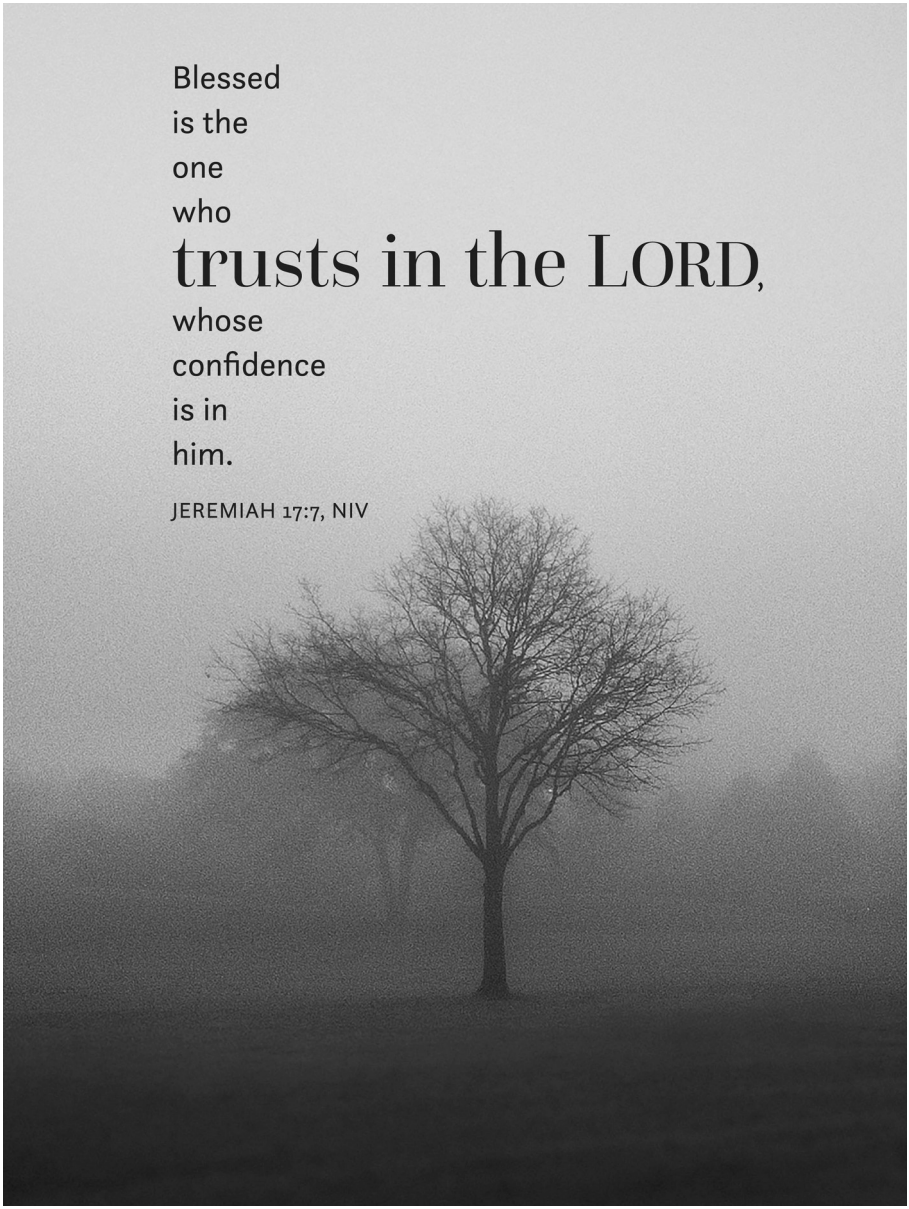

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As We Gather

Trust is a fragile thing. We say we trust God, but when life gets hard—when finances tighten, when relationships falter, when fear creeps in—where do we really turn? Today, through the words of the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord sets before us a stark contrast: the one who trusts in human strength is like a dry shrub in the desert, struggling to survive; but the one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted by the water, steadfast and fruitful even in drought. As we gather for worship, let us come thirsty for the life-giving nourishment of God's Word and grace, drawing strength from Christ, the One who has rooted us in His unshakable love.

✢ Preparation for Worship ✢

Hymn 26 (1-2, 5-6) – Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

Invocation

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

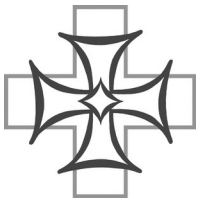
Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:8-9; 124:8

P It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.
C **It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.**
P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **Who made heaven and earth.**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord, the prophet Jeremiah warns us: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord." Too often, we put our confidence in ourselves, in others, or in the fleeting things of this world rather than in the Lord who alone gives life and salvation. Let us, therefore, humbly confess our sins, seeking His mercy and trusting in His unfailing grace.



C **Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. I have trusted in my own strength instead of relying on You. I have looked to the world for security instead of seeking refuge in Your promises. I have failed to love You with my whole heart and to love my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, that I may trust in You alone and delight in Your will. Amen.**

P "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord." Our hope is in Christ, who died for our sins and rose again to give us life. By His authority and at His command, I announce to you the grace of God: Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✢ The Service of the Word ✢

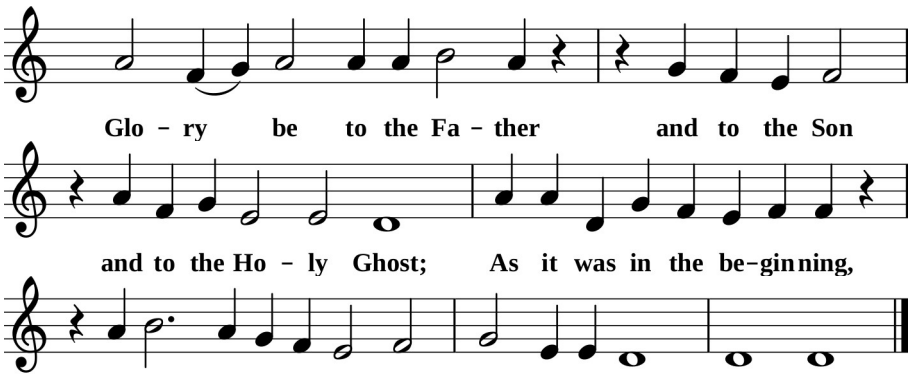
Introit

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5

P Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
C **Who walk in the law of the LORD!**
P Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
C **Who seek Him with the whole heart!**
P You have commanded us
C **To keep Your precepts diligently.**
P Oh, that my ways were directed
C **To keep Your statutes!**

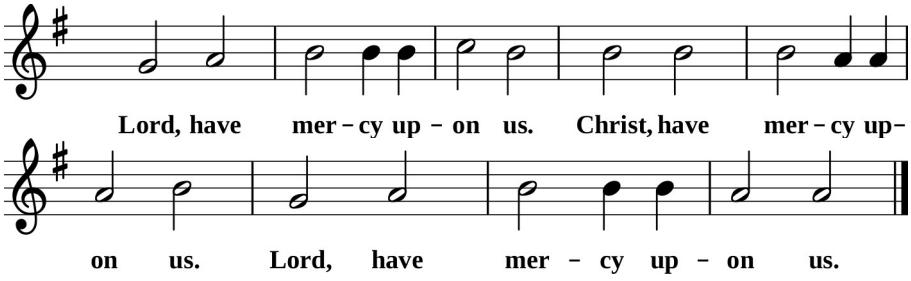
Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri



Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie



Glory to God in the Highest

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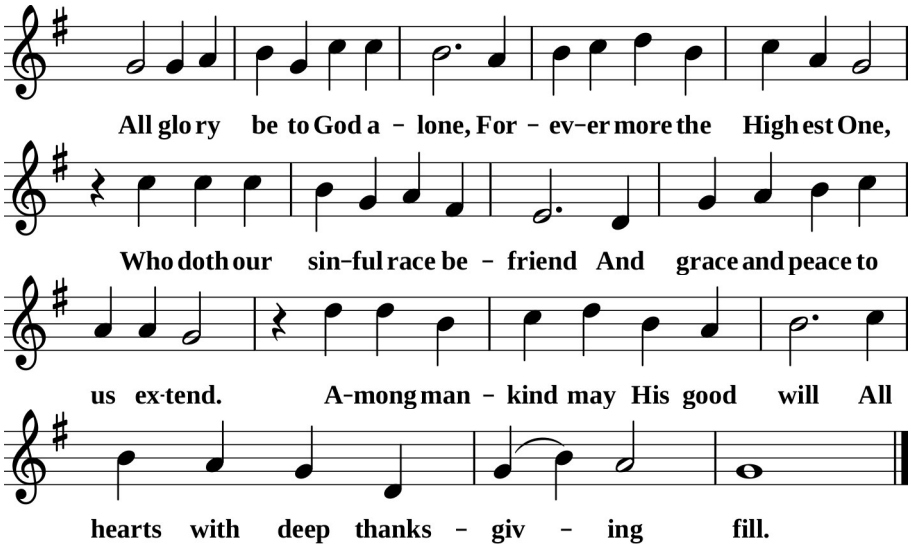


Salutation

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

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

[12] Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. [14] And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. [15] Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. [16] For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. [17] And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! [18] Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19] If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. [20] But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 1

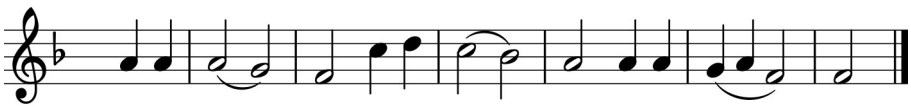
P Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
C **Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;**
P But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **And in His law he meditates day and night.**
P He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season,
C **Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.**
P The ungodly are not so,
C **But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.**
P Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
C **Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**
P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **But the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26

17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of
His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem,
and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be
healed of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean
spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch
Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. 20 Then He lifted up
His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is
the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be
filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. 22 Blessed are
you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and
cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. 23 Rejoice in that day
and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like
manner their fathers did to the prophets. 24 "But woe to you who are rich,
For you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to you who are full, For you
shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep.
26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the
false prophets.

Alleluia

℗ 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

518 (1-3, 7) – If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Sermon Text

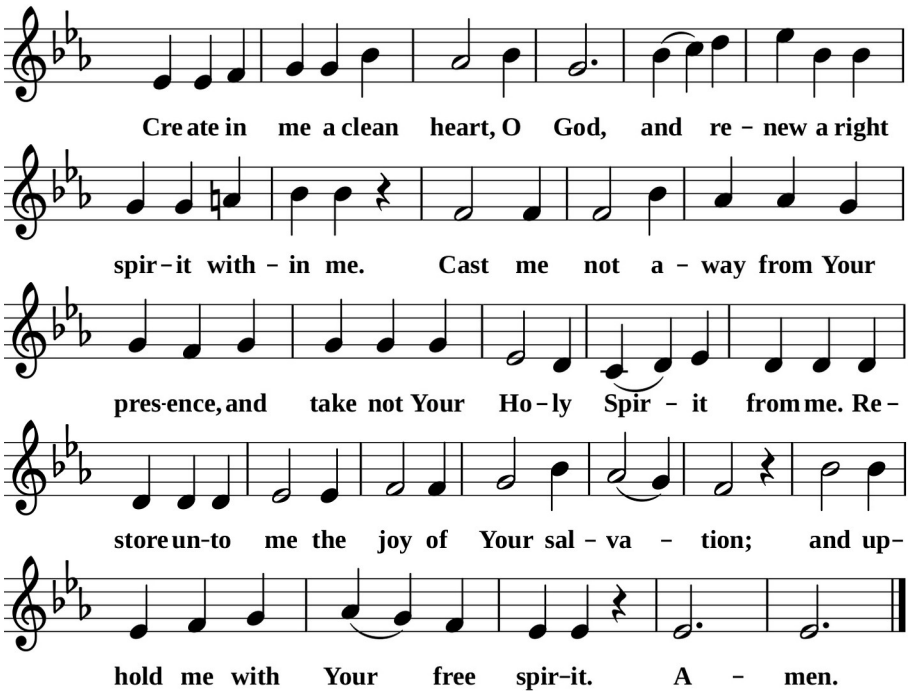
Jeremiah 17:5-8

[5] Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. [6] For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. [7] “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. [8] For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Sermon

Who Do You Trust?

Offertory



Hymn

383 – Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way

Offering

Offering Hymn

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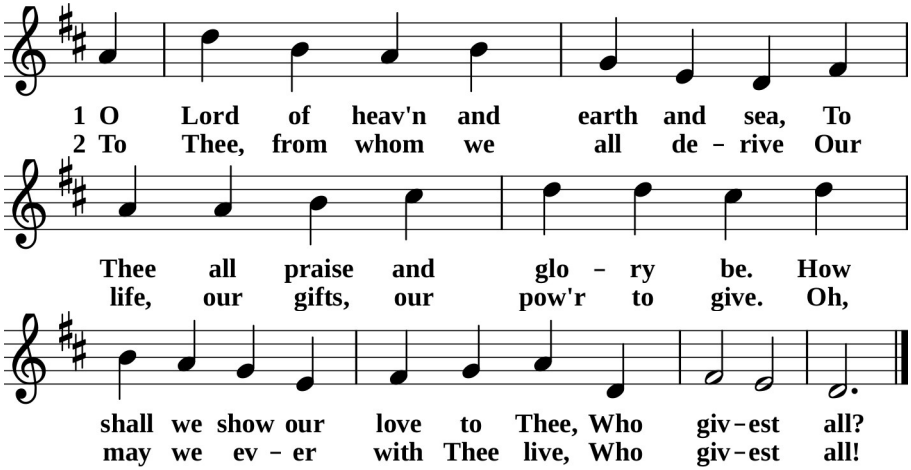
General Prayer

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

428 – I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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✢ Announcements ✢

Upcoming Schedule		
February 14	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
February 16	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
February 22	9:00 am	Church Work Day
February 23	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
March 1	10:00 am	School Open House
March 2	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Trustees/Church Council

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

- **March 2** – Trustees/Church Council
- **April 6** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **May 4** – Education/Elders

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Paulette Galstad, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield that the Lord may comfort and strengthen them.
"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16)

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Fear grips us in many ways—fear of death, fear of the unknown, fear of losing control. But are we looking at life through Adam's fall or Christ's victory? "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). Next Sunday our sermon text is 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42. We'll hear how Christ's resurrection shatters fear, replacing it with unshakable hope. Death does not have the final word—Jesus does! Join us as we rejoice in the life Christ has won for us and hear His powerful call: Fear not!

Church Work Day: Join us for a Church Work Day on Saturday, February 22, starting at 9:00 AM! Our main project will be installing curbing around the playground, but there are plenty of other tasks that need attention as well. Many hands make light work, so whether you can stay for the whole day or just for an hour, your help is greatly appreciated. Come ready to work and enjoy some fellowship as we care for God's house and property.

School Open House: We are having a School Open House on Saturday, March 1, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school to prospective families and share the blessings of Christ-centered education. We need volunteers to help with greeting guests, assisting with crafts, supervising games, and donating snacks and beverages. If you're able to lend a hand in any way, please speak with Mr. Bernthal. Thank you for your support!

CLC Youth Camp: Registration for the 2025 CLC Youth Camp in Pillager, MN opens Saturday March 15th at 11:00 am. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs June 8-14th, 2025. For more information please visit https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

CLC Call News: Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO.<> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD, has announced his retirement effective Summer 2025. <> Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN to serve as their pastor along with his current call.

Fruits of Faith	**February 9, 2025**	**Attendance: WH – 24; ORL – 10**	
Immanuel Lutheran Church		**Church of the Lutheran Confession**	
General Budget		***General Budget***	
$1,300.00	General Budget	$40.00	CLC General Budget
$1,500.00	Weekly Need	$67.31	Weekly Need
-$200.00	-Under / +Over	-$27.31	-Under / +Over
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	Non-Budgetary		***Non-Budgetary***
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund
$10.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)
$40.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

February 17 – February 22, 2025

Monday – *Matthew 16:13-20*
Jesus will soon be turning His face toward Jerusalem and suffering as the Christ. The Father has revealed His identity to His disciples, and with the keys of the kingdom, He will build His church.

Tuesday – *2 Corinthians 8:1-9*
God is so great that He is able to serve His believers through people in deep poverty. Their joy in Him results in acts of love toward others as they follow their Savior's example (v. 9).

Wednesday – *Genesis 41:28-43*
God uses Joseph to explain Pharaoh's dream and also raises Joseph from prison to palace in Egypt. Pharaoh recognizes that it is God who has made Joseph discerning and wise—fit to rule.

Thursday – *Malachi 2:4-9*
The LORD rebukes the priests who have turned away from the way of Levi. The covenant with Levi was life and peace and walking with God. He was a messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Friday – *John 8:25-36*
The Pharisees demand that Jesus verify who He is, and Jesus knows where this is leading: to His being lifted up on the cross. In this way, He will set mankind free from sin and condemnation.

Saturday – *Acts 16:24-35*
Neither the inner prison nor their feet in stocks could stop Paul and Silas from praying and singing hymns to God. Their Lord had also faced capture and death to free their jailer for eternity.

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