

EXHORT one another  
*every day ...*

so that none of you  
may be hardened by the  
deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:13, NRSV



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## As We Gather

The call to faithfulness is itself both a warning against losing faith in God's promises and the encouragement to have confidence in the Lord. Scripture regularly reminds us that God is not out to trap us or confound us but uses the things of this mortal life to increase our faith in Him. Nowhere is that more felt than in the tension between the things of this life that appear so real and urgent and the things of the kingdom of God which are truly real and urgent. The promise is that if we have Christ, we have all things needful. The encouragement is to live out this promise with a lively and confident faith.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

279 – Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

#### Invocation

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

#### Confession and Absolution

- P** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
- C** **Who greatly delights in His commandments!**
- P** Blessed be the God who meets our sin with mercy and our humble confession with forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.
- P** Holy and merciful Lord,
- C** **Your people come to You, humble of heart and repenting of their sins. We confess, Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by the evil we have done and by the good we have not done. Some of our sin we know and some we do not know. Forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be restored to Your service and live to the praise of Your holy name. 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. Thanks be to God.**

**P** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**C** And also with you

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

Psalm 112:3-6

**P** Wealth and riches will be in his house,

**C** And his righteousness endures forever.

**P** Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;

**C** He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

**P** A good man deals graciously and lends;

**C** He will guide his affairs with discretion.

**P** Surely he will never be shaken;

**C** The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

### 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-gin-ning,  
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.

## Gloria 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 is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev-er more the Highest One,". The second staff continues: "Who doth our sin-ful race be - friend And grace and peace to". The third staff continues: "us ex-tend. A-mong man - kind may His good will All". The fourth staff concludes: "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

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live, Lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, And devour it, With no one to quench it in Bethel— <sup>7</sup> You who turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!” <sup>10</sup> They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, because you tread down the poor And take grain taxes from him, Though you have built houses of hewn stone, Yet you shall not dwell in them; You have planted pleasant vineyards, But you shall not drink wine from them. <sup>12</sup> For I know your manifold transgressions And your mighty sins: Afflicting the just and taking bribes; Diverting the poor from justice at the gate. <sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, For it is an evil

time. <sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the LORD God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90:12-17

- P** So teach us to number our days,
- C** **That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**
- P** Return, O LORD! How long?
- C** **And have compassion on Your servants.**
- P** Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
- C** **That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!**
- P** Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us,
- C** **The years in which we have seen evil.**
- P** Let Your work appear to Your servants,
- C** **And Your glory to their children.**
- P** And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us;
- C** **Yes, establish the work of our hands.**

### Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-22

<sup>17</sup> Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ” <sup>20</sup> And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup> Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” <sup>22</sup> But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

### 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

292 – Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

## Sermon Text

Hebrews 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

<sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, <sup>15</sup> while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” <sup>16</sup> For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? <sup>17</sup> Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

<sup>19</sup> So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.



*Sermon*

## Warning and Encouragement for Today

## 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.

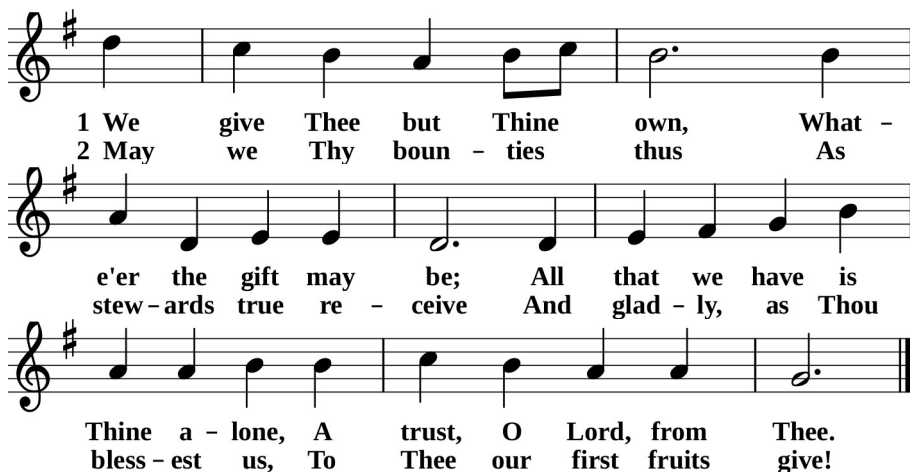
## Hymn

384 - Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion

## 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

416 – Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

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### Upcoming Schedule

October 13	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
October 14-18		School Fall Break
October 20	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
October 25	10:30 am	Learning with Littles Playgroup
October 27	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:

- **November 3** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting/Elders
- **December 1** – Education/Trustees
- **January 5** – Annual Voters’ Meeting

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** Next Sunday, we'll study Hebrews 4:1-13, exploring the concept of God's rest. This passage challenges us to consider the eternal rest offered through Christ's sacrifice. Are we, like the Israelites, at risk of missing out on this divine gift? We'll examine how our faith journey parallels their wilderness experience and how we can ensure we don't fall short of entering God's rest. Join us as we unpack the urgent call to hold fast to our faith and the power of God's living Word in guiding us toward His promised rest.

**2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: [mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org).

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be installed at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>		<b>October 6, 2024</b>		<b>Attendance: WH – 46</b>	
<u><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church</b></u>		<u><b>Church of the Lutheran Confession</b></u>			
<i><b>General Budget</b></i>		<i><b>General Budget</b></i>			
\$1,267.00	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need		
-\$156.00	-Under / +Over	-\$57.69	-Under / +Over		
\$62,747.43	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,560.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$56,920.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,307.60	Year to Date Need		
+\$5,827.43	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$252.40	Year to Date (+/-)		
<i><b>Non-Budgetary</b></i>		<i><b>Non-Budgetary</b></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	\$200.00	Project Kinship		
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir		
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest		

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 14 - October 19

**Monday: Luke 19:1-5** – Zacchaeus is trying to get a glimpse of Jesus, but the good news is that Jesus is looking for him! And Jesus wants not just a glimpse, but to come into Zacchaeus' home that very day.

**Tuesday: Ephesians 6:1-4** – When Jesus enters a home, children remain children and parents remain parents, but their relationships to each other are definitely affected, for they submit to one another in reverence for Christ (5:21).

**Wednesday: Ephesians 6:5-9** – As with children and parents, the Lord's word speaks directly to those under authority, urging obedience and respect. Such obedience does not come from the master's threats (verse 9).

**Thursday: 1 Kings 21:17-25** – The murder of poor Naboth and the theft of his vineyard have not gone unnoticed by the Lord. Elijah is sent to tell King Ahab that his whole family will suffer as a consequence of his and Jezebel's actions.

**Friday: Psalm 127** – The blessings of a household – the building, the watching, the working – are all useless without the Lord's participation. Indeed the extra mouths to feed (children) are a heritage from the Lord!

**Saturday: James 1:9-12** – When Jesus stays in the house, the poor one recognizes his blessings, and the wealthy one does not put his trust in his earthly riches or power. Even those undergoing trials look forward to the crown of life.





