

**“You have  
the words of  
eternal life.”**

**John 6:68**

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## As We Gather

Our Lord has argued with His enemies and insists that His flesh is real food and His blood real drink. Even the truth can sometimes be unsettling. The disciples are not sure what to make of it all and watched as many of His followers abandoned Jesus. Peter speaks what is on all our hearts. The way of faith in Christ is not easy, but what choice do we have? Where else is the One who keeps His promises and delivers what He says? Christ alone is the Word of eternal life.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

773 – Rise, Shine, You People!

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

Psalm 34:8-9, Philippians 1:6

**P** Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!

**C** **There is no want to those who fear Him.**

**P** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;

**C** **Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; therefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

# ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

## Introit

Psalm 111:1-5, 9-10

- P** Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,  
**C** **In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.**  
**P** The works of the LORD are great,  
**C** **Studied by all who have pleasure in them.**  
**P** His work is honorable and glorious,  
**C** **And His righteousness endures forever.**  
**P** He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;  
**C** **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**  
**P** He has given food to those who fear Him;  
**C** **He will ever be mindful of His covenant.**  
**P** He has sent redemption to His people;  
**C** **He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.**  
**P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.  
**C** **His praise endures forever.**

## 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.

  
*Gloria Patri*  
GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

## 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 consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.' The second staff continues the melody for 'on us. Lord, have mercy upon us.' The piece ends 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 notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'All glory be to God alone, For ever more the Highest One,'. The second staff continues the melody for 'Who doth our sin-ful race be - friend And grace and peace to us extend.' The third staff continues the melody for 'A-mong man - kind may His good will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.' The piece ends 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.

## Old Testament Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: <sup>14</sup> “Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! <sup>15</sup> And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” <sup>16</sup> So the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God.”

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 34:12-22

- P** Who is the man who desires life,  
**C** **And loves many days, that he may see good?**  
**P** Keep your tongue from evil,  
**C** **And your lips from speaking deceit.**  
**P** Depart from evil and do good;  
**C** **Seek peace and pursue it.**  
**P** The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
**C** **And His ears are open to their cry.**  
**P** The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
**C** **To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**  
**P** The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears,  
**C** **And delivers them out of all their troubles.**  
**P** The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart,  
**C** **And saves such as have a contrite spirit.**  
**P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**C** **But the LORD delivers him out of them all.**  
**P** He guards all his bones;  
**C** **Not one of them is broken.**  
**P** Evil shall slay the wicked,  
**C** **And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.**

- P** The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,  
**C** And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

## Children’s Anthem

Feed My Lambs

## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:6-21

<sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them. <sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. <sup>14</sup> Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.” <sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another in the fear of God.

## 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

355 – Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone

## Sermon Text

John 6:51-69

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” <sup>52</sup> The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. <sup>56</sup> He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup> These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” <sup>61</sup> When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. <sup>65</sup> And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.” <sup>66</sup> From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. <sup>67</sup> Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” <sup>68</sup> But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”



*Sermon*

**Do You Also Want to Go Away?**

## 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.

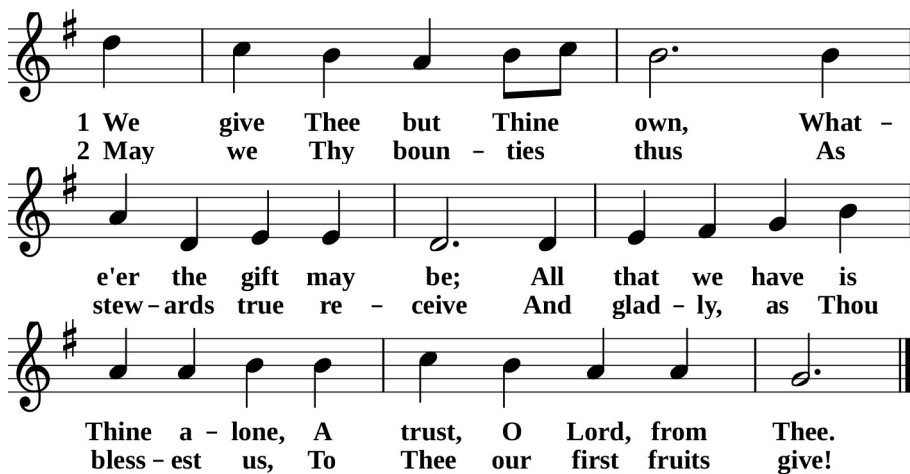
## Hymn

433 - Jesus, My Truth, My Way

## 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.  
bles - 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

447 – Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

### Upcoming Schedule

August 25	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven) Christian Education Sunday
September 1	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Elders Meeting
September 9	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **September 1** – Board of Elders
- **October 6** – Church Council
- **November 3** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** In next week’s sermon, we’ll consider Mark 7:14-23. You often hear people give the advice, “Just follow your heart.” However, this advice falls short from the Christian perspective. As we explore our text, we’ll learn how the heart is the source of both our emotions (which are often misleading) and our sinful nature. Rather than following our hearts, intellects, or intuitions – all of which are tainted by sin – we’ll discover how God intervenes to transform us. Join us next week as we examine how God takes our defiled hearts and, through the power of the Gospel, creates clean and faithful hearts within us.

**Council Meeting Notes:** The church council had a brief meeting last Sunday following the worship service. In the meeting, the council approved the following:

- “Mornings with Mommy” – a program for children ages 0-6 and their mothers (or fathers or guardians). Participants will gather to explore Bible stories, engage in fun crafts, and enjoy time chatting together in a supportive environment.
- The membership request of John and Lynette Landskroener and family

**New Members:** We rejoice that John, Lynette, Lucy, and Camden Landskroener have joined our congregation today. Take an opportunity to get to know them and welcome them.

**Sunday School:** Sunday school begins September 9 at 9:15 am. We will have Sunday School every week (including Orlando Sundays).

**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 (<http://www.manup.clclutheran.org>) and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

**Kinship Sponsorships:** Kinship is facing the largest seminary sponsorship shortage in many years. Currently there are 18 seminarians in need of support. While we give thanks for the increasing number of overseas seminarians preparing to spread the gospel, we pray for an increased resolve to support their training. Please consider sponsoring a seminary student in one of the many schools partnered with Kinship--Tanzania, India, Nepal, Togo, Congo, and Nigeria. The approximate cost of a sponsorship is \$40--\$50/mo (\$500--\$600/yr).

**Prayer Request:** Prayers are requested for Pastor Tim Wheaton of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO and his family. Pastor Wheaton has been diagnosed with stage-4 tyroid cancer, an aggressive form of cancer which as no known cure. He plans to continue His pastoral duties through the end of September.

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO has received the call to St. John’s Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht’s retirement at the end of the year. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD and Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Ipswich, SD has received the call to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN.

Fruits of Faith		August 18, 2024		Attendance: WH – 31	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>			
\$1,417.50	General Budget	\$50.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need		
-\$5.50	-Under / +Over	-\$7.69	-Under / +Ov		
\$50,840.86	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,295.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$46,959.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,903.77	Year to Date Need		
+\$3,881.86	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$391.23	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)		
\$50.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship		
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir		
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest		

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 26--31

**Monday: Matthew 5:13-16** – The Lord makes His disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This gives them the purpose, not to serve themselves but others, and to glorify their heavenly Father.

**Tuesday: Matthew 5:17-19** – God’s Word and Will is not done away by Christ, but fulfilled. Thus following Him in His kingdom will mean walking in His fulfillment as children of the heavenly Father.

**Wednesday: Acts 20:17-21** – As the apostle Paul sets his face toward the end of his ministry, he bids farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus. He sums up his message to them as “repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (verse 21).

**Thursday: Acts 20:22-31** – Paul does not expect to see these co-workers again, but reminds them of the whole counsel of God and their charge to watch over the Church which Christ purchased with His own blood.

**Friday: Acts 20:32-38** – The apostle entrusts the overseers of the church not to silver and gold, but to the Word of God’s grace. With this they will be equipped to help the weak and remember Jesus’ words.

**Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-10** – Nathan is sent to David, not to destroy him, but to call him to repentance and faith. Thus the prophet begins with an account which calls for David’s judgment, and then he brings that judgment to bear on David’s own actions. God’s result: (verse 13).

