

He gave  
her  
his hand  
and  
raised  
her up.

Acts 9:41, ESV

---

**Immanuel Lutheran Church & School**

1449 34<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881

[www.WinterHavenLutheran.com](http://www.WinterHavenLutheran.com)

Rob Sauers, Pastor (920) 602-3242

Neil Bernthal, Teacher (863) 967-5145

Katie Naumann, Teacher (253) 230-4184

**Organist:** Teresa Bernthal

**Usher:** John Weis

**Acolyte:** Maxwell Kuehne

---

## As We Gather

The Father has loved the Son, and the Son has loved all people, making a home for us with Him in the Father's love. Dwelling in the Father's love by faith in Jesus, we keep His commandments. As we come to realize that we are loved by God, we discover that keeping His commandments is not burdensome, but a joy. Jesus' word of promise fills us with joy. He has chosen us to be His fruit-bearing friends who love people the way He does. Alleluia!

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

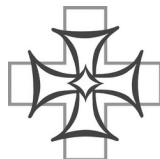
1 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

#### 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 66:1-2, 8-9, 20

- P** Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!  
**C** Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.  
**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** Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer,  
**C** Nor His mercy from me!  
**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 of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff contains a similar melody, with some notes held as half notes. 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

1 John 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His

commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. <sup>8</sup> And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98

- 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.**
- P** Sing to the LORD with the harp,
- C** **With the harp and the sound of a psalm,**
- P** With trumpets and the sound of a horn;
- C** **Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.**
- P** Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,
- C** **The world and those who dwell in it;**
- P** Let the rivers clap their hands;
- C** **Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,**
- P** For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world,
- C** **And the peoples with equity.**

## Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup> No

longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another.

## 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.

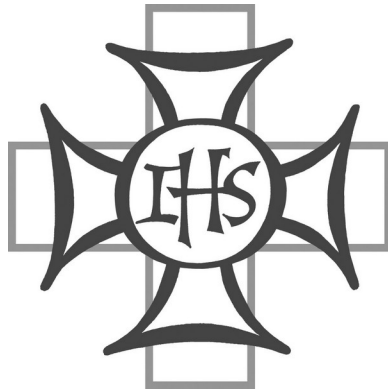
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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.

**Sermon Text**

Acts 9:36-42

<sup>36</sup> At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. <sup>37</sup> But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. <sup>38</sup> And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. <sup>39</sup> Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup> And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

*Sermon***Love the Way Christ Loves You**

## 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.

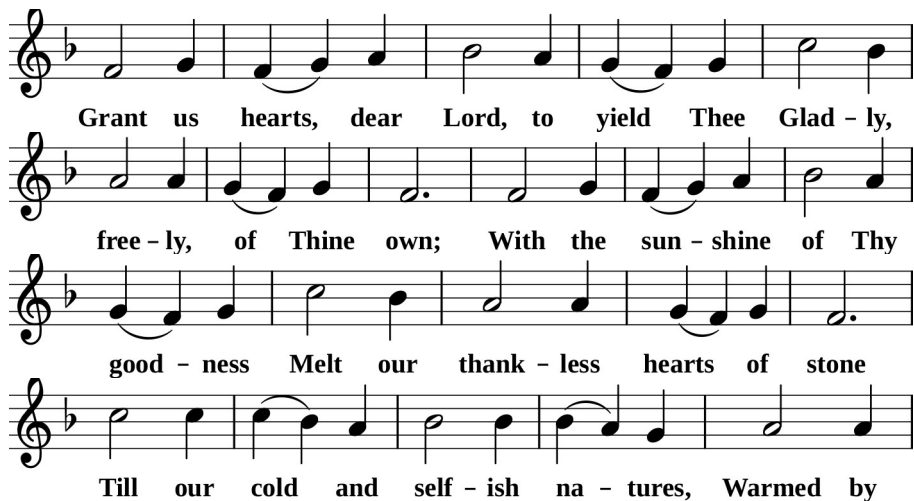
## Hymn

412 – May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfil

## Offering

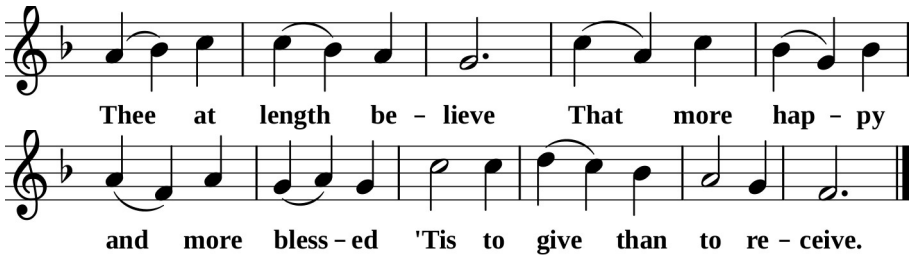
### Offering Hymn

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.

## ✠ 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

Pax Domini

**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



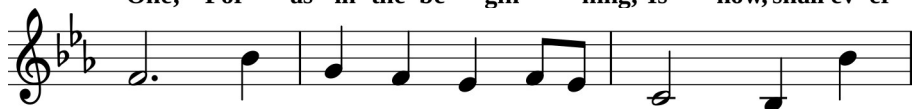
O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly  
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the



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



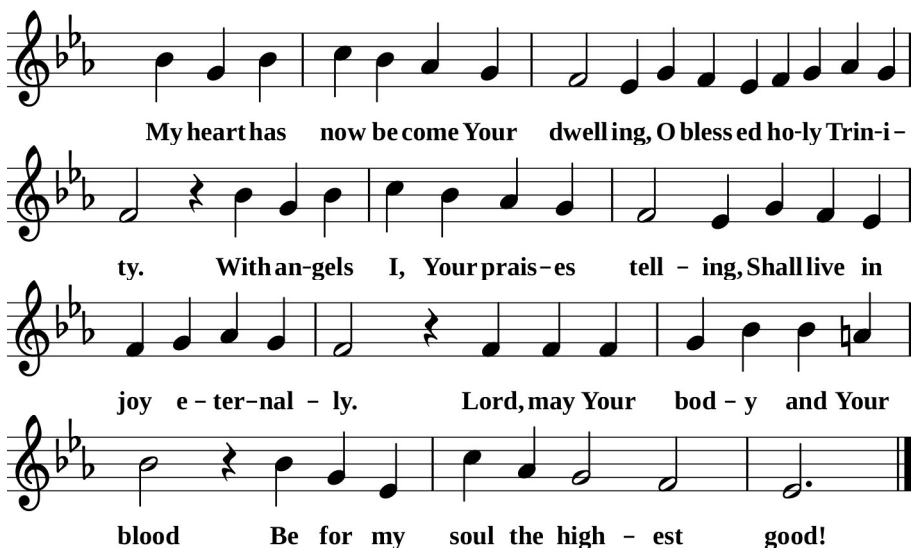
hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your  
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through



cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwelling, 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

47 – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

*“Christian Worship: Confession and Absolution” – Text: © 1993, Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission. “Lord, Have Mercy” – Tune: © John C. Reim. Used by permission. “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks” – Text: Edwin LeGrice © 1991, Kevin Mayhew. Tune: Walter Greatorex © 1991, Oxford University Press. Used by permission. “General Verse from Christian Worship, Service of the Word” – Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer © 1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer. Used by permission. “Holy Holy Holy Lord” – Text: Stephen P Starke © 1998, Concordia Publishing House. Tune: Carl Schalk © 1983, Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. “O Lord, Now Let Your Servant” – Text: st. 1 by Ernest E Ryden © 1925, Augsburg Fortress. st. 2 by Stephen P Starke © 1998, Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. Hymns and liturgical settings under copyright are reprinted with permission under One License #A-741527. All Rights Reserved. Scripture taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

---

## ✠ Announcements ✠

---

### Upcoming Schedule

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
May 19	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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

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

**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:** Mrs. Laura Wales has accepted the call to be Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, her current congregation. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Mathew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights. MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <>

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>		<b>April 28, 2024</b>		<b>Attendance: WH – 25</b>	
<b><u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u></b>		<b><u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u></b>			
<b><i>General Budget</i></b>				<b><i>General Budget</i></b>	
\$911.55	General Budget	\$0.00			CLC General Budget
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69			Weekly Need
-\$511.45	-Under / +Over	-\$57.69			-Under / +Over
\$27,969.05	Year to Date Offerings	\$835.00			Year to Date Offerings
\$24,191.00	Year to Date Need	\$980.73			Year to Date Need
+\$3,778.05	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$145.73			Year to Date (+/-)
<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>				<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>	
	Building Fund				ILC Student Aid Fund
	Property Improvement				ILC Building Fund
	ILC Scholarship Fund				ILC Improvement Fund
	Tuition Grant				Mission Development (MDF)
	Benevolence Fund				Project Kinship
	Sign Fund				ILC Tour Choir
	School Fund				

