

Christ
...
CAME,
WHO IS
OVER ALL,



*blessed
forever.*

ROMANS 9:5, KJV

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As We Gather

Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God's promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today's Gospel, God's grace even invites them to serve as His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God's invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

41 – Wondrous King, All-Glorious

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

P We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

C **Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.**

P We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

C **Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.**

- P** We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.
- C** **Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.**
- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.


Kyrie Eleison

 LORD, HAVE MERCY

Gloria to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev-er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin-ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
us ex-tend. A-mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

The image shows a musical score for a Gloria. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff starts with a rest followed by a quarter note. The third staff has a rest followed by a quarter note. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. ² Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David. ⁴ Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. ⁵ Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 136:1-9

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

C For His mercy endures forever.

P Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!

C For His mercy endures forever.

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!

C For His mercy endures forever:

P To Him who alone does great wonders,

C For His mercy endures forever;

P To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,

C For His mercy endures forever;

P To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,

C For His mercy endures forever;

P To Him who made great lights,

C For His mercy endures forever—

P The sun to rule by day,

C For His mercy endures forever;

P The moon and stars to rule by night,

C For His mercy endures forever.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." ¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ He said, "Bring them here to Me." ¹⁹ Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. ²⁰ So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. ²¹ Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Alleluia

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



Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

776 – Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You

Sermon Text

Romans 9:1-5

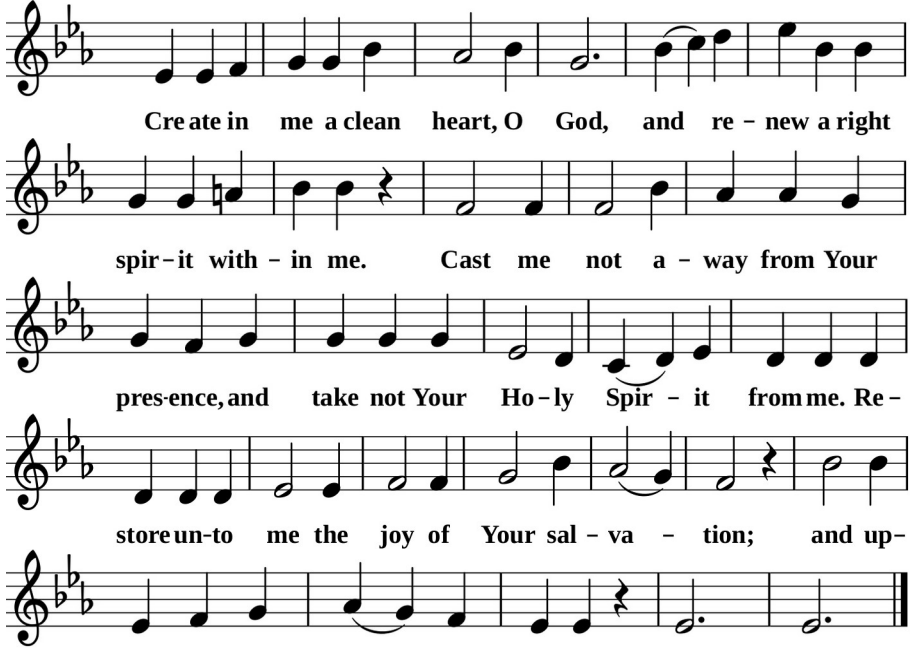
¹ I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; ⁵ of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.



Sermon

To You Belong the Gifts

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 -

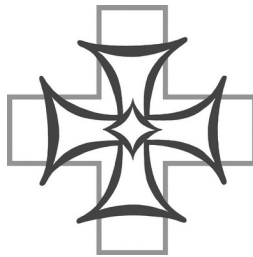
 store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -

 hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

Hymn

36 - Now Thank We All Our God

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.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a -
oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless ed is He, Bless ed is He,
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

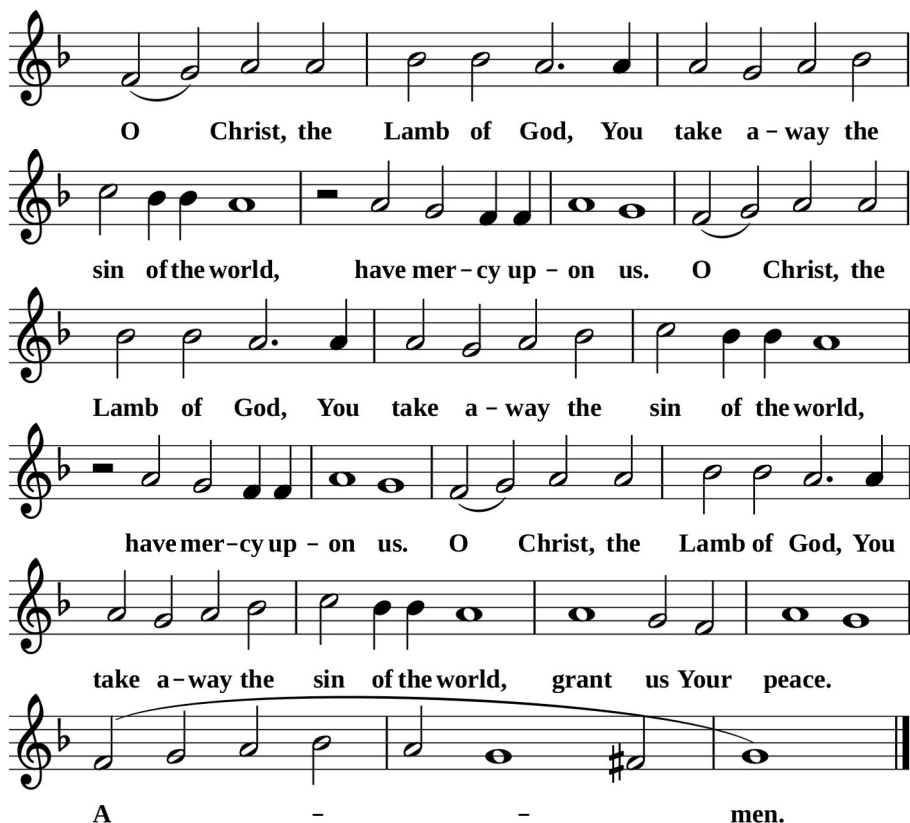
Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C** Amen.



Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.
A - - men.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
cording to Your word, For my eyes have seen Your Salvation:
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the Glo - ry of Your peo ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for -
ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

- P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
- C** For His mercy endures forever.

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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

761 – In You Is Gladness

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule

August 6	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Board of Education Meeting/Council
	11:15 am	Ladies' Meeting
	6:00 pm	School Parents' Meeting and Party
August 9	8:15 am	First Day of School (Half Day)
August 13	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
August 20	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Upcoming Meetings: The following is our schedule of meetings through the annual meeting in January:

- **August 6** – Board of Education/Church Council
- **September 3** – Board of Elders
- **October 1** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **November 5** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **November 19** – Board of Education
- **December 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **December 17** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **January 7** – Annual Voters' Meeting

School Begins: Our Christian Day School begins a new school year on Wednesday. Our school provides a safe, nurturing, and Christ-centered environment for our students to learn and thrive. They especially have the opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge, and love for our God. Please remember our teachers, students, and families in your prayers this week, and throughout the school year.

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!

Pacific Coast Women's Retreat: Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley, WA is hosting a Women's Retreat, October 6-8, 2023 at Ponderosa Lodge in Cusick, WA. The congregation extends an invitation to all of the sisters in Christ across the CLC and will welcome you warmly if you are able to attend. The theme of the retreat is "Grow in Grace" and is based upon Psalm 1:3, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." There will be four main sessions and four devotions. Other activities may include small group book discussion, outdoor activities such as zip line, archery, canoe/kayaking, and more. The price is \$150 for the full weekend which includes five meals. Daily rates are also available for participants who can't stay the whole weekend. Go to: <https://gethsemaneclc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat> to get more information, to sign-up for email updates, and to register.

CLC News: Missionary Evensen is considering the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO is considering the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's in Okabena, MN is considering the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.

Fruits of Faith	July 23, 2023	WH: 27 Orlando: 9
Immanuel Home		\$661.25
Building		\$100.00
Mission		\$5.00
Tuition Grant		\$5.00
Total		\$771.25

Fruits of Faith	July 30, 2023	WH: 35
Immanuel Home		\$1,174.25
Building		\$50.00
Property Improvement		\$100.00
ILC Scholarship		\$200.00
Sign Fund		\$50.00
Total		\$1,574.25

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (6/12): Naumann Acolyte (6/13): Seth Bernthal

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 7 - August 12

Monday: Matthew 13:44-46 – To trade something, even something worth a lot, for something worth far more would not be called a “sacrifice.” So also to have the Lord ruling brings life beyond the grave, and nothing you “gave up” to have Him rule would really be a “sacrifice.”

Tuesday: Proverbs 16:1-3 – People make all kinds of plans, but the Lord has the last word. He knows our plans, for He looks into our hearts, and if He guides our plans, they will succeed, for His Kingdom will come!

Wednesday: Proverbs 16:4-6 – The Lord is the Ruler of all things, even the unruly ones of His creation. But His atonement is for the world, which He loves (Jn 3:16), and His fear and love will also guide our steps!

Thursday: Proverbs 16:7-9 – In the Lord’s kingdom, God sees to it that all things work together for the good of His own, and their wealth is not measured in material gain, but in being right with the Lord. For the heart of a person may plan, but the Lord rules (cp.v1).

Friday: Acts 17:16-21 – Paul was not in Athens to start another church, but to wait for Silas and Timothy to join him so they could go on. But as Paul saw the hyper-idolatry all around, he was moved to speak about Jesus and the resurrection. Some of the Greek philosophers took him to the council to hear more.

Saturday: Acts 17:22-34 – When Paul spoke to the “wise” of his day, he was not harsh with them, but pointed out that all the world’s wisdom did not reveal the One true God to them. When he proclaimed Jesus’ resurrection, some scoffed, some said “Another time,” and to some the Kingdom came!



