

“COME TO ME,
ALL YOU WHO ARE
weary and burdened
AND
I WILL GIVE YOU REST.”

Matthew 11:28, NIV

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As We Gather

Rest is elusive; as each day ends, we must confess with Paul in today's Epistle "to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find." In our tiredness, the mirror shows that we are wretched indeed. But Zechariah wrote of a day when the battle would be over, thanks to a coming king, who would set the prisoners free. His description points us to Jesus on Palm Sunday; His death and resurrection have set us free from our bondage to sin. His compassion for us shows in His prayer of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father. In our Savior, we find the rest we need each day. Compared to the failing struggle we engage in daily, His yoke is easy, His burden is light. As David wrote in the psalm, "The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down." He gives rest for the soul!

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

9 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Zechariah 9:9

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

P Behold, your King is coming to you;

C He is just and having salvation.

Confession and Absolution

Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24

P By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

P Merciful God,

C I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

P Jesus said, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul! As a called servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

P O Lord,

C have mercy on us.

P O Christ,

C have mercy on us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.



Hymn of Praise

742 (1, 3) – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en;
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us;
To His feet your tri - bute bring;
Well our fee - ble frame He knows;
Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
In His hand He gen - tly bears us,
Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the

chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.’ ¹¹ “As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to the stronghold, You prisoners of hope. Even today I declare That I will restore double to you.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 145:1-14

- P** I will extol You, my God, O King;
- C** **And I will bless Your name forever and ever.**
- P** Every day I will bless You,
- C** **And I will praise Your name forever and ever.**
- P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
- C** **And His greatness is unsearchable.**
- P** One generation shall praise Your works to another,
- C** **And shall declare Your mighty acts.**
- P** I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
- C** **And on Your wondrous works.**
- P** Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,
- C** **And I will declare Your greatness.**
- P** They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,
- C** **And shall sing of Your righteousness.**
- P** The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
- C** **Slow to anger and great in mercy.**
- P** The LORD is good to all,
- C** **And His tender mercies are over all His works.**
- P** All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,
- C** **And Your saints shall bless You.**
- P** They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom,
- C** **And talk of Your power,**
- P** To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,
- C** **And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.**
- P** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
- C** **And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**
- P** The LORD upholds all who fall,
- C** **And raises up all who are bowed down.**

Second Reading

Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶ If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. ¹⁷ But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn

276 – Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Sermon Text

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."



Sermon

The Lord Who Gives Rest

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

Hymn

277 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Offering

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As
e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou
Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

50 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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✠ Announcements ✠

| Upcoming Schedule | | |
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| July 9 | 8:00 am | Divine Service (Orlando) |
| | 10:15 am | Divine Service (Winter Haven) |
| July 10-14 | 9 am – 11:30 am | Vacation Bible School |
| July 16 | 9:15 am | Bible Class |
| | 10:15 am | Divine Service |
| | 11:15 am | Elders' Meeting |
| July 23 | 8:00 am | Divine Service (Orlando) |
| | 10:15 am | Divine Service (Winter Haven) |

Man Up! Weekend: The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

CLC News: Levi Schaller has accepted the call from Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley to be Part-Time Kindergarten teacher in their school. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Saginaw, MI has called Mrs. Loretta Leinberger to be its Pre-K teacher, as well as Kindergarten assistant. Loretta is a member of Gethsemane. <> Missionary Peter Evensen has received the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.

| Fruits of Faith | July 2, 2023 | WH: 42 |
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| Immanuel Home | | \$2,057.25 |
| Property Improvement | | \$100.00 |
| Tuition Grant | | \$50.00 |
| Spokesman/Daily Rest | | \$29.00 |
| Total | | \$2,238.25 |

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

July 10 – July 15

Monday: Luke 9:18-22 – It is of the highest importance that Jesus' disciples know that He is the long-promised Christ (Messiah). But they are not yet ready to go out and proclaim this news until He has finished His redemptive work and they understand what kind of salvation He brings.

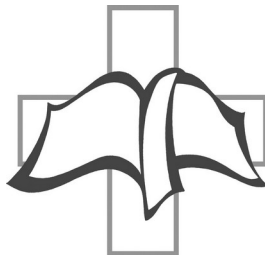
Tuesday: Luke 9:23-26 – As suffering lay ahead on the path that Jesus walked, so would it also lie on the path of His disciples. But the prize which He wins for humanity is more glorious than all the wealth and honor of the world. So who would give up his eyesight to gain the most beautiful painting in the world?

Wednesday: Acts 5:34-42 – The apostles are on trial for teaching that Jesus is the risen Christ from God. The renowned wise man of the Pharisees counsels a “wait and see” strategy, and the apostles are released, but not without beatings and threats. They rejoice to walk the way of suffering for their Savior.

Thursday: Lamentations 3:22-26 – Although the prophet goes through many afflictions, his confidence is in his Lord, whose mercies are on-going. Because the Lord is his portion, even if he loses everything else, he does not lose hope. Nor does he complain, but waits quietly for the Lord's salvation.

Friday: Lamentations 3:27-32 – If it is good in affliction to hope quietly in the Lord (v26), the sooner in life one can learn this, the better. To trust in Him without complaint, even in dust and disgrace, is to walk the way of the cross. We are confident that He will yet show great compassion because His mercy is so great!

Saturday: Romans 5:1-8 – Knowing that Jesus is the promised Christ brings us peace with God and joy even in the day of affliction. We know that God brought our greatest good from the death of His Son, and He causes the crosses that come upon us to serve our good, too; all of this showing His great love for us!



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