



But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

Luke 10:33, NKJV



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## As We Gather

“How much is enough?” It’s a question that echoes in our relationships, our work, even our walk with God. We try harder, do more, strive to be better—hoping we’ll finally feel whole, finally feel worthy. But today, Jesus tells a story that turns that question on its head. It’s not about doing more, but about receiving more—more grace, more mercy, more love than we ever thought possible. As we gather, lay aside your striving. Come not to prove yourself, but to be reminded: Jesus has done it all. In Him, mercy meets you right where you are.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

18 – Lord, We Come Before Thee 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 the Lord, God’s holy Law is not unclear: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,” and “your neighbor as yourself.” This is the perfect will of God for His people. Yet we confess that we have not done this. We have walked past those in need, turned inward in selfishness, and failed to love as we ought. Let us then confess our sins to God, trusting not in our works, but in His mercy.

**C** Holy and merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have tried to justify ourselves, rather than rest in Your grace. We are truly sorry and we repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Fellow redeemed: We cannot do enough to inherit eternal life. But Christ has done everything for us. He saw us in our sin and did not pass by. He came down, bore our wounds, paid our debt with His blood, and brought us into the care of His Church. 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 136:23-26

**P** The LORD remembered us in our lowly state,

**C** For His mercy endures forever;

**P** And rescued us from our enemies,

**C** For His mercy endures forever;

**P** Who gives food to all flesh,

**C** For His mercy endures forever.

**P** Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven!

**C** For His mercy endures forever.

### 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.

  
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 is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple, using half and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across 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 is written on four staves in G major. The melody is more complex, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray...

... for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup> According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. <sup>4</sup> You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. <sup>9</sup> ‘When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup> And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> ‘You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. <sup>12</sup> And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> ‘You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. <sup>14</sup> You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the LORD. <sup>15</sup> ‘You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup> You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup> ‘You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 41

- [P]** Blessed is he who considers the poor;
- [C]** **The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.**
- [P]** The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth;
- [C]** **You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.**
- [P]** The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness;
- [C]** **You will sustain him on his sickbed.**
- [P]** I said, “LORD, be merciful to me;
- [C]** **Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”**
- [P]** My enemies speak evil of me:
- [C]** **“When will he die, and his name perish?”**

- P** And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies; His heart gathers iniquity to itself;
- C** **When he goes out, he tells it.**
- P** All who hate me whisper together against me;
- C** **Against me they devise my hurt.**
- P** “An evil disease,” they say, “clings to him.
- C** **And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more.”**
- P** Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread,
- C** **Has lifted up his heel against me.**
- P** But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up,
- C** **That I may repay them.**
- P** By this I know that You are well pleased with me,
- C** **Because my enemy does not triumph over me.**
- P** As for me, You uphold me in my integrity,
- C** **And set me before Your face forever.**
- P** Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting!
- C** **Amen and Amen.**

## Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; <sup>5</sup> because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; <sup>7</sup> as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup> who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; <sup>10</sup> that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

## Alleluia

**P** 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

389 – Not What These Hands have Done

## Sermon Text

Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” <sup>27</sup> So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ” <sup>28</sup> And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> On the next day, when he departed, he took out two

denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ <sup>36</sup> So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” <sup>37</sup> And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”



*Sermon*

## Do Nothing and Live

### 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

439 – O God of Mercy, God of Might

### 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

777 – Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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Upcoming Schedule		
July 13	8:00 am	Orlando Worship Service
	10:15 am	Winter Haven Worship Service
July 14-18	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
July 20	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
July 27	10:15 am	Worship Service

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

- **August 3** – Education/Elders
- **September 7** – Trustees
- **October 5** – Church Council

**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 hear the remarkable story of Sarah laughing at God's promise in Genesis 18:1–14. At first, her laughter was filled with doubt—after all, who could believe that a woman her age could bear a child? But the Lord responded with a question that still echoes today: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" God turned Sarah's doubtful laughter into joyful laughter, reminding us that His Word always accomplishes what He promises. When our circumstances seem impossible, God steps in with grace and power. Join us as we reflect on the theme "God's Word Gets the Last Laugh"—a celebration of the God who brings life where there was none and hope where there was despair. Come be encouraged by His unshakable promises!

**All Aboard for Vacation Bible School:** Our "Making Tracks" Vacation Bible School begins this Monday, July 14, and runs through Friday, July 18, from 9:00 to 11:30 am each day. We thank the Lord that over 45 children are registered to hear the Good News about Jesus, our Savior who guides us through life and leads us safely to heaven.

Please keep our VBS in your prayers this week. May the seeds planted this week bear fruit for eternity!

If you have any last-minute questions or would like to help in any way, please speak with Pastor Sauers.

**ManUp! Men's Retreat 2025:** Calling all men (18 and older)! Get ready for ManUp!, a powerful time of biblical encouragement, fellowship, and growth.

- **When:** September 25-28, 2025
- **Where:** Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI

This year's theme is **Ephesians 2:8-10**: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (ESV)

Join us for impactful Bible study, leadership training, team building, and worship. Plus, enjoy exciting activities like rock climbing, hiking, arrow tag, mountain biking, a trivia challenge, grilling, bonfires, and music!

Register at <https://manup.clclutheran.org/registration/>

**CLC Call News:** Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Erin Franson has accepted the call to serve as the female Mentor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College. <> Teacher Kathleen Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> St. John’s Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has extended two part-time, one-year calls to two St. John's members: Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Fruits of Faith		July 6, 2025	Attendance: WH – 45	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$2,556.00	General Budget	\$300.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
+\$1,056.00	-Under / +Over	+\$232.69	-Under / +Over	
\$35,927.39	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,270.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$40,500.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,817.37	Year to Date Need	
-\$4,572.61	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$547.37	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
\$200.00	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

# ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

July 14 – July 19, 2025

## **Monday** – *Matthew 5:28-30*

Righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees comes from the heart (v. 28). It is the heart which controls the eye, hand, etc., and it is the Lord who speaks to the heart.

## **Tuesday** – *Acts 4:1-22*

After the healing of the lame man, Peter and John are speaking to the people about Jesus. When the Sadducees approach, it becomes a question of “listen to you” or “listen to God” (v. 19).

## **Wednesday** – *Joshua 24:14-28*

As Joshua approaches the end of his work, he urges the people to continue serving the true God and no other. They respond positively and the covenant with God is reaffirmed at Shechem.

## **Thursday** – *Psalms 103:1-5*

David urges us to “bless the LORD,” praising Him for such personal gifts as forgiveness, healing, redemption, mercy, compassion, goodness, and renewed energy throughout our life.

## **Friday** – *Psalms 103:6-18*

Even from the days of Moses, the LORD’s forgiving mercy has been shown to His people. Our lives on this earth are short (vv. 15-16), but the LORD’s mercy lives from eternity to eternity.

## **Saturday** – *Psalms 103:19-22*

The LORD’s heavenly throne and royal power call for praise from His messengers, from His host of servants, from everything that He has made—yes, also from my own spirit and life!

