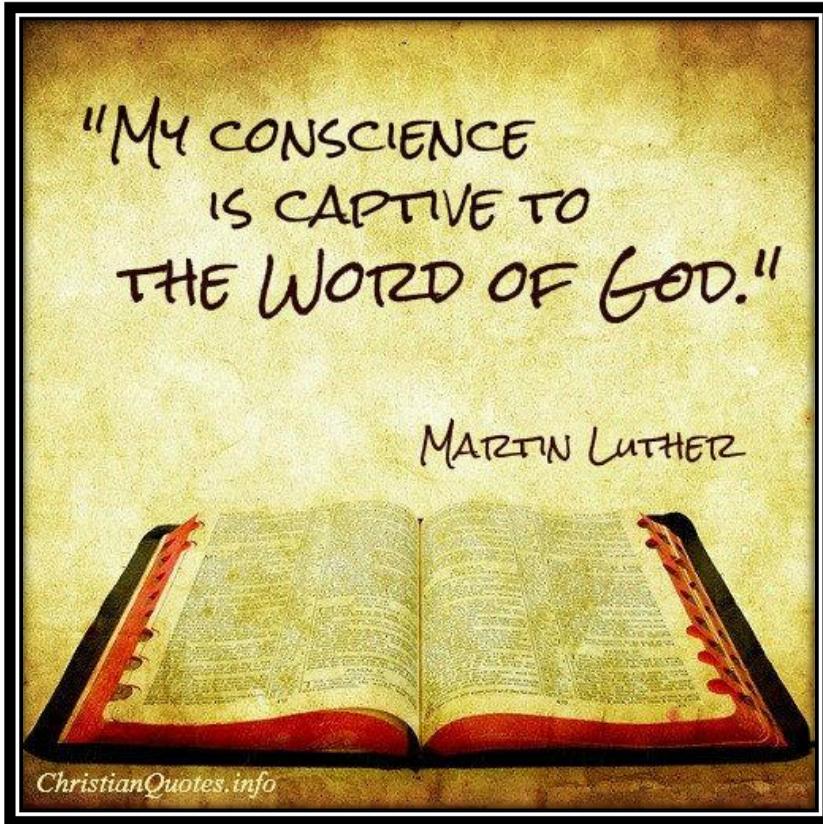


Taizé



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We Gather to Pray

The faithful of Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcome you to this ecumenical gathering of Christians. We come together to spend time with our Lord in prayer to ask for peace and healing during a global pandemic, for our family and friends, and for our nation under great societal unrest.

To prepare at home tonight, we encourage you to be in a comfortable, quiet, place with this worship aid and an unlit candle nearby. We will light our candles during the silent meditation following the Gospel reading. We invite you to turn up the volume on your listening device and participate in the singing and the praying of the prayers.

About Taizé

Taizé is one of the first ecumenical and international monastic orders in the world. The community is located in Taizé, France which was founded in 1940 by a young, Protestant, Swiss seminary student, Roger Schütz, as a place of hospitality and reconciliation for refugees seeking sanctuary during World War II. Today, the community is composed of more than 100 brothers from both Protestant and Catholic traditions who originate from 30 countries around the world. Taizé Prayer Pilgrimages and Intercontinental Meetings around the globe bring together thousands of young people and adults in an effort to discern God's purpose for their lives and become the prayerful, reconciled presence of Christ wherever they live.

Taizé's mission is to bring peace and community to the world by healing the divisions between Christians of different denominations and within the human family. The worship of Taizé is marked by depth and simplicity, consisting of mostly singing simple, repetitive meditative chants composed and published by the brothers along with significant periods of silent meditation. For more information, please visit the community's website:

www.taize.fr



A Taizé Gathering is a time of Prayer & Renewal

Three times a day, everything on the hill of Taizé stops: the work, the Bible studies, the discussions. The bells call everyone to pray and sing together with the brothers of the community. Scripture is read in several languages. In the middle of each common prayer, there is a long period of silence, a unique moment for meeting with God. Brother Roger was always concerned that nothing in prayer should appear inaccessible—nothing too long or too complicated. For those new to this unique form of musical prayer, we offer a few notes of introduction from the Taizé Community service leaflet, Taizé, France:

- ***Chant & Refrains:*** Each chant/refrain is repeated many times over in English; with time, you may find a mantra effect to this repetition. Many who attend Taizé regularly, can attest that once a chant is learned and becomes familiar, a space opens up within for the meeting of the soul and the Spirit.
- ***Cantors:*** While the congregation sings, a cantor may sing a descant (an independent treble melody usually sung or played above a basic melody) over the congregation. Please continue to sing the chant while the cantor sings a prayer for us all. Feel free to sing in parts at any time.
- ***Prayers:*** The large cross icon, placed at the front of the church, is a copy of the one painted by Brother Eric of the Taizé community used in their daily services. It might serve as a focus for your prayer or meditation.

Gathering Song

Sing to the Lord / Lobe den Herrn

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let
Lo - be den Herrn, mei - ne See - le, und

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5), followed by a half note (D5), a quarter note (E5), and a quarter note (F#5). The bass line consists of a steady accompaniment of quarter notes: F#2, A2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, A3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, A4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, A5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, A6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, A7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, A8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, A9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, A10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, A11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, A12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, A13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, A14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, A15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, A16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, A17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, A18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, A19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, A20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, A21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, A22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, A23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, A24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, A25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, A26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, A27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, A28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, A29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, A30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, A31, C32, D32, E32, F#32, A32, C33, D33, E33, F#33, A33, C34, D34, E34, F#34, A34, C35, D35, E35, F#35, A35, C36, D36, E36, F#36, A36, C37, D37, E37, F#37, A37, C38, D38, E38, F#38, A38, C39, D39, E39, F#39, 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❖ Psalm 119:33-40

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

**All: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

**All: Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!**

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

**All: Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.**

Leader: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.

**All: Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!**

❖ Sung Response

Lord, to Whom Shall We Go? / ¿A quién iremos, Señor?

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are some dashed lines under the first few notes of both staves, possibly indicating a specific performance technique or a correction. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of e-ter-nal life.
¿A quién i - re - mos, Se - ñor? De vi-da e - ter - na tus di-chos son.

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❖ The Word: Luke 9:57-62

As Jesus and his disciples were proceeding

on their journey, someone said to him,

“I will follow you wherever you go.”

Jesus answered him,

“Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests,
but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.”

And to another he said, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, let me go first and bury my father.”

But he answered him, “Let the dead bury their dead.

But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.”

And another said, “I will follow you, Lord,

but first let me say farewell to my family at home.”

Jesus answered him, “No one who sets a hand to the plow

and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.”

❖ **Silent Prayer – Candle Lighting**

At this time, please light your candle. During the instrumental music, you may choose to pray silently or reflect upon the meditation and personal reflection questions below and on page 9.

❖ **Silent Meditation**

It is not complicated to lead the spiritual life. But it is difficult. We are blind and subject to a thousand illusions. We must expect to be making mistakes all the time. We must be content to fail repeatedly and to begin again to try to deny ourselves for the love of God.

It is when we are angry at our own mistakes that we tend most of all to deny ourselves for love of ourselves. We want to shake off the hateful thing that has humbled us. In our rush to escape the humiliation of our mistakes, we run headfirst into the opposite error, seeking comfort and compensation. And so we spend our lives running back and forth from one attachment to another.

If that is all our self-denial amounts to, our mistakes will never help us.

The thing to do, when you have made a mistake, is not to give up doing what you were doing and starting something altogether new, but to start over again with the thing you began badly and try, for the love of God, to do it well.

Thomas Merton, *Journals*, October 7, 1949

Thomas Merton (1915–1968) was a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani. He is widely esteemed as a writer and spiritual master.

❖ **Personal Reflection Questions – *Instrumental music continues***

- What past errors have I made for which I haven't forgiven myself yet and need to ask God's help in doing so?
- Do I tend to give up on projects, tasks, programs, relationships, prayer, and the vast new ways of doing things these days, because I feel I've failed at them?
- Can I, trusting in God's love for me, begin again?

Human beings are sometimes severe. God, for His part, comes to clothe us in compassion. He weaves our lives, like a beautiful garment, with the threads of His forgiveness. He buries our past in the heart of Christ and He has already taken care of our future.

– Brother Roger Shütz, founder of the Taizé Community

❖ Prayers of Intercession

I Am Sure I Shall See

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the". The second system is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the". The third system is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord." Both the melody and bass line in the third system end with a double bar line and repeat dots, with the instruction "Last time" above the staff.

I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the

land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the

good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord.

Leader: For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace.

All Sing: I Am Sure I Shall See...

Leader: For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of color, language or culture, and respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence and racism. May we protect all those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

All Sing: **I Am Sure I Shall See...**

Leader: For the wisdom to receive the stories and experiences of those different from ourselves and to respond with respect. May there be healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism and for those suffering with COVID-19 or caring for someone who is.

All Sing: **I Am Sure I Shall See...**

Leader: For the strength to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behavior. May we also find the courage to have difficult conversations about racism, and for a better appreciation of how our words and actions – or even our silence – can impact our communities.

All Sing: **I Am Sure I Shall See...**

Leader: For our faith community, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our worship, our ministries, and our leaders. May we cultivate welcome, extend hospitality, and encourage the participation of people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds.

All Sing: **I Am Sure I Shall See...**

Leader: For the protection of all police and first responders who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety; for fair and just policing that will promote peace and wellbeing in all our neighborhoods and for our public officials, that they will strive to work for fair education, adequate housing, and equal opportunities for employment for all.

All Sing: **I Am Sure I Shall See...**

❖ **Silent & Spoken Prayers**

Please feel free to add your silent or spoken petitions at home.

❖ **Sung Response:**

WE GIVE YOU THANKS

David Haas

We give you thanks, we give you thanks
for the grace to re-ceive, in you we be -
lieve. We give you thanks, we
give you thanks. With faith and hope and
love, we give you thanks.

❖ The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together the prayer which Jesus taught us in the way it was taught to each of us. Our Father...

Leader: Jesus our peace, obtain for us the greatest of joys: to have one mind, one love, one soul, and to remember that the Kingdom of God resides within each of us.
Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

You may now extinguish your candles.

Community Outreach

Thank you for sharing in prayer with us this evening. Our next scheduled Wednesday Taizé will be at 7 PM on October 21 (in the sanctuary hopefully!). We will post a reminder about our October service on our website ourlutheranchurch.org and Facebook page: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Export, PA to let you know if we'll be providing only a virtual gathering or both virtual and in-person gathering next month.

We'd like to invite you to attend our 10:15 AM Sunday In-Sanctuary and Audio Worship services led by Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman every week. We began worshipping together safely in the sanctuary on September 27. Our Sunday Audio worship services may be accessed from any phone by calling (712)770-5505 then 234426#.

Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman, the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council, accompanist Dr. John Salveson, Director of Music and Organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, PA along with the beautiful voices of our Taizé ensemble.

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See you on October 21, hopefully in the Sanctuary!
May God bless you and keep you safe!