



# The word of His grace

Acts 20:32



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## As We Gather

Transitions are a part of life—sometimes joyful, often painful, always significant. In our worship today, we step into one such moment with the Apostle Paul as he bids farewell to the elders in Ephesus. His words, though full of sorrow, are also full of strength—not because Paul had all the answers, but because he knew the One who did. As we listen to Paul’s farewell, we are reminded that Christ’s care for His Church never ends. The Chief Shepherd remains with us, guarding and guiding through His Word and Sacraments. Come, let us hear His voice and find comfort in His grace.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

10 – This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

#### 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, as sheep who often go astray, let us come before our Good Shepherd, confessing our sins and seeking His mercy.
- C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the desires of our own hearts and have not listened to the voice of our Shepherd. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We deserve nothing but Your wrath and punishment. But we take refuge in Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.**
- P** Jesus says, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life.” Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, 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 78:70-72; 79:13

- P** He chose David His servant,  
**C** **And took him from the sheepfolds;**  
**P** From following the ewes that had young He brought him,  
**C** **To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance.**  
**P** So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart,  
**C** **And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.**  
**P** So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever;  
**C** **We will show forth Your praise to all generations.**

## 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.

## 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 music 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.

## Epistle Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes,

and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup> And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. <sup>16</sup> They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
- C** **I shall not want.**
- P** He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
- C** **He leads me beside the still waters.**
- P** He restores my soul;
- C** **He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.**
- P** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
- C** **For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
- C** **You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.**
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;
- C** **And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.**

## Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. <sup>24</sup> Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. <sup>26</sup> But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and My Father are one."



take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup> For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. <sup>31</sup> Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. <sup>32</sup> “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”



*Sermon*

## The Good Shepherding Continues

### 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

473 (1-2, 4-5) – The Church's One Foundation

## 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.  
bless - 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

436 – The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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### Upcoming Schedule

May 11	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
May 18	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service – Promotion Sunday
May 21		Last Day of School (Half-Day)
May 25	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:

- **June 1** – Trustees/Church Council
- **July 6** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **August 3** – Education/Elders

**In Our Prayers:** Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, 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:** Next Sunday, we’ll reflect on Jesus’ words: “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). As we explore the theme One Love, One Life, we’ll see how Christ’s love shapes who we are and how we live. It’s also Promotion Sunday—a time to celebrate our school children moving up a grade. Join us as we rejoice in Christ’s love and encourage one another to walk in it!

**Learning with Littles:** We had a wonderful final session of the school year this past Friday with 35 children in attendance. What a blessing it has been to welcome so many little ones and their families to our church over the past several months. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this outreach effort. We look forward to restarting Learning with Littles in September as we continue sharing God’s love and Word with young families in our community.

**All Aboard for Vacation Bible School:** Join us this summer for an exciting week of adventure at our "Making Tracks" Vacation Bible School, July 14–18, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am each day! Children ages 4–12 are invited to come along as we explore how Jesus guides us through life and leads us safely to heaven. Each day will be filled with:

- Christ-centered Bible lessons
- Creative crafts and active games
- Joyful singing and tasty snacks

We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids, and classmates—any child who would be blessed by a fun and faith-filled week learning about Jesus!

Register today at [www.winterhavenlutheran.com/vbs](http://www.winterhavenlutheran.com/vbs), or speak with Pastor Sauers for more information. If you're able to volunteer during the week or would like to donate snacks or drinks, we'd be very grateful—just let Pastor Sauers know how you can help!

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>		<b>May 4, 2025</b>	<b>Attendance: WH – 38</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>		
\$657.00	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
-\$843.00	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over	
\$23,808.05	Year to Date Offerings	\$660.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$27,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,211.58	Year to Date Need	
-\$3,191.95	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$551.58	Year to Date (+/-)	
<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>		<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$150.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
\$30.00	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

May 12 – May 17, 2025

### **Monday** – *John 17:1-5*

We remember how Jesus prayed on the night before His crucifixion. He asked His Father to glorify Him, not for His own benefit, but “so that He may give eternal life” (v. 2) to His own.

### **Tuesday** – *John 17:6-8*

As He faces suffering and death, Jesus is praying for the disciples whom His Father has given Him. While they might not understand many things, they know that He has been sent to them by God.

### **Wednesday** – *1 John 2:12-14*

With poetic repetition, the apostle John reminds his hearers of the forgiveness of sins which they have in the name of their living Lord. His word continues to triumph over the Evil One.

### **Thursday** – *1 John 2:15-17*

If the world and its things become our greatest treasure—our love—then we will be poor indeed! For the world and its desires pass away, but our heavenly Father wants us to remain forever.

### **Friday** – *Exodus 16:1-15*

When food begins to run out, the people begin to act as though their daily bread comes from Egypt. But through quail and manna they will learn to know and thank the Lord their God (v. 12).

### **Saturday** – *Hosea 2:18-23*

To be God’s own child is to have all things work together for our good, whether wild animals or any other enemy. “I will” do everything for “My people,” for I am their God (v. 23).



