

Pastor's Bible Study

July 31, 2024 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

LSB 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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Read Exodus 16:2-15:

1. What stands out to you with Israel's grumbling?
2. How long had it been since Israel left Egypt (see Ex. 13:4 & 16:1)?
3. With the manna, for what kind of pattern is the Lord preparing Israel (see Ex. 20:8-11)?
4. "Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord," how does Moses' statement to Israel strike you? (Helpful? Relatable? Shocking? Other?)
5. God hears and answers Israel's grumbling, what do His actions tell you about Him?

Read Mark 6:22-35:

1. What had taken place just prior to this reading?
2. How do Jesus' words strike you, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you?"
3. According to Jesus, what is the work of God?
4. How does Jesus use our Exodus reading in this conversation?
5. As the Bread of Life, Jesus promises that hunger and thirst will be no more, do His words remind you of other Bible passages (see Rev. 7:16)?

Read Ephesians 4:1-16:

1. What popular hymn in our hymnbook uses verses 4-6 (see LSB 644, stz. 2)?
2. What goal does Paul describe and depict in these verses?

Devotional Thought:

Paul highlights the gifts of Christ that make us His Body; as one Body, we are protected from the dangers of our times. Modern individualism and consumerism make it easy to treat the Church as "all about me." Thanks be to God, the Church is all about Jesus, who provides for our salvation and edification (Adapted from the Lutheran Study Bible, 2023).

Prayer:

Lord, bind us together by the truth proclaimed by Your faithful ministers. Amen