

**THEN THE LAME SHALL  
LEAP LIKE A DEER,  
AND THE TONGUE OF  
THE DUMB SING.  
FOR WATERS SHALL  
BURST FORTH IN  
THE WILDERNESS,  
AND STREAMS IN  
THE DESERT.**

ISAIAH 35:6, NKJV

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## As We Gather

As we gather for worship today, we find ourselves on a journey through the desert of life. Like weary travelers, we may feel parched and worn by the challenges we face. Yet, we are reminded today of the spectacular oasis God has prepared for us in Christ. Our Lord Jesus is the Living Water, the Way of Holiness that leads us through barren lands to eternal joy. As we worship, let us rejoice in the refreshing grace of God, strengthening our feeble hands and steadying our weak knees. For in Christ, we find not just temporary relief, but an everlasting spring of hope and salvation.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

508 – Thou Whose Almighty Word

#### 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 ✠

### 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 of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The piece concludes 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 of music in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a 'z' symbol, indicating a change in the musical setting. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The piece concludes 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

James 2:1-10, 14-18

<sup>1</sup> My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. <sup>2</sup> For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, <sup>3</sup> and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," <sup>4</sup> have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? <sup>7</sup> Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? <sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; <sup>9</sup> but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. <sup>14</sup> What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 146

**P** Praise the LORD!

**C** Praise the LORD, O my soul!

- P** While I live I will praise the LORD;
- C** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- P** Do not put your trust in princes,
- C** **Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.**
- P** His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;
- C** **In that very day his plans perish.**
- P** Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
- C** **Whose hope is in the LORD his God,**
- P** Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them;
- C** **Who keeps truth forever,**
- P** Who executes justice for the oppressed,
- C** **Who gives food to the hungry.**
- P** The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.
- C** **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind**
- P** The LORD raises those who are bowed down;
- C** **The LORD loves the righteous.**
- P** The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow;
- C** **But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.**
- P** The LORD shall reign forever—
- C** **Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup> From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden.

<sup>25</sup> For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” <sup>28</sup> And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup> Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.” <sup>30</sup> And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed. <sup>31</sup> Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

<sup>32</sup> Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup> Immediately his ears were

opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.  
<sup>36</sup> Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

## 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

511 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

## Sermon Text

Isaiah 35

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; <sup>2</sup> It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, The excellency of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The parched ground

shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



*Sermon*

## An Oasis in the Desert

I. A Spectacular Place

II. A Spectacular Way

### 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.

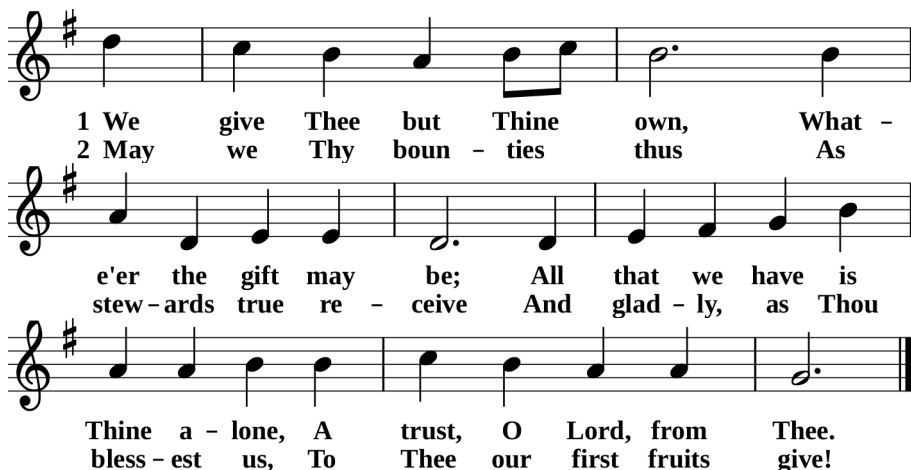
### Hymn

243 – Oh, that I had a Thousand 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.

## 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

767 – Church of God, Elect and Glorious

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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### Upcoming Schedule

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
September 15-18		Pastor in Eau Claire for Mission Board Meetings and Coordinating Council
September 22	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:

- **October 6** – Church Council
- **November 3** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **December 1** – Education/Elders/Trustees

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** Next Sunday, we'll delve into James 3:1-12, exploring the profound impact of our words. This passage challenges us to consider the weighty responsibility of teaching and the power of the tongue. We'll reflect on how our speech can either build up or tear down, and how it reflects our faith. As we prepare our hearts, let's consider how we can use our words more intentionally to praise God and encourage others.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO has accepted 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 accepted the call to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA has received the call to St. Stephen West, Mountain View, CA and St. Stephen East, Hayward, CA. <> Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO has announced his retirement from the ministry on September 29, 2024.

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>		<b>September 1, 2024</b>		<b>Attendance: WH – 40</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>			
\$1,758.00	General Budget	\$200.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need		
+\$335.00	-Under / +Over	+\$142.31	-Under / +Over		
\$53,597.43	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,500.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$49,805.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,019.15	Year to Date Need		
+\$3,792.43	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$480.85	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		
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir		
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest		

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

September 9-14

**Monday: Luke 11:5-10** – Pray persistently, as you might ask help from an imperfect human friend. If even those requests are answered, your prayers to God will surely be answered.

**Tuesday: Luke 11:9-13** – Keep on praying because even an earthly father knows how to give good gifts. Your heavenly Father has the best gifts to give!

**Wednesday: Luke 18:1-8** – Keep on praying, as you might seek justice from a judge whose heart is not in it. Even he may come through when pressed. Will not God, whose heart is in it (“His chosen ones,” verse 7), send help when you call?

**Thursday: Ephesians 4:8-16** – The Lord answers the needs of His people, often through other people, whom He has gifted for just this purpose. “He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love” (verse 16).

**Friday: 1 Kings 17:1-6** – Elijah comes to King Ahab to announce a drought in the land, God’s judgment for idolatry. While such news might put the messenger in danger from Ahab, God provides for His servant in a miraculous way!

**Saturday: 1 Kings 17:7-16** – When even the stream sustaining Elijah dries up, God continues to provide for His servant through a widow who is facing starvation herself! Truly it is God who provides for us all!



