

## Isaiah 55:6-11

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> “For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

## Romans 10:5-17

<sup>5</sup>For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) <sup>7</sup>or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup>that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup>For

“whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup>And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

<sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” <sup>17</sup>So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

## St. John 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>“You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>“If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup>“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup>“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup>“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

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Festival of Martin Luther

79. O God, May We E'er Pure Retain

Herr Gott, erhalt uns für und für  
Ludwig Helmbold, 1594  
Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

Herr Jesu Christ, mein's  
"Hymnodus Sacer"  
Leipzig, 1625

1. O God, may we e'er pure re - tain  
2. That we Thy ho - ly Law may know  
3. That we may on - our Fa - ther call,  
4. That if one fall, he rise a - gain,

The cat - e - chis - mal doc - trine plain,  
And mourn our sin and all its woe,  
Who can and will give help to all,  
And hast - en par - don to ob - tain,

As Lu - ther taught the heav'n - ly truth  
And yet be - lieve in Fa - ther, Son,  
And, washed with wat - er by the Word,  
Re - ceive the Sac - ra - ment in faith,

In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.  
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in one.  
Walk ev - er worth - y of our Lord.  
A - men. Lord, grant a hap - py death. A - men.