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## As We Gather

Never could there be a king like Christ, our king. Beyond all comparison is the rule He exercises in time and in eternity. Incomparably great therefore is also our joy in worshipping Him even now as we await His triumphant return to transform our worship in faith and under the cross to worship in sight and in glory.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

367 – Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C** Amen.

### ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

#### Introit

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a

**P** LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days,

**C** **That I may know how frail I am.**

**P** Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths,

**C** **And my age is as nothing before You;**

- P** “And now, Lord, what do I wait for?
- C** **My hope is in You.**
- P** Deliver me from all my transgressions;
- C** **Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.**
- P** “Hear my prayer, O LORD, And give ear to my cry;
- C** **Do not be silent at my tears.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
- C** **And to the Holy Spirit**
- P** As it was in the beginning
- C** **Is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

  
*Kyrie Eleison*  


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 LORD, HAVE MERCY

# Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glo-ry And peace to all the earth, For  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt-ed, You take all sin a - way; Ex-

God has shown His fa - vor In Je - sus' ho - ly birth! Al -  
tend to us Your mer - cy and hear us as we pray. With

might - y God and Fa - ther, Our hum - ble thanks we  
God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's

bring; We wor - ship You, we bless You, Lord  
throne, You reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, For

God, our heav'n - ly King.  
You are Lord a - lone!

## 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

Daniel 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup> “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. <sup>14</sup> Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 93

- P** The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;  
**C** **The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.**  
**P** Surely the world is established,  
**C** **so that it cannot be moved.**  
**P** Your throne is established from of old;  
**C** **You are from everlasting.**  
**P** The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
**C** **The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves.**  
**P** The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters,  
**C** **Than the mighty waves of the sea.**  
**P** Your testimonies are very sure;  
**C** **Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.**

## Epistle Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

<sup>4</sup> Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”



## 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! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

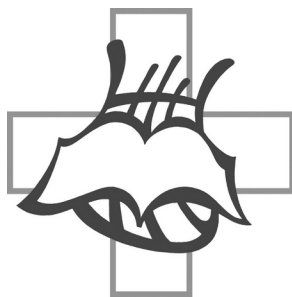
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

763 – At the Name of Jesus



# Sermon Text

John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”



Sermon

## A Kingdom Like No Other

I. With a King Like No Other

II. That Operates Like No Other

### Offertory

Cre-ate 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. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

### Hymn

219 – The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns

## Offering

### Offering Hymn

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Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv-er Who with o-pen  
heart and hand Bless-es free-ly as a riv-er  
That re-fresh-es all the land. Grant us, then, the  
grace of giv-ing With a spir-it large and true  
That our life and all our liv-ing  
We may con-se-crate to You.

## 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

511 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

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### Upcoming Schedule

November 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
December 2	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating
December 3	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Potluck/Board of Elders/Church Council
December 6	2:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship Service
December 9	9:00 am	Church Work Day
December 10	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **December 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **December 17** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **January 7** – Annual Voters’ Meeting

**Fellowship Meal:** We will have a holiday fellowship meal (potluck) following the worship service on December 3. Please plan to stick around after the service and bring a dish to pass.

**Work Day:** A Church Work Day is schedule for December 9, beginning at 9:00 am. We hope to work on the following task list:

1. Deep clean kitchen.
2. Pull weeds.
3. Rake lawn.
4. Spread mulch.
5. Pick up trash on property.
6. Install new church entry double doors (need helpers).
7. Install new church shed doors (need helpers).
8. Pressure wash and paint the steeple.
9. Install new outdoor security lights.
10. Replace damaged fascia on church (need helpers).
11. Add more rocks to flower beds.
12. Paint raw wood on school sports shed behind school.
13. Paint church sign.

Please plan to help out if you are able.

**Nominations for ILC Professor and ILC President:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year: Neil Bernthal, Jeff Karnitz, Joshua Ohlmann, Dan Roehl, Seth Schaller, Steve Sydow, Matthew Thurow, Paul Tiefel III, and Matthew Ude. In addition, the following and only person has been nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of the ILC President's call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2026. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight January 2, 2024 (letters postmarked December 23, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

**2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online: [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org)

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, has received the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran of West Columbia, SC, has received the call from Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Daniel Barthels of Gethsemane Lutheran School of Saginaw, MI has announced that he is retiring from the teaching ministry effective July 1, 2024.

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>	<b>November 19, 2023</b>	<b>WH: 32</b>
Immanuel Home		\$743.25
ILC Scholarship		\$100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$843.25</b>

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

November 27 – December 2

**Monday: John 5:19-29** – Jesus answers those who fault Him for “making himself equal to God” by pointing out that it is not His doing, but the Father’s. The Father has entrusted to the Son the power to judge and to bring people “from death to life” (v24).

**Tuesday: Hebrews 10:32-39** – The Hebrews writer reminds believers how the Lord brought them through fierce persecution. They have every reason, therefore, to remain confident that “the one who is coming will come and will not delay” (v37).

**Wednesday: Job 14:1-5** – As we approach the end of another year, we are reminded of the shortness of this earthly life. Truly our days are numbered, but what a blessing to know that the number has been set by God (v5), who loves us.

**Thursday: Luke 12:35-43** – Blessed are the servants who are watching when their master returns. So may we be kept alert and ready by His Word. And may we share that Word of Life with others.

**Friday: Revelation 7:9-17** – John does not spell out the details of the tribulation in which God’s people found themselves during their earthly life. What is emphasized is that the Lord brought them all out of those times to sing before His throne!

**Saturday: Isaiah 35:3-10** – When hands are weak and knees are shaky, remember that God in Christ comes to the rescue. He brings relief from all kinds of afflictions (eyes, ears, tongues, limbs), and everlasting joy will crown your head (v10).



