

# The WORD of GOD

is living and active,  
sharper than any  
two-edged sword.



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## As We Gather

Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

9 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

#### Invocation

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

#### Opening Sentences

- P** When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,
- C** **God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.**
- P** When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,
- C** **they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.**
- P** When there was no way out for us because of our sin,
- C** **God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.**

#### Confession and Absolution

Hebrews 1:1-2, adapted

- P** Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,
- C** **and we see things from a limited human perspective.**
- P** You are omniscient, knowing all;
- C** **we are but mortal.**
- P** At various times and in various ways You spoke to Your people in time past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.
- C** **Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.**

- P** When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,  
**C** **and You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.**
- P** Today, in these last days, You have spoken to us by Your Son.  
**C** **When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.**
- P** We need rest from our enemies,  
**C** **from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.**
- P** Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,  
**C** **for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean daily as we remember our Baptism and trust in Christ's sacrifice on the cross.**
- P** I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?  
**C** **Yes, it is my sincere confession.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your mercy and for Your forgiveness.**

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

Psalm 34:1-4

- P** I will bless the LORD at all times;  
**C** **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- P** My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;  
**C** **The humble shall hear of it and be glad.**
- P** Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
**C** **And let us exalt His name together.**
- P** I sought the LORD, and He heard me,  
**C** **And delivered me from all my fears.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** **and to the Holy Spirit;**
- P** as it was in the beginning,  
**C** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## 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-shipped 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

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

<sup>10</sup> He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see them with their eyes? <sup>12</sup> The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, Whether he eats little or much; But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep. <sup>13</sup> There is a severe evil which I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt. <sup>14</sup> But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> And this also is a severe evil— Just exactly as he came, so shall he go. And what profit has he who has labored for the wind? <sup>17</sup> All his days he also eats in darkness, And he has much sorrow and sickness and anger. <sup>18</sup> Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. <sup>19</sup> As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:9-16

**P** How can a young man cleanse his way?

**C** By taking heed according to Your word.

**P** With my whole heart I have sought You;

**C** Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

**P** Your word I have hidden in my heart,

**C** That I might not sin against You.

**P** Blessed are You, O LORD!

**C** Teach me Your statutes.

**P** With my lips I have declared

**C** All the judgments of Your mouth.

**P** I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,

**C** **As much as in all riches.**

**P** I will meditate on Your precepts,

**C** **And contemplate Your ways.**

**P** I will delight myself in Your statutes;

**C** **I will not forget Your word.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 10:23-31

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.” <sup>28</sup> Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” <sup>29</sup> So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, <sup>30</sup> who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

## 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

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

295 – The Law of God Is Good and Wise

## Sermon Text

Hebrews 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. <sup>2</sup> For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; <sup>5</sup> and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.” <sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.” <sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. <sup>9</sup> There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup> For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. <sup>11</sup> Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.



*Sermon*

# Jesus is our Rest

## 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

297 – The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

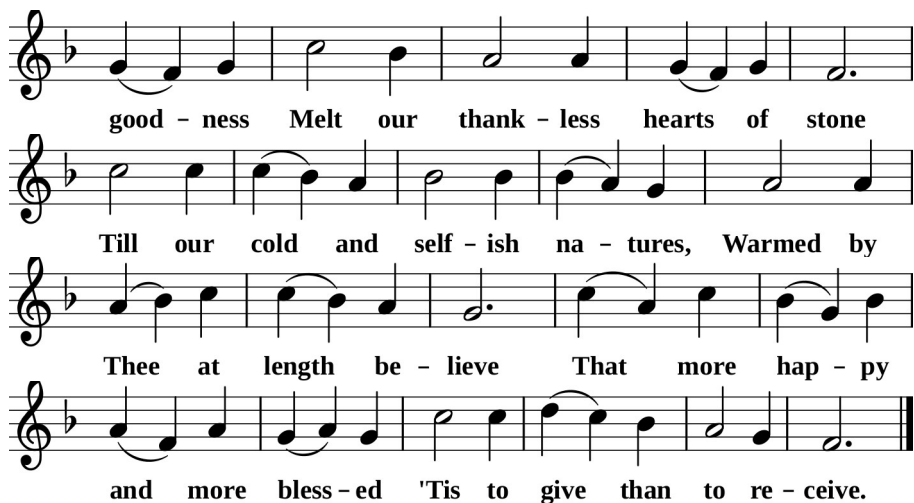
## Offering

## Offering Hymn

442 (2)

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.

### 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

775 (1-4) – Thy Strong Word

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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### Upcoming Schedule

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)
November 1	6:00 pm	Fall Festival
November 3	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Elders' Meeting/Ladies' Meeting

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

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

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. We'll explore Jesus' words in Matthew 11:12-19 where He warns about the challenges His church face in the world. We'll also discover how Christ comforts and strengthens us to endure faithfully and be bold witnesses in our increasingly contentious world.

**Among Us:** We rejoice that Patti Meno, after a nearly seven-year wait, received a kidney transplant this past Wednesday. She is recovering from surgery at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. Pray that the Lord will bless her recovery.

**Learning with Littles:** Our next playgroup session is this Friday, October 25th. We're still looking for a volunteer to help with setup, greeting, and cleanup that day. Time commitment is 9:30 am-12:30 pm. The sessions are free and open to moms (or other caregivers) and children (age 0-6). We do a Bible lesson, songs, craft, snack, and free play time. We've had an average of 11 children attend each of the first two sessions!

**Immanuel Fall Festival:** Our school fall festival will be held Friday, November 1st at 6:00 pm. This year, families with children that don't attend our school are also invited. There will be games, candy, and prizes for the kids as well as some additional snacks. Many kids come in costume. You're invited to come join the fun and meet our school families!

**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 Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be installed at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> 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 13, 2024</b>	<b>Attendance: WH – 30, ORL - 11</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>		
\$1,275.00	General Budget	\$5.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
-\$148.00	-Under / +Over	-\$52.69	-Under / +Over	
\$64,022.43	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,565.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$58,343.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,365.29	Year to Date Need	
+\$5,679.43	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$199.71	Year to Date (+/-)	
<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>		<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>		
\$5.00	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$5.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 21 - October 26

**Monday: Luke 12:15-21** – With a parable Jesus shows the folly of putting one's trust in material possessions. The poor "rich" man thought his goods would keep him for many years when they wouldn't be his tomorrow.

**Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-12** – The apostle encourages a loose hold on possessions when they can be a help to others. Like the Macedonians, the Corinthians have unseen riches in our Lord Jesus Christ (verse 9)!

**Wednesday: 1 Timothy 6:3-12** – Paul urges Timothy to avoid those who have lost hold of the truth, imagining that their godliness is a means of financial gain (verse 5). But godliness with contentment is great gain (verse 6).

**Thursday: Isaiah 30:15-19** – The Lord wants to be gracious to His people, but only a remnant look in His direction. Many others trust in earthly things for help or guidance in trying times.

**Friday: Matthew 5:42-48** – The willingness to help the one who needs it (v42) and to show love also to our enemies (verse 44) – this comes from knowing our heavenly Father who loves us and gives us all things.

**Saturday: Psalm 65** – Rather than coveting earthly possessions, David sings praises to the Giver of all riches, both spiritual (verses 1-5) and earthly (verses 6-13).

