



By this
everyone will know
that you are my disciples, if
you have love for one another.



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As We Gather

In our daily lives, we are known by many different roles and labels – our jobs, our family ties, and our place in the community. But what is the one mark that truly defines us as followers of Christ in the eyes of the world? On the very night He was betrayed, a night heavy with sorrow yet pointing to ultimate glory, our Lord Jesus presented His disciples with what we might call the Christian's ultimate ID badge. Today, we'll delve into His new commandment, a call to a love modeled after His own sacrificial love for us.

✝ Preparation for Worship ✝

Hymn

351 – Love Divine, All Love Excelling

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 we rejoice in our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we also heed His call to holiness and love. Remembering the Apostle John's words, 'If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,' let us now draw near to God our Father with sincere hearts, confess our sins, and seek His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinful and have often failed You in our thoughts, words, and what we have done or not done. Your Son, Jesus, taught us to love one another deeply. Yet, we admit that our love has too often been weak. We have not always shown Your welcoming heart to everyone, and the concerns of this life have sometimes clouded our hope in Your eternal promises. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. For these sins, we are truly sorry and humbly ask for Your forgiveness and strength to do better.**

P Almighty God, in His great mercy, gave His Son Jesus to die for you, and for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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 ✠

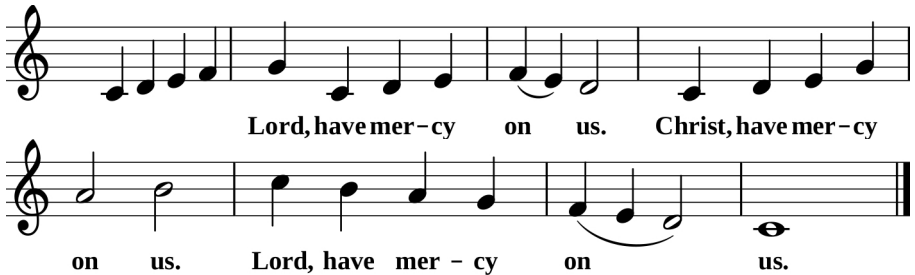
Introit

Psalm 98:2-6

- P** The LORD has made known His salvation;
C His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.
P He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
P Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
C Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.
P Sing to the LORD with the harp,
C With the harp and the sound of a psalm,
P With trumpets and the sound of a horn;
C Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.
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




Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

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.

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. ² And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, ³ saying, "You went in to

uncircumcised men and ate with them!”⁴ But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying:⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me.⁶ When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’⁸ But I said, ‘Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.’⁹ But the voice answered me again from heaven, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call common.’¹⁰ Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven.¹¹ At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea.¹² Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.¹³ And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter,¹⁴ who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.’¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’¹⁷ If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”¹⁸ When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148

P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

C **Praise Him in the heights!**

P Praise Him, all His angels;

C **Praise Him, all His hosts!**

P Praise Him, sun and moon;

C **Praise Him, all you stars of light!**

P Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,

C **And you waters above the heavens!**

P Let them praise the name of the LORD,

C **For He commanded and they were created.**

P He also established them forever and ever;

C **He made a decree which shall not pass away.**

P Praise the LORD from the earth,

C **You great sea creatures and all the depths;**

P Fire and hail, snow and clouds;

C **Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;**

- P** Mountains and all hills;
- C** **Fruitful trees and all cedars;**
- P** Beasts and all cattle;
- C** **Creeping things and flying fowl;**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples;
- C** **Princes and all judges of the earth;**
- P** Both young men and maidens;
- C** **Old men and children.**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted;
- C** **His glory is above the earth and heaven.**
- P** And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints
- C** **Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

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



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

349 (1-2, 4, 7) – Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Sermon Text

John 13:31-35

³¹ So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. ³² If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. ³³ Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”



Sermon

The Christian's ID Badge

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

399 (1-4) – Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

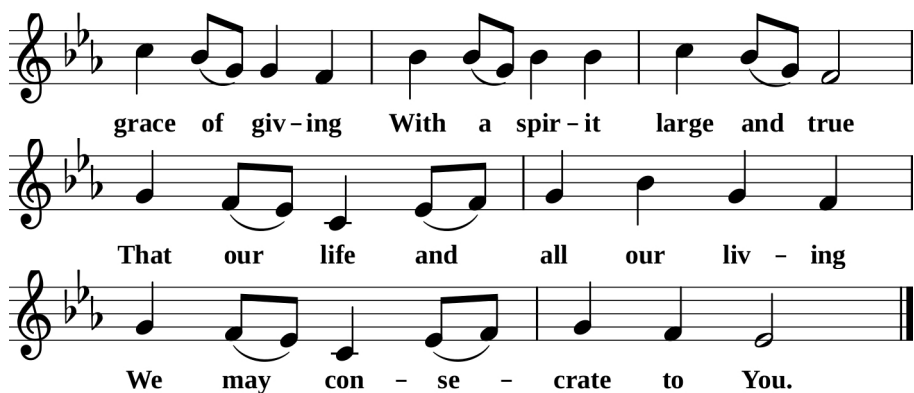
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Offering Hymn

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Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv - er Who with o - pen
heart and hand Bless - es free - ly as a riv - er
That re - fresh - es all the land. Grant us, then, the



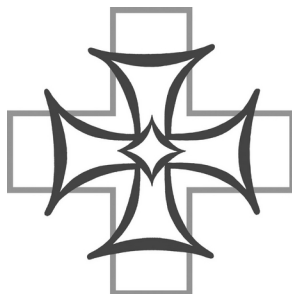
General Prayer

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.

ILS Children's Song

In Every Time



✠ ILS Promotion and Graduation ✠

Children Being Promoted to:

First Grade

Hannah Hawkins

Second Grade

Emmalyn Goodwin

Jacob Sauers

Third Grade

Emmily Diaz

Lukas Hawkins

Fourth Grade

Jenna Lawson

Mia Obrien

Kaileyangelys Rodriguez-Sanchez

Fifth Grade

Mollyjoy Joiner

Graysen Wynn

Sixth Grade

Joel Castaneda

Seventh Grade

Katrina Bernthal

Haven Wynn

Eighth Grade

Yazmin Castaneda

Justice Garcia

Ninth Grade

Levi Chambers

Zaiden Robinson

Tenth Grade

Erick Andino

Rylee Bennett

Tyler Duenas Diaz

Ariahna Gonzalez

Eleventh Grade

Edward Andino

Serenity Gonzalez

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

464 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule		
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)
June 1	9:15 am	Confirmation Examination
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

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, our worship will focus on the glorious Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have you ever wondered what Christ's return to the Father truly means for us today? Is He now distant, merely watching from afar? Absolutely not! As we gather around God's Word, specifically looking at Acts 1:1-11, we'll explore the theme: "Ascended, Active Body." We'll discover how our ascended Savior is powerfully present and ceaselessly at work for us and through us, His Church. Come, let's marvel together at the comfort and promise His ascension secures for our faith and daily lives.

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:

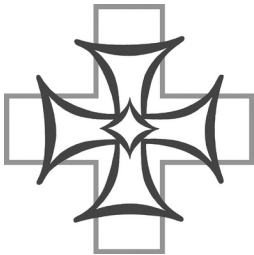
- Christ-centered Bible lessons
- Creative crafts and active games
- Joyful singing and tasty snacks

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, 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 Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Fruits of Faith		May 11, 2025	Attendance: WH – 27, ORL – 10	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$1,654.10	General Budget	\$5.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
+\$154.10	-Under / +Over	-\$62.31	-Under / +Over	
\$25,462.15	Year to Date Offerings	\$665.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$28,500.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,278.89	Year to Date Need	
-\$3,037.85	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$613.89	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$5.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$5.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

May 19 - May 24, 2025

Monday - *John 17:9-19*

The night before His death, Jesus prays for His disciples, that they may be protected by the Father's name (v. 11) from the Evil One (v. 15), filled with Jesus' joy (v. 13), set apart by His Word (v. 17).

Tuesday - *1 John 3:1-8*

Seeing the love of God fills us with eternal hope. In view of this glorious future, let us not keep on sinning. Sin is lawlessness and from the Devil, but Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil.

Wednesday - *Exodus 17:1-7*

After having received quail in the evening and manna in the morning, in a water shortage the people were ready to give up on God. But God did not give up on them!

Thursday - *Isaiah 49:8-13*

The promise held out to the LORD's Servant is to the benefit of the people. It means release to the prisoners, relief from hunger and thirst, shouts of joy as the LORD comforts His people.

Friday - *John 15:10-17*

In His great love our Savior heads to the cross, desiring that His disciples remain in His love and joy. There is no greater love than His, and showing His love to one another they will bear fruit.

Saturday - *John 16:5-15*

Facing the cross tomorrow, Jesus already promises to send the Counselor to His disciples (v. 7). He, the Spirit of truth, will guide them into all truth, glorifying Jesus who sent Him.



