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## As We Gather

In a mysterious way, the ascension of our Lord into heaven is both a going but also a coming. Our eyes see Him ascending through the clouds, meaning He no longer needs to be appearing and reappearing as He did for forty days after Easter. He is with us whether we can see Him or not. But the eyes of faith see Him demonstrating His power to continue coming to us by His Spirit working through the preaching of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments up to this very day and to the end of the ages. Therefore this final event of His earthly ministry is not something to be feared. Rather, it gives us great joy and confidence for our continued faith and hope.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

212 (1-4) – A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

#### 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 ✠

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 47

**P** Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

**C** **Shout to God with the voice of triumph!**

**P** For the LORD Most High is awesome;

**C** **He is a great King over all the earth.**

**P** He will subdue the peoples under us,

**C** **And the nations under our feet.**

**P** He will choose our inheritance for us,

**C** **The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.**

**P** God has gone up with a shout,

**C** **The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

**P** Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**C** **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**P** For God is the King of all the earth;

**C** **Sing praises with understanding.**

**P** God reigns over the nations;

**C** **God sits on His holy throne.**

**P** The princes of the people have gathered together,

**C** **The people of the God of Abraham.**

**P** For the shields of the earth belong to God;

**C** **He is greatly exalted.**



## 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 - ginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

## Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

The musical score consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

## Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis - 238 (1)

All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,  
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to  
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All  
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second, third, and fourth staves continue the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

## 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 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." <sup>45</sup> And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up

into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

## 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

219 – The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns

## Sermon Text

Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup> The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power

when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”



*Sermon*

## You Can Count on Your Ascended Savior

I. To Give You Power

II. To Return in Glory

### 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.

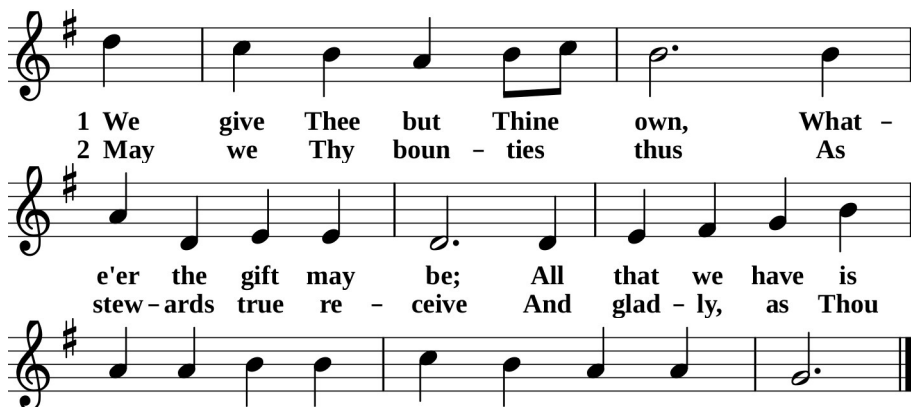
### Hymn

221 (1, 3, 5-6) – Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

### 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!

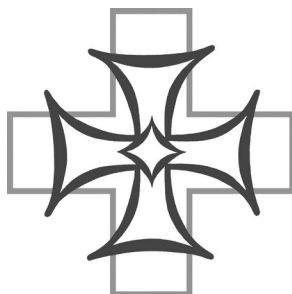
## General Prayer

### 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.

## ILS Children's Song

Everywhere I Go





## ✠ ILS Promotion and Graduation ✠

*Children Being Promoted to:*

### **First Grade**

Emmylyn Goodwin  
Jacob Sauers

### **Second Grade**

Dorian Clarke  
Emmily Diaz

### **Third Grade**

Jenna Lawson  
Kaileyangelys Rodriguez-Sanchez

### **Fourth Grade**

Cadence Clarke  
Mollyjoy Joiner

### **Fifth Grade**

Joel Castaneda

### **Sixth Grade**

Katrina Bernthal

### **Eighth Grade**

Levi Chambers  
Leah Clarke  
Yizreel Lopez  
Zaiden Robinson

### **Ninth Grade**

Erick Andino  
Kaylyn Bennett  
Rylee Bennett  
Seth Bernthal  
Zachary Conn  
Tyler Duenas Diaz  
Ariahna Gonzalez

## **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**

222 – Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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### Upcoming Schedule

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
May 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **June 2** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **July 7** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **August 4** – Board of Education/Board of Trustees

**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.

**The Branches** – "The Branches" is a Christian women's magazine which is published quarterly by women of the CLC. Subscriptions are available for the 2024-2025 subscription year (July through June). The Branches staff prays that, through this publication, we serve:

- to encourage you in your personal and family Bible study
- to edify you in your daily walk with Christ
- to provide a means to use and share your God-given gifts
- to celebrate and reflect upon God's gift of Christian sisters, near and far

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**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:** Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has accepted the call to be the upper grade teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>		<b>May 5, 2024</b>	<b>Attendance: WH – 38</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>		
\$1,180.25	General Budget	\$250.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
-\$242.75	-Under / +Over	+\$192.31	-Under / +Over	
\$29,149.30	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,085.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$25,614.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,038.42	Year to Date Need	
+\$3,535.30	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$46.58	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	
\$1,000.00	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund			



## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

May 13-18

**Monday: Luke 24:50-53** – Waiting for the promised Spirit must have been a time of looking back on the days of Jesus' visible presence, as well as looking forward to the rich blessings still in store for God's people.

**Tuesday: Ephesians 1:15-23** – As great as the power which raised Jesus from the dead, so great is God's power for us who believe (verse 19). The apostle prays that we may know how rich is our inheritance in Christ Jesus.

**Wednesday: John 14:1-12** – Even before His death on the cross, Jesus promised to come again and take His disciples to be with Him. With Him they would come to their loving Father, know Him, and work for Him.

**Thursday: 1 John 3:19-24** – God sets His believers' hearts at rest in His presence, and by His Spirit they believe in the name of His Son, and love one another, "praising and blessing God" (Luke 24:53).

**Friday: Isaiah 64:1-2** – In the midst of trouble and oppression, God's prophet Isaiah calls out to the Lord for His powerful rescue, that all people might know that He watches over His own and delivers them.

**Saturday: Psalm 110** - David in this Psalm speaks of the Lord's great and powerful King, the Christ, who not only delivers from earthly enemies, but is also an eternal Priest, reconciling His people to the heavenly Father!