



Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13



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As We Gather

We often complicate what God has made simple. In a world that insists salvation must be earned or remains out of reach, God speaks a clear and powerful truth: "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Salvation is not a puzzle to solve, nor a reward for our efforts—it is a gift, freely given through faith in Christ. As we begin our Lenten journey, we are reminded that righteousness is not achieved by our works but received through Christ's finished work. The Word is near, the promise is sure, and the grace of God is for all who believe. Today, we rejoice in the simplicity and power of the Gospel and the confidence it gives us in our Savior.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

140 (1, 4-6) – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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 Christ, as we begin this Lenten season, we come before our holy and merciful God, acknowledging our sin. Though His truth is near to us—revealed in His Word and spoken by His Son—we have often ignored it. Though salvation is a gift, received by faith, we have too often relied on our own righteousness. Though Christ has triumphed over every temptation in our place, we have stumbled and fallen in thought, word, and deed. Yet God's truth remains both easy and powerful: "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Trusting in His mercy, let us confess our sins together.
- C** **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have listened to the lies of the world, the temptations of the devil, and the desires of our own sinful flesh. We have trusted in ourselves rather than in Your saving truth. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who withstood every temptation in our place and bore our sins on the cross, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may hold fast to Your Word and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P The Lord hears your confession and is faithful to His promise. “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” That word is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the power of God for salvation. By His perfect obedience, His atoning death, and His victorious resurrection, He has accomplished what we could not. 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

Psalms 25:1-2a, 3-5; 31:3, 24

P To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed.

P Let no one who waits on You be ashamed;

C Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

P Show me Your ways, O Lord;

C Teach me Your paths.

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

C For You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.

P Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,

C All you who hope in the Lord.

P You are my rock and my fortress;

C Therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and guide me.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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 - shiped 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ “And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, ² that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall

bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. ³ And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴ “Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: ‘My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey”; ¹⁰ and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.’ “Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹ So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 91:1-13

- P** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
- C** **Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- P** I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress;
- C** **My God, in Him I will trust.”**
- P** Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
- C** **And from the perilous pestilence.**
- P** He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;
- C** **His truth shall be your shield and buckler.**
- P** You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
- C** **Nor of the arrow that flies by day,**
- P** Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
- C** **Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.**
- P** A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand;
- C** **But it shall not come near you.**
- P** Only with your eyes shall you look,
- C** **And see the reward of the wicked.**
- P** Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,
- C** **Even the Most High, your dwelling place,**

- P** No evil shall befall you,
- C** **Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;**
- P** For He shall give His angels charge over you,
- C** **To keep you in all your ways.**
- P** In their hands they shall bear you up,
- C** **Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- P** You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
- C** **The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.**

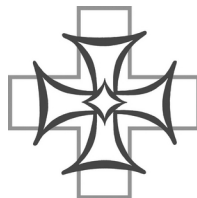
Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

¹ Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. ³ And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.” ⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” ⁹ Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’ ¹¹ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” ¹³ Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Response

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Amen.**



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

145 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Sermon Text

Romans 10:8b-13

⁸ “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”



Sermon

God's Truth: Easy and Powerful



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. Re store 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

47 – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

March 9	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
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
March 19	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
March 23	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:

- **April 6** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting/Ladies’ Meeting
- **May 4** – Education/Elders
- **June 1** – Trustees/Church Council

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.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: As we continue our Lenten journey, next Sunday’s sermon will focus on the encouragement from Philippians 3:17–4:1 to "Stand Firm in the Faith." The Apostle Paul reminds us that our citizenship is in heaven and urges us to remain steadfast, even as the world tempts us to waver. In Christ, we have a firm foundation, a Savior who strengthens and sustains us. Join us as we explore what it means to stand firm in the face of trials, keeping our eyes fixed on the glory that is ours in Christ Jesus. We look forward to worshiping with you!

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:

- **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

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.

Rejoicing in God's Gift of Baptism: Next Sunday, we have the joy of witnessing the baptism of Graysen and Haven Wynn. Through this precious Sacrament, our Lord washes away sin, clothes them in Christ's righteousness, and makes them His own (Titus 3:5-7). After the service, please join us for a meal as we give thanks to God and welcome Graysen and Haven into His family. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

Fruits of Faith		March 2, 2025	Attendance: WH – 44	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$2,562.00	General Budget	\$100.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
+\$1,062.00	-Under / +Over	+\$32.69	-Under / +Over	
\$13,061.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$400.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$13,500.00	Year to Date Need	\$605.79	Year to Date Need	
-\$439.00	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$205.79	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$50.00	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	

CLC Call News: Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights, MN has called members Christine Starland (part-time teacher) and Deb Owens (band) to fill the vacancy created by Cathy Augustin's retirement. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has received the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI <> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD.

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

March 10 – March 15, 2025

Monday – *John 8:23-28*

The Jewish leaders do not understand who Jesus is because they do not believe that He was sent by the heavenly Father. Jesus is looking ahead to His mission of being lifted up on the cross.

Tuesday – *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Encouraged by all the believers of old, let us look to the goal and endure all things, looking to Jesus. He endured the cross for us, looking to the joy in accomplishing our salvation.

Wednesday – *Exodus 1:8-22*

A new king imagined danger in God's blessings upon Israel and took human measures against the perceived threat. God works in hearts to protect His own and will continue to deliver.

Thursday – *Psalms 50:4-10*

The LORD testifies against the sin of His people. It is not their bulls and goats that He wants, but their hearts. He wants in truth to be their God.

Friday – *Hebrews 10:19-23*

Through Jesus' blood we may come into the presence of God, cleansed from our sins. Then let us come with a sincere heart, holding firmly to His Word, for He who promised is faithful.

Saturday – *Hebrews 10:23-25*

As we hold firmly to our hope in Christ, let us also encourage one another, meeting together to spur each other on to love and good works (v. 24), looking forward to the Day.

