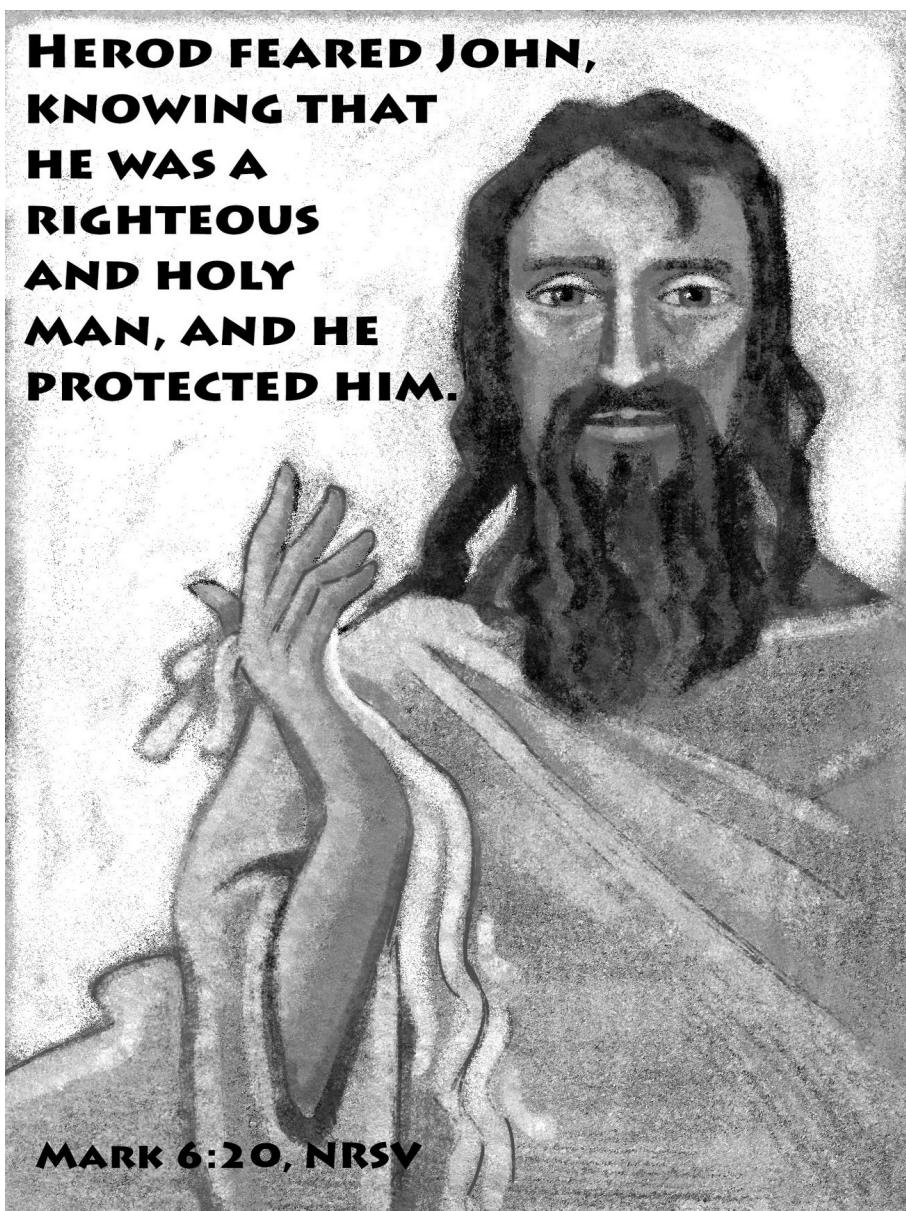


**HEROD FEARED JOHN,
KNOWING THAT
HE WAS A
RIGHTEOUS
AND HOLY
MAN, AND HE
PROTECTED HIM.**



MARK 6:20, NRSV

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As We Gather

Fear is a cruel master, offering no true reward but enslavement through threats and control. This is evident in the life of Herod Antipas. Fear led him to make irrational and ruthless decisions such as the unjust execution of John the Baptist. We are all well acquainted with fear. The worst fear of all is the dread of God's wrath because of our sins. Yet, Jesus came to free us from this fear, offering forgiveness and peace with God through His death and resurrection. In Him, we find liberation from fear's tyranny. Today we are encouraged to confess our sins and embrace the assurance that in Christ, there is no condemnation, only eternal life and freedom from fear.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

528 (1-3, 5, 15) – If God Himself Be For Me

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 143:1-2, 8a

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P Enter not into judgment with your servant,

C for no one living is righteous before you.

P Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,

C for in you I trust.

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.



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 notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The third staff continues the melody: C3 (half), B2 (half), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half), C2 (half). The fourth staff continues the melody: B1 (half), A1 (half), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (half), B1 (half). The fifth staff continues the melody: A1 (half), G1 (half), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (quarter), B1 (half), A1 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7-15

⁷ This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” ¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, “ ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’ ” ¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” ¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

Psalms of the Day

Psalms 85:8-13

- P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
C for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
C that glory may dwell in our land.
- P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
C righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
C and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
C and our land will yield its increase.
- P** Righteousness will go before him
C and make his footsteps a way.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself

as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



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

413 – I Walk in Danger All the Way

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.



Sermon

Freedom from Fear

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.

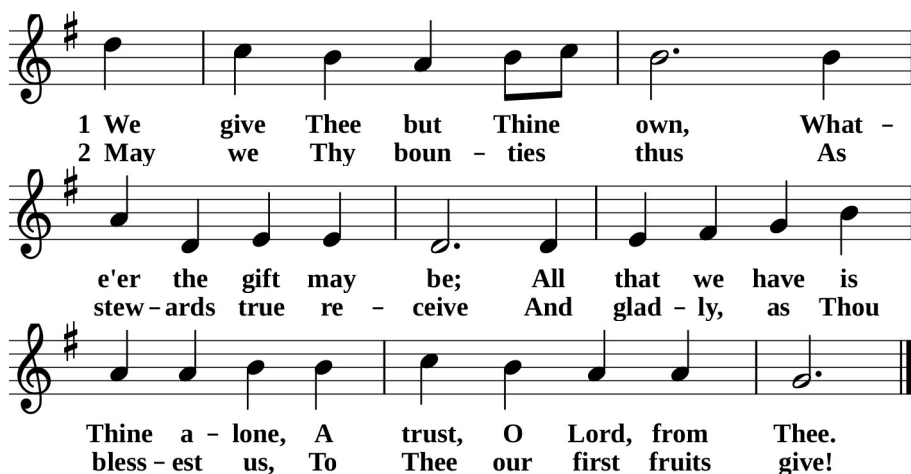
Hymn

347 (1-3, 6) – Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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

☐ 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

☐ 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.
☐ Amen.

Hymn

423 (1-2, 4, 6) – Jesus, I My Cross have Taken

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule

July 14	8:00 am	Divine Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Divine Service (Winter Haven)
July 15-19	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
July 21	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Divine Service
July 28	8:00 am	Divine Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Divine Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **August 4** – Board of Education/Board of Trustees
- **September 1** – Board of Elders
- **October 6** – Church Council

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School is this week, July 15-19 from 9:00am – 11:30am.

2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip East Africa: Fifteen Mission Helpers, along with Missionary and Paula Naumann, are currently proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children in Kenya and Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. You can follow along through the trip blog at www.2024clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

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: Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen West, Mountain View, CA and St. Stephen East, Hayward, CA is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI following Pastor Michael Eichstadt's retirement in September. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd in Rapid City, SD is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Mr. Rick Mariner, a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has accepted the call to fill their high school teacher vacancy.

Fruits of Faith		July 7, 2024	Attendance: WH – 32	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$3,267.25	General Budget	\$275.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
+\$1,844.25	-Under / +Over	+\$217.31	-Under / +Over	
\$41,839.05	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,515.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$38,421.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,557.63	Year to Date Need	
+\$3,418.05	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$42.63	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	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	
\$554.42	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

July 15-20

Monday: Matthew 13:44-46 – Our corrupt human nature may tell us that when heaven rules, we are hindered from reaching our full potential, but Jesus says that God's rule is worth more than all we have!

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-28 – The crowd at Philippi attacks Paul and Barnabas for helping a slave girl, throwing both of them into prison. The prisoners listen to them praying and singing, and miraculously do not escape when the doors open!

Wednesday: Acts 16:29-33 – The prisoners have not escaped, so the jailer does escape from death by his own hand, and finds an even greater salvation in the Lord Jesus. He and all his family are baptized!

Thursday: Genesis 28:10-15 – Jacob is suffering a kind of exile as a result of his own actions, but the Lord still approaches him with Messianic and personal promises. He will not leave Jacob until He has done what He promised!

Friday: Genesis 28:16-22 – Jacob awakes and never wants to forget the precious promises that have been given to him at this place. In view of God's promises, Jacob also responds with some promises of his own!

Saturday: 2 Peter 1:2-11 – In view of God's ever-increasing grace and peace toward us, Peter encourages us to look for fruits of faith which will support one another and reassure us on our pathway to the King!