

For it is
from within,
from the
human heart,
that evil
intentions come...

Mark 7:21, NRSV

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As We Gather

The Holy Gospel for today is about why the dietary laws never saved anyone and is a warning about what we think or say. The Old Testament Reading provides a warning against not passing on the teachings to the next generation. The Good News of the Gospel is most clearly found in the Epistle, which clearly tells us to rely on the armor God provides, not ourselves, so that we can stand up in this evil age. That we shall do in song and speech today, asking God's help for the coming week.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

446 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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 ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

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.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹ “Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. ⁶ Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷ “For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? ⁸ And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? ⁹ Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:129-136

P Your testimonies are wonderful;

C Therefore my soul keeps them.

P The entrance of Your words gives light;

C It gives understanding to the simple.

P I opened my mouth and panted,

C For I longed for Your commandments.

P Look upon me and be merciful to me,

C As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

P Direct my steps by Your word,

C And let no iniquity have dominion over me.

P Redeem me from the oppression of man,

C That I may keep Your precepts.

P Make Your face shine upon Your servant,

C And teach me Your statutes.

P Rivers of water run down from my eyes,

C Because men do not keep Your law.

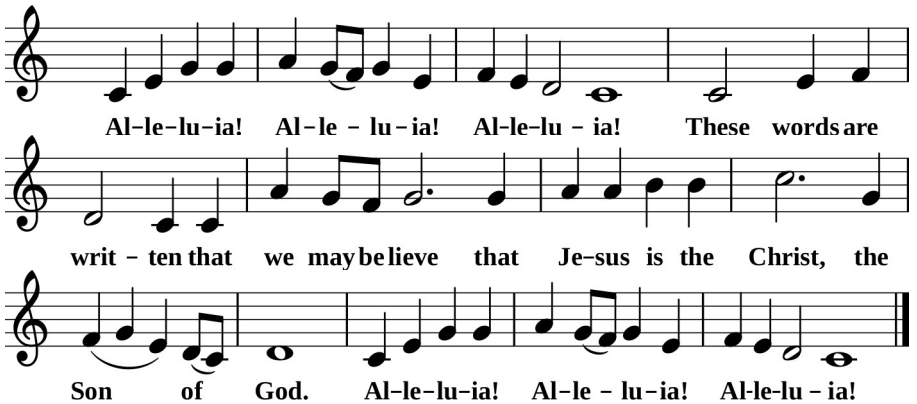
Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

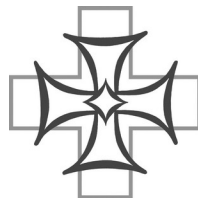
¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints —¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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.

Hymn

389 – Not What These Hands have Done

Sermon Text

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴ When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. ¹⁶ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”

¹⁷ When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. ¹⁸ So He said to them, “Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?” ²⁰ And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”



Sermon

Made Clean

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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn


384 – Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion

Offering

Deo Gratias
 THANKS BE TO GOD

Offering Hymn

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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

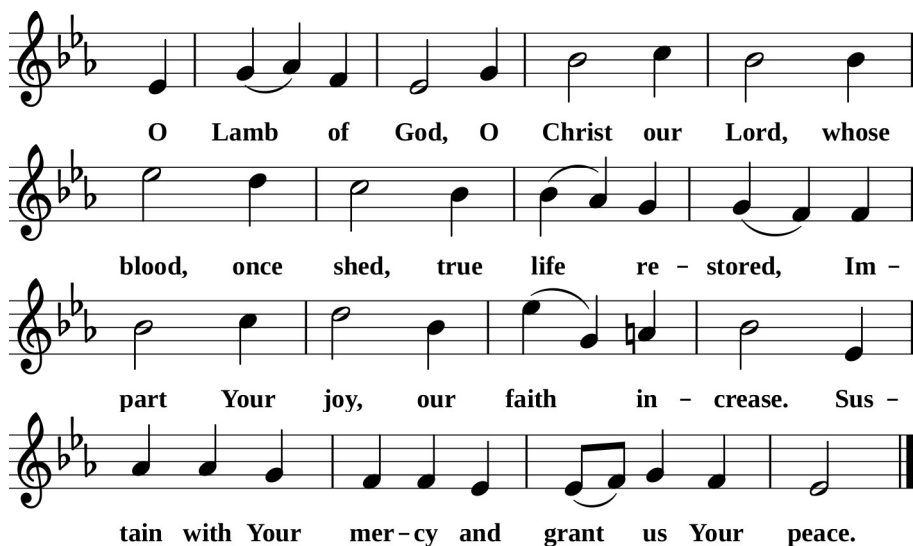
P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.



Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



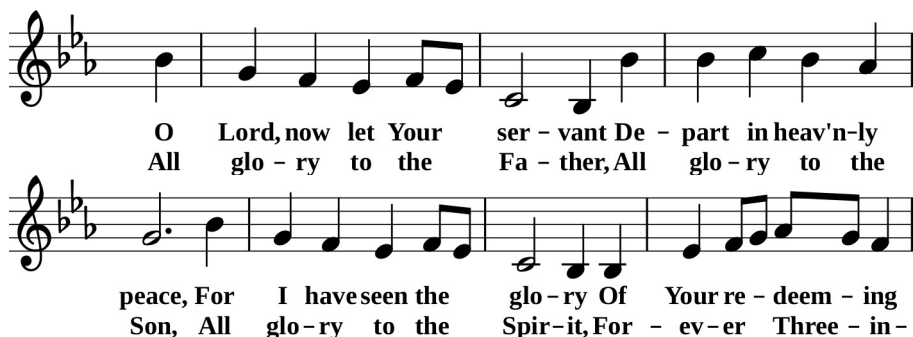
O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

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



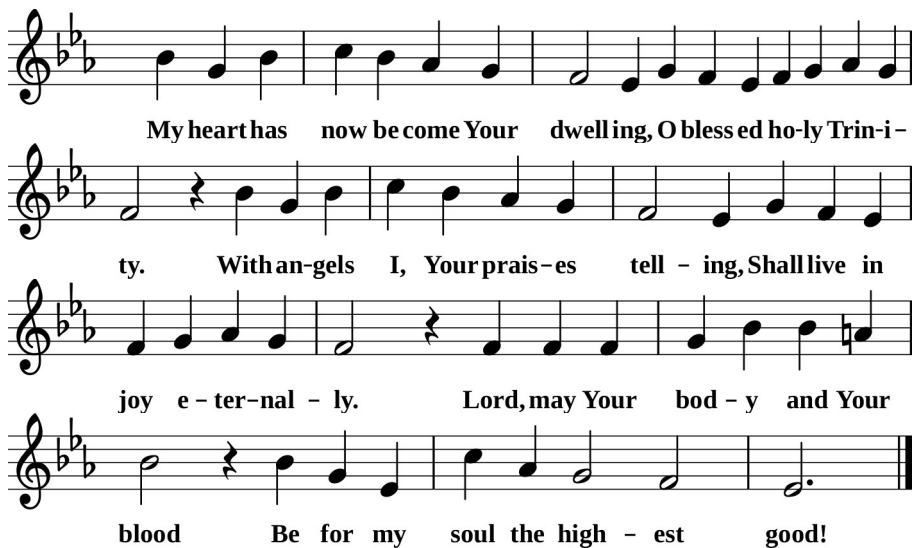
O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the
peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -



grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho-ly
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ever
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

398 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

September 1	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Elders Meeting
September 6	5:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
September 8	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
September 13	10:30 am	Mornings with Mommy
September 15	9:15 am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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: Next week's sermon will explore Isaiah 35:4-7a, highlighting the transformative power of God in our lives, especially during challenging times. As we journey through the metaphorical desert of life, we will discover how God promises an oasis of hope and renewal. The message will emphasize that even in our most barren moments, God's grace can bring forth abundance and joy. Prepare to reflect on your own experiences of desolation and the ways in which God provides comfort and strength, guiding us toward a path of holiness and everlasting joy.

Sunday School: Sunday school begins September 8 at 9:15 am. We will have Sunday School every week (including Orlando Sundays).



Mornings with Mommy: This program will begin on September 13 at 10:30 am. It is open to the public and targeted at moms/dads/caregivers and their kids ages 0-6. The program will be on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month for one hour and includes twenty minutes of learning time (songs, a Bible lesson, theme activities) and forty minutes of playtime. We thank the Kuehnes

and Bernthals for their work on a canopy to provide a shaded area for the program. We are also thankful to the CLC Board of Missions for approving a \$3,000 grant from the Mission Development Fund to purchase the items needed for the program. Please pray that the Lord will bless our efforts.

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).

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 25, 2024	Attendance: WH – 37, ORL – 11	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$998.57	General Budget	\$5.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
-\$424.43	-Under / +Over	-\$52.69	-Under / +Over	
\$51,839.43	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,300.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$48,382.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,961.46	Year to Date Need	
+\$3,457.43	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$338.54	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	
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

September 2-7

Monday: Matthew 10:16-22 – The path on which Jesus sends His disciples is one of devilish opposition, but not to worry! God will give them the response to give (verse 19) and salvation in the end (verse 22).

Tuesday: Matthew 10:28-31 – When brought face to face with those who can kill the body, Jesus says not to fear! God, who watches over the smallest details in all of creation, is in fact “your Father” (verse 29).

Wednesday: Matthew 10:32-38 – Even when the path leads to opposition, it also brings the opportunity to confess that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. He who loved us and laid down His life to save us forever is our greatest love and truest Friend!

Thursday: Ephesians 2:19-22 – Whether we are Jew or Gentile, or any other human designation, in Christ we are members of God’s household. Together with all believers we are like a building, a temple for the Lord.

Friday: Proverbs 4:14-19 – It does indeed make a difference which path we walk down, and we are urged to walk the way of the righteous (verse 18). The difference is that of light and darkness. The Way is Jesus.

Saturday: Proverbs 4:20-23 – The Word of our heavenly Father in our hearts: this is the source of life. From this flows the life that follows the path which is like the light of dawn, shining brighter and brighter until it is day (verse 18).



