

THIS
IS MY
beloved
SON.
hear him.

Luke 9:35, KJV



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As We Gather

Mountaintop moments are unforgettable—times of joy, clarity, and awe. Peter, James, and John experienced such a moment on the Mount of Transfiguration as Jesus revealed His divine glory. But as much as they wanted to stay, the mountain was not the destination. Jesus had to go down, to the valley, to the cross. We, too, long for moments of glory, yet life is often marked by suffering. Today, as we hear God's Word, we are reminded that the Christian life is not about escaping the valley but following Christ through it. Just as He bore His cross for us, He calls us to take up ours, trusting that beyond the suffering, there is resurrection and eternal glory.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

719 – Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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, today we behold our Savior in His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. We hear the voice of the Father declaring, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” And yet, as we journey with Jesus down from the mountain, we know that He is on His way to the cross. He takes up the suffering of our sins so that we may share in His eternal glory.

But how often have we turned from the cross? How often have we desired glory without suffering, triumph without trial? How often have we failed to listen to Jesus, to trust His Word, and to follow Him in faith? Let us then humbly confess our sins before our merciful Lord.

- C** **Almighty and most merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. I have sought my own comfort rather than the cross, my own way rather than Yours. I have failed to listen to Your Son and have not always trusted in His promises. I have been weak in faith and slow to follow where He leads. Forgive me for the sake of Jesus Christ, who bore my sins on the cross, that I may walk in His light and share in His glory.**

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, hear the good news! The very One who was transfigured in glory is the One who went to the cross for you. Because He took up the cross, your sins are forgiven. Because He laid down His life, you are made righteous in God's sight. And because He was raised in victory, you, too, shall one day share in His eternal glory. 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 ✠

Introit

Psalm 84:1-2, 9, 11

P How lovely is Your tabernacle,

C O LORD of hosts!

P My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD;

C My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

P O God, behold our shield,

C And look upon the face of Your anointed.

P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory;

C No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

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 - ginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.


Gloria Patri
GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

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 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.

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 in G major. The first staff is the beginning of the melody. The second and third staves contain the main body of the melody with lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes.

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 34:1-12

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

⁴ Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶ And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

⁷ Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. ⁸ And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended. ⁹ Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, ¹² and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 99

- P** The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble!
- C** **He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!**
- P** The LORD is great in Zion,
- C** **And He is high above all the peoples.**
- P** Let them praise Your great and awesome name—
- C** **He is holy.**
- P** The King’s strength also loves justice; You have established equity;
- C** **You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- P** Exalt the LORD our God,
- C** **And worship at His footstool— He is holy.**
- P** Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called upon His name;
- C** **They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.**
- P** He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar;
- C** **They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.**

- P** You answered them, O LORD our God;
- C** **You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds.**
- P** Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill;
- C** **For the LORD our God is holy.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 3:1-6

¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. ³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. ⁵ And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, ⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

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

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

135 – 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Sermon Text

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. ³⁰ And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. ³³ Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” ³⁶ When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.



Sermon

Because Crosses Will Be Taken Up



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.

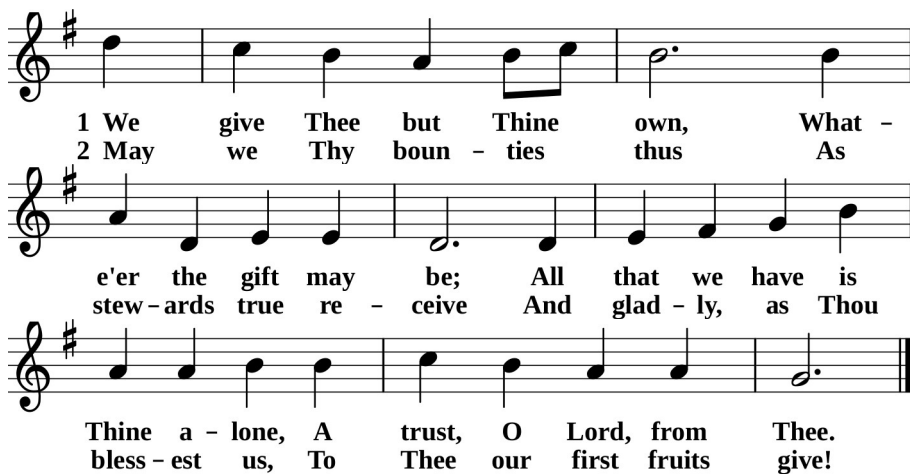
Hymn

354 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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

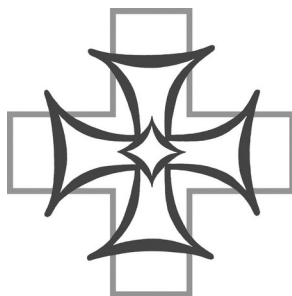
The Lord's Prayer

- 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.

✠ 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** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, 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 laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a -
oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless ed is He, Bless ed is He,
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Lamb of God

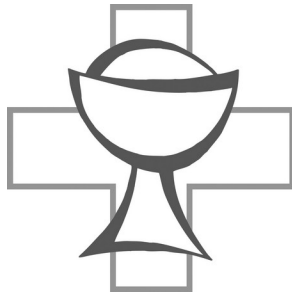
Agnus Dei

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, the

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,
 have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
 take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.
 A - - men.

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

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
cording to Your word, For my eyes have seen Your Salvation:
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the Glo - ry of Your people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for -
ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

- P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
- C** For His mercy endures forever.

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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

423 (1-3, 6) – Jesus, I My Cross have Taken

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

March 2	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Trustees/Church Council
March 5	2:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
March 9	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
March 12	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
March 14	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
March 16	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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. May the Lord strengthen their faith, grant them His peace, and assure them of His abiding presence.

Jerry Shoaf Called Home to His Savior: With sorrow, yet in the sure hope of the resurrection, we share the news that our brother in Christ, Jerry Shoaf, was called to his heavenly home on Sunday, February 23. We give thanks to God for the faith He granted Jerry and for the promise of eternal life through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please keep Margaret Shoaf and their family in your prayers during this time of loss. If you would like to send a note of condolence, you may do so at:

Margaret Shoaf
43491 N Lone Oak Street
Gonzales, LA 70737

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to all who mourn, as we rejoice in the victory Christ has won for us! "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25, NKJV).

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Next Sunday, we'll reflect on Romans 10:8b-13 under the theme "God's Truth: Easy and Powerful." The world often complicates faith, making it seem like salvation depends on our efforts, intellect, or emotions. But God's truth is stunningly simple: "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Faith isn't about achieving; it's about receiving. God's Word brings salvation near—right to our hearts and lips—so that even the weakest sinner can believe and be saved. And yet, this simple truth holds immense power—the power to forgive, restore, and transform lives for eternity. Join us this Sunday as we rejoice in the ease and power of the Gospel—a message that saves us and equips us to share Christ with the world! See you in worship!

Lenten Series: A Lent to Remember: As we enter the season of Lent, we invite you to join us for our special midweek services under the theme "A Lent to Remember." Throughout this penitential season, we will reflect on the power of remembrance—God's remembrance of His promises, our remembrance of His mercy, and Christ's call to remember His sacrifice for us.

Each week, we will focus on a different aspect of remembrance as revealed in Scripture:

- **Ash Wednesday (March 5)** – *Remember Dust* (Psalm 103:13–14)
- **Midweek 2 (March 12)** – *Remember Wondrous Works* (Psalm 111:4)
- **Midweek 3 (March 19)** – *Remember Jesus’ Words* (Luke 22:61–62)
- **Midweek 4 (March 26)** – *Remember the Covenant* (Psalm 105:8)
- **Midweek 5 (April 2)** – *Remember Sins No More* (Jeremiah 31:34)
- **Midweek 6 (April 9)** – *Remember Steadfast Love* (Psalm 98:3)
- **Maundy Thursday (April 17)** – *Remembrance of Me* (1 Corinthians 11:23–26)
- **Good Friday (April 18)** – *Remember Me* (Luke 23:39–43)

Service Times:

- Ash Wednesday through Midweek 6: 2:00 PM
- Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: 7:00 PM

Lent is a time for reflection, repentance, and renewal. It is a season in which we journey to the cross, remembering the depth of our sin but, more importantly, the greater depth of Christ’s love. Join us each week as we set our hearts and minds on the remembrance that leads us to the foot of the cross and the empty tomb.

Fruits of Faith February 23, 2025		Attendance: WH – 36; ORL – 9	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>	
\$618.00	General Budget	\$10.00	CLC General Budget
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need
-\$882.00	-Under / +Over	-\$57.31	-Under / +Over
\$10,499.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$300.00	Year to Date Offerings
\$12,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$538.48	Year to Date Need
-\$1,501.00	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$238.48	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)
\$45.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

March 3 – March 8, 2025

Monday – *John 8:12-16*

Jesus declares Himself the “Light of the World,” giving His followers the “light of life.” When the Pharisees object to His testimony, He points out that the heavenly Father who sent Him backs Him up.

Tuesday – *Romans 10:8-13*

It is believing in Christ that brings the status of “righteous,” not our keeping of the law. This is true of Jew and non-Jew alike. “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (v. 13).

Wednesday – *Romans 10:14-18*

It is the Lord who sends His preachers to proclaim the good news and cause the light to shine on the earth. Faith comes from hearing the message through the word of Christ (v. 17).

Thursday – *Genesis 50:15-22*

Joseph’s brothers fear his reprisals after their father has died, but Joseph has forgiven them and has seen how God turned their evil into good and ended up blessing many people.

Friday – *Nahum 1:15 – 2:1-13*

Nahum prophesied judgment upon Nineveh and the Assyrians. This meant good news to Judah and total devastation to the Assyrians, who thought they could defy the LORD.

Saturday – *1 John 1:5-10*

God is light. Sin is darkness. To claim fellowship with God and remain in darkness is to lie, but the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin (v. 7).

