel offers His merits to all penitent sinners who are terrified by the preaching of the Law. The Gospel proclaims the forgiveness of sins, not to coarse and self-secure hearts, but to the bruised or penitent (Luke 4:18). The preaching of the Gospel must be added so that the repentance may lead to salvation and not to the Law's contrition or terrors (2 Corinthians 7:10).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

June 27 Estera W.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- TODAY - Happy Father's Day!
- Mon., June 22 - Council breakfast, 8:30 AM @Ranchway
- Wed., June 24 - Vespers, 6:30 PM
- Sun., June 28 - Bible class, 9 AM; Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Trinity 4)
- Wed., July 1 - Vespers, 6:30 PM
- Sun., July 5 - Catechism Recitation, 10:15 AM (***no Bible class, no Divine Service***)