

IN HIM
the whole building
is joined together
and rises to become
a holy temple in the Lord.

EPHESIANS 2:21, NIV



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As We Gather

In the bustling world around us, we often find comfort in belonging to a community, a place where we feel a sense of connection. Yet we are reminded today that our truest belonging lies not in earthly ties, but in the spiritual household of God. Today's Epistle speaks of our former alienation from God. But through Christ Jesus, the cornerstone, we are brought near, reconciled to the Father, and welcomed into His holy temple. We gather as part of this blessed family to worship the King who has brought us home and find strength and comfort in His presence.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

638 – In Loud, Exalted Strains

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! 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.
- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- C** **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

P Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 98:1-4

P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things;

C His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

P The LORD has made known His salvation;

C His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

P He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;

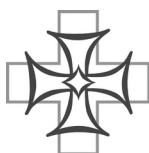
C Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes.



Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, For You have filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, Which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, As waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you,” says the LORD. ²¹ “I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 126

- P** When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,
C **We were like those who dream.**
P Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing.
C **Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**
P The LORD has done great things for us,
C **And we are glad.**
P Bring back our captivity, O LORD,
C **As the streams in the South.**
P Those who sow in tears
C **Shall reap in joy.**
P He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
C **Bringing his sheaves with him.**



Gospel Reading

John 11:17-27

¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

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

636 – Great Is the Lord, Our God

Sermon Text

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



Sermon

We Are Building For Eternity

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

460 – Behold the sure Foundation-Stone

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

473 (1-2, 4-5) – The Church's One Foundation

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

April 28	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Church Council
May 5	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Board of Education/Board of Trustees/Church Council
May 12	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven) – Promotion Sunday

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

- **April 28** – Church Council
- **May 5** – Board of Education/Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **June 2** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **July 7** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting

Thank You: Thank you to Pastor Dennis Rieken for leading Bible class and the worship service today.

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.clclutheranorg> 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 , 2024		Attendance: WH – 29	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>			
\$1,305.25	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need		
-\$117.75	-Under / +Over	-\$57.69	-Under / +Over		
\$27,057.50	Year to Date Offerings	\$835.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$22,768.00	Year to Date Need	\$923.04	Year to Date Need		
+\$4,289.50	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$88.04	Year to Date (+/-)		
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>			
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund		
	Property Improvement	\$100.00	ILC Building Fund		
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund		
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)		
\$50.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship		
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir		
	School Fund				

