



The LORD hath done
great things
for us; whereof
we are glad.

~PSALM 126:3, KJV~

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As We Gather

In today's Old Testament Reading, Samuel gives his farewell speech at the coronation of Saul as king of Israel. In his speech, while he helps Israel to recognize its sin of idolatry, he also encourages faithfulness to the Lord as they remember the Lord's promises to deliver His people both in the past and in the future. As recipients of the Lord's gracious salvation, we do not forget what God has done. God remains faithful to His promises, especially His promise of forgiveness.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

774 – A Mighty Fortress

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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 ✠

Introit

Psalm 34:8-10

- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;
C **Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!**
P Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints!
C **There is no want to those who fear Him.**
P The young lions lack and suffer hunger;
C **But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.**
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 G-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
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At



heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the



You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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.



Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:33-40

- P** Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,
C **And I shall keep it to the end.**
P Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;
C **Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.**
P Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,
C **For I delight in it.**
P Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
C **And not to covetousness.**
P Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
C **And revive me in Your way.**
P Establish Your word to Your servant,
C **Who is devoted to fearing You.**
P Turn away my reproach which I dread,
C **For Your judgments are good.**
P Behold, I long for Your precepts;
C **Revive me in Your righteousness.**

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” ³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

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

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

785 – Children of the Heavenly Father

Sermon Text

1 Samuel 12:20-24

²⁰ Then Samuel said to the people, “Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. ²¹ And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing. ²² For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name’s sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people. ²³ Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way. ²⁴ Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.



Sermon

Consider What Great Things God Has Done For You

Offertory

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free." The music ends with a double bar line.

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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

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Offering

Offering Hymn

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Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.



✠ The Rite of Confirmation ✠

Hymn

751 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Seth Graham Bernthal

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Maxwell John Kuehne

Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

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 It is 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 magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

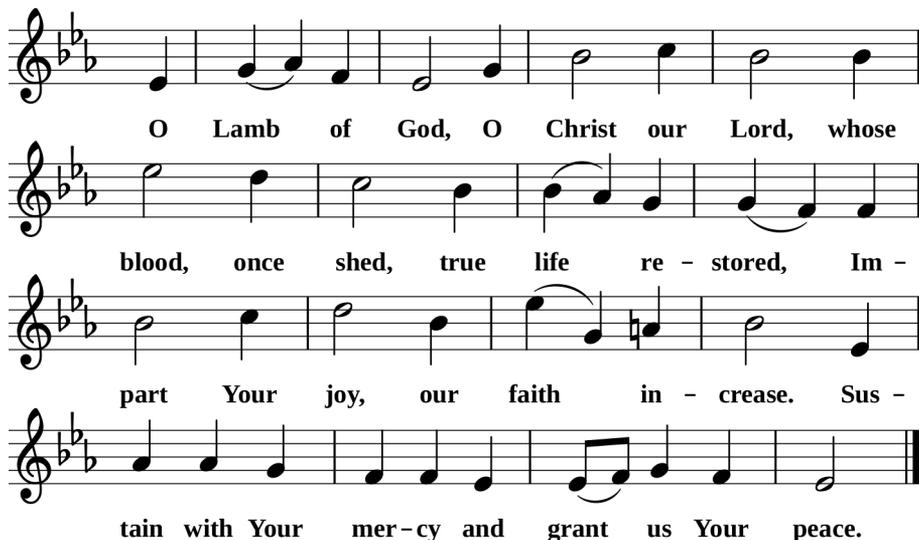
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

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



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the



peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -



grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er



hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through



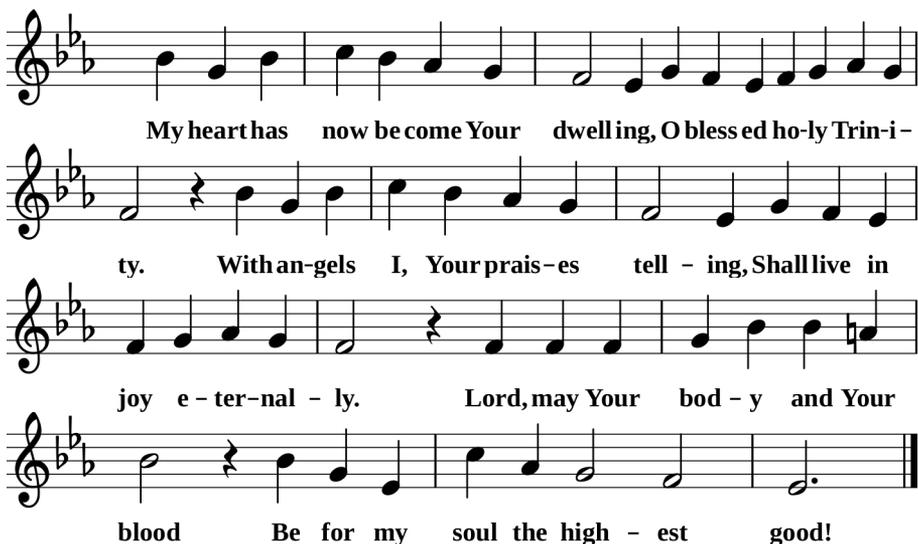
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all e - ter - ni - ty.


Nunc Dimittis

SONG OF SIMEON

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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

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Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as - sur-ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine!
2 Joy - ful con-fes-sion, I am his own! Fol-low-ing Je - sus, I'm nev - er a - lone.
3 Lov-ing sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, Born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
Born of his Spir - it, I am re-stored, Strength-ened to serve my Sav-ior and Lord.
Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, Filled with his good-ness, kept in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

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| February 4 | 9:15 am | Confirmation Examination |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service w/ Holy Communion |
| February 11 | 8:00 am | Worship Service (Orlando) |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service (Winter Haven) |
| February 14 | 2:00 pm | Ash Wednesday Worship Service |
| February 18 | 9:15 am | Bible Class |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:30 am | Board of Education/Board of Trustees |

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **February 18** – Board of Education/Board of Trustees
- **March 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council/Ladies

Midweek Lenten Worship: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. We will have midweek worship services throughout the Lenten season on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. These services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. We do so through the eyes of the Holy Evangelist, Saint John, as we hear, in John 18–19, of Jesus’ betrayal and arrest, Jesus facing Annas and Caiaphas, Jesus before Pilate, Jesus delivered, Jesus crucified, and Jesus’ death and burial. Look for this Lenten season to provide a deeper understanding of your Baptism into the passion and death of Christ, with the result as Paul describes it: we are “always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.” (2 Corinthians 4:10).

ILC Tour Choir Concert: The ILC Tour Choir is scheduled to be here for a concert on Tuesday, March 12th @ 7:00 pm.

ILC Tour Choir: For many years the ILC Tour Choir has been granted a special rate for using a charter bus during their yearly tour in holding concerts at various CLC congregations. This year that rate is being discontinued. After comparing the cost of using various bus companies, the common rate would be approximately \$11,000 higher than expected for budgetary reasons. Normally an offering is collected during the tour which will still happen. But this year CLC President Michael Wilke is authorizing this synod-wide announcement to allow others to share in their support of the Tour Choir. This offering would help offset the extra expense needed for the bus. Therefore, if members of CLC congregations wish to support this, please designate your offering to & ”ILC Tour Choir.”

ILC Dorm Supervisors: After serving as dorm supervisors, both Paul and Courtney Agenten plan on resigning at the end of this academic year. We thank them both for their faithful service to the LORD and for being such positive role models to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2024-25 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 1.

CLC News: Pastor David Baker has accepted the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX. <> Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, South Dakota has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN to be their second pastor. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School in Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call from Gethsemane Lutheran School in Saginaw, MI. <> Mr. Dan Roehl has returned the call to be the new professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Zion Lutheran in Hidewood and Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD has received the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Teacher Amy Osbourne of Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, has been called to teach at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

| Fruits of Faith January 28, 2024 Attendance: ORL – 11, WH - 22 | | | |
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| <u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u> | | <u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u> | |
| <i>General Budget</i> | | <i>General Budget</i> | |
| \$924.00 | General Budget | \$0.00 | CLC General Budget |
| \$1,423.00 | Weekly Need | -\$57.69 | Weekly Need |
| -\$499.00 | -Under / +Over | -\$57.69 | -Under / +Over |
| \$5,574.75 | Year to Date Offerings | \$15.00 | Year to Date Offerings |
| \$5,692.00 | Year to Date Need | \$230.76 | Year to Date Need |
| -\$117.25 | Year to Date (+/-) | -\$215.76 | Year to Date (+/-) |
| <i>Non-Budgetary</i> | | <i>Non-Budgetary</i> | |
| | Building Fund | | ILC Student Aid Fund |
| \$5.00 | Property Improvement | | ILC Building Fund |
| | ILC Scholarship Fund | | ILC Improvement Fund |
| | Tuition Grant | | Mission Development (MDF) |
| | Benevolence Fund | | Project Kinship |
| | Sign Fund | \$100.00 | ILC Tour Choir |

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

February 5 - February 10

Monday: John 6:26-35 – Jesus is the Bread of Life, and His miraculous feeding of the thousands in the wilderness was a sign of the greater feeding that He does by His forgiving word. That feeding brings life eternal!

Tuesday – 1 John 4:7-17 – God is love. He showed that love by sending His own Son (the Son of God) into the world that we may live through Him. We reflect His love by loving one another and confessing that Jesus is the Son of God, thus sharing the Bread of Life.

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:1-10 – The Lord of the nations has the right to deal with the nations as a potter would deal with the clay in his hands, and He has the mercy to forgive those who repent and relent from sending the promised disaster.

Thursday: Matthew 17:1-9 – Jesus is facing suffering and death to bring us life (16:21) and receives the support of Old Testament believers Moses and Elijah (verse 3). The voice of the Father declares Him to be the beloved Son, to be revealed when and how He wishes (verse 9).

Friday: 2 Peter 1:16-21 – After the resurrection, Peter remembers how Jesus received honor and glory from God the Father on the mountain of Transfiguration. This glory is also given to Jesus in the Scriptures, like a lamp shining in a dark place.

Saturday: Isaiah 25:1-9 – The Lord's name is to be praised! His might is greater than the fortified city of His enemies (verses 1-5), and His mercy provides a banquet for the poorest of His own people (verses 6-9). "Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!" (verse 9)

