

THE DARKNESS IS
PASSING AWAY,
AND THE TRUE
LIGHT IS ALREADY
SHINING.

1 JOHN 2:8

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As We Gather

Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God's children. Jesus shines His light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom, and He invites us to follow Him to a life illumined by Him. Following Him means living in the joy of freedom and walking in the light of love for God and neighbor.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

277 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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 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 66:1-3, 5, 8-9

- P** Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!
C Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.
P Say to God, "How awesome are Your works!
C Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.
P Come and see the works of God;
C He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.
P Oh, bless our God, you peoples!
C And make the voice of His praise to be heard,
P Who keeps our soul among the living,
C And does not allow our feet to be moved.
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 a melody with lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains a lower melody with lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us." The music is simple, using quarter and eighth 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 - shipped 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.



¹ In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’ ” ² Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, ³ “Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. ⁴ And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁵ “Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. ⁶ And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.” ’ ” ⁷ Then Isaiah said, “Take a lump of figs.” So they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. ⁸ And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What is the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?” ⁹ Then Isaiah said, “This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing which He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?” ¹⁰ And Hezekiah answered, “It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees.” ¹¹ So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the LORD, and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 75

P We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!

C **For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.**

P “When I choose the proper time,

C **I will judge uprightly.**

P The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved;

C **I set up its pillars firmly.**

P “I said to the boastful, ‘Do not deal boastfully,’

C **And to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up the horn.**

P Do not lift up your horn on high;

C **Do not speak with a stiff neck.’ ”**

P For exaltation comes neither from the east

C **Nor from the west nor from the south.**

P But God is the Judge:

C **He puts down one, And exalts another.**

- P** For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out;
- C** Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain and drink down.
- P** But I will declare forever,
- C** I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- P** “All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off,
- C** But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.”

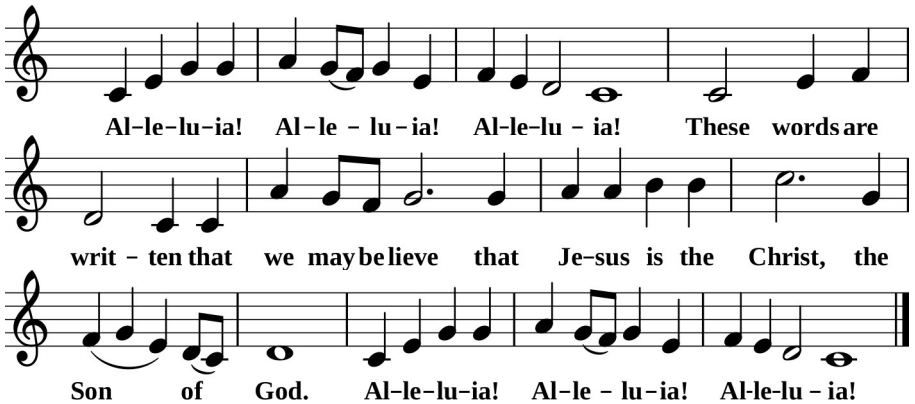
Gospel Reading

Mark 8:34-38

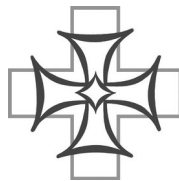
³⁴ When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

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

349 (1-2, 5-7) – Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Sermon Text

1 John 2:3-11

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. ⁷ Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. ⁸ Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.



Sermon

Live as Children of Light

- I. By Being Filled Up With the Light of Christ
- II. By Reflecting that Light in the Lives of Others

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.

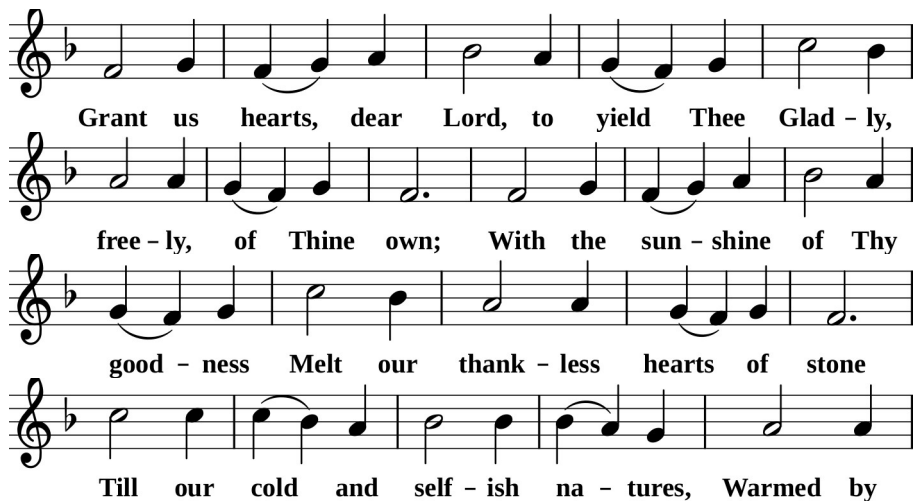
Hymn

403 – Savior, Thy Dying Love

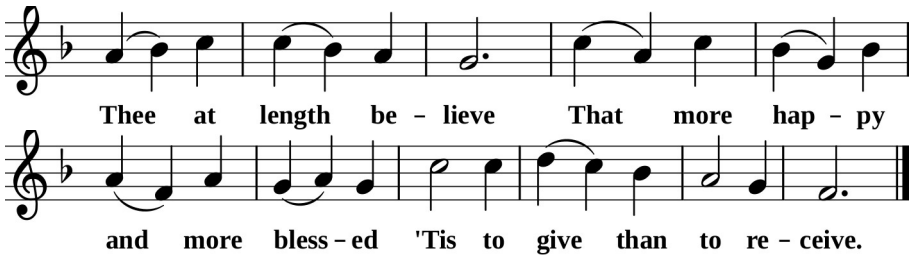
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Offering Hymn

442 (2)



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.

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

54 – Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule

April 21	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Board of Education
April 28	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
May 5	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:

- **May 5** – Board of Education/Board of Trustees
- **June 2** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **July 7** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Pastor on Vacation: Pastor will be away on vacation April 24-30. Pastor Dennis Rieken will lead Bible class and the worship service next Sunday. Please note that there is no Orlando service next Sunday.

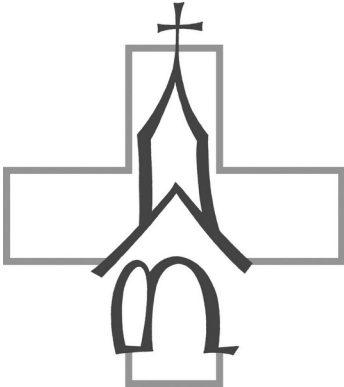
Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School is schedule for July 15-19 from 9:00am – 11:30am. Please speak with Pastor Sauers if you are able to help out this year.

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, 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 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

CLC News: Seminary graduate Paul Agenten has accepted the calls from St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. <> Ms. Ann Sprengeler has accepted the limited call from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE to teach the lower grades from August through December 2024. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, has been called to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher

Mathew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has been called to Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights. MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL, has been called to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, is still considering the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL has returned the call to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. <> Blair Sydow has received a one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran.

Fruits of Faith		April 14, 2024	Attendance: WH – 30, ORL – 9	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$685.25	General Budget	\$100.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
-\$737.75	-Under / +Over	+\$42.31	-Under / +Over	
\$25,752.25	Year to Date Offerings	\$835.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$21,345.00	Year to Date Need	\$865.35	Year to Date Need	
+\$4,407.25	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$30.35	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$50.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
\$50.00	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
\$5.00	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$5.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund			



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

April 22-27

Monday: John 10:1-6 – Jesus speaks with the Pharisees using an old illustration (Ezek.34) of a true shepherd and his flock. The sheep know his voice and follow, but will flee from thieves who sneak into the flock.

Tuesday: John 10:7-11 – When the Pharisees do not understand (v6), Jesus uses another picture. “I am the door.” Only through Him will the flock be saved. He is the Good Shepherd. He lays down His life for the sheep (v11).

Wednesday: Revelation 3:1-6 – Even in a congregation that has a reputation for being alive, the Lord knows those who are just going through the motions. He also knows those who are following Him from the heart.

Thursday: Isaiah 61:10, 11 – The believer rejoices in the Lord, clothed in righteousness and adorned like a bridegroom or a bride adorned for their spouse (v10). The believer’s source of joy is the Lord’s doing, for He caused the righteousness to sprout up like a seed in the garden (v11).

Friday: Matthew 9:36-38 – Jesus’ has compassion for the troubled and downcast people. He tells His disciples to pray to the only One who can really do something for them: the Lord of the harvest.

Saturday: Psalm 23 – The Lord our shepherd provides refreshment and rest, protects from evil and death, and lays a heavenly banquet before the sheep of His flock. There is nothing lacking!