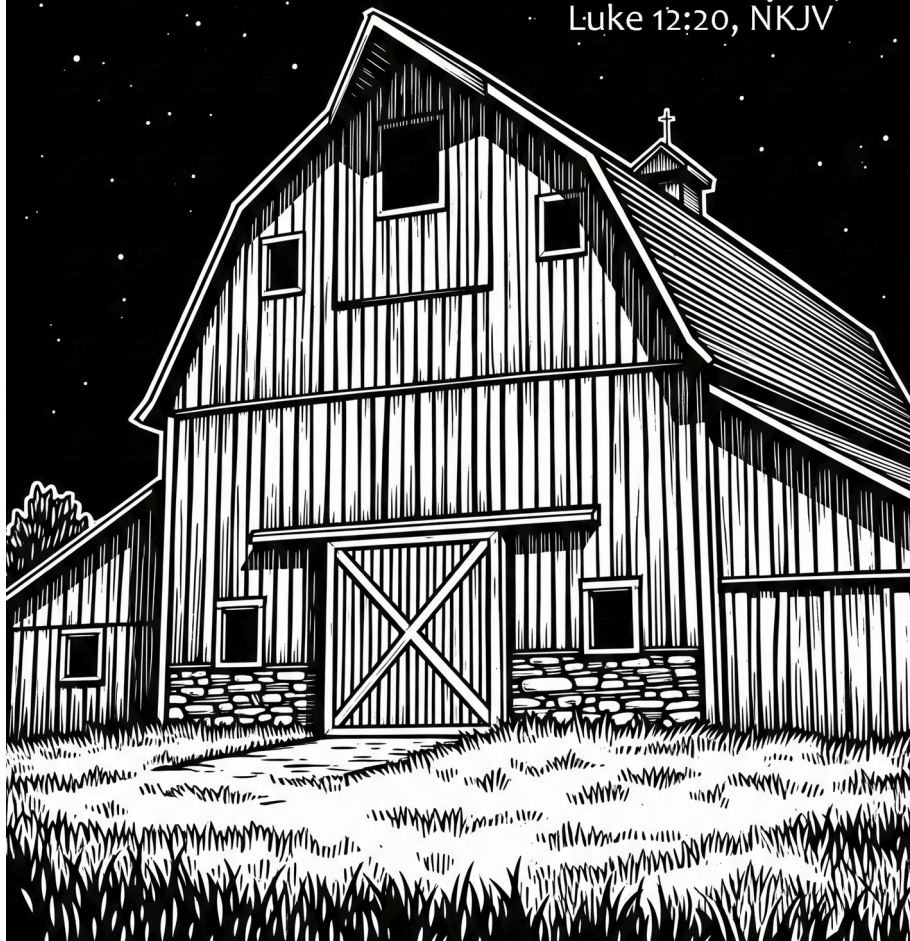


* But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

Luke 12:20, NKJV



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As We Gather

We spend our lives building. We build careers, savings accounts, and retirement plans—sturdy barns meant to secure our future. We check the balances and watch the markets, hoping to store up enough for a day when we can finally say to our souls, "Take your ease." But what is the true foundation of our security? In a world that tells us to accumulate more, Jesus asks us to look at our treasures through an eternal lens. Today we consider the difference between the wealth that perishes and the riches that are ours forever in Christ, finding our ultimate security not in what we can build, but in the grace of the One who has given us everything.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

43 – We Sing the Almighty Power of God

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! The Preacher in Ecclesiastes declares, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Our Lord Jesus warns us in the Gospel, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." We are called to confess that we have often forgotten this truth. We have sought to become rich in the things of this world, while neglecting the true riches of God's Word. Let us, therefore, come before our God in humility, confessing our sins and trusting in His steadfast mercy.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sought worldly treasures over the true riches found in You. We have set our minds on earthly things, loving the gifts more than the Giver. For these sins and our failure to be rich toward You, we are truly sorry and sincerely repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and 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 ✠

Glory be to the Father

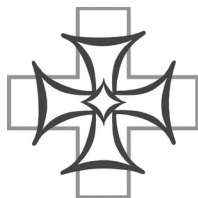
Gloria Patri

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.



Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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."

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us ex-tend. A-mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

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

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26

¹ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ² “Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher; “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” ¹² I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. ¹⁴ I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind. ¹⁸ Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have

shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. ²¹ For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? ²³ For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴ Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. ²⁵ For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I? ²⁶ For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90:1-4, 10, 12, 14, 16-17

- P** LORD, You have been our dwelling place
- C** in all generations.
- P** Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
- C** Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
- P** You turn man to destruction,
- C** And say, “Return, O children of men.”
- P** For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past,
- C** And like a watch in the night.
- P** The days of our lives are seventy years;
- C** And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,
- P** Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
- C** For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- P** So teach us to number our days,
- C** That we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- P** Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
- C** That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
- P** Let Your work appear to Your servants,
- C** And Your glory to their children.
- P** And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us;
- C** Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. ⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

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

420 – My Jesus, as Thou Wilt

Sermon Text

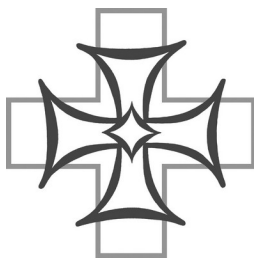
Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” ¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ ²¹ “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”



Sermon

You're Word-ly Rich



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.

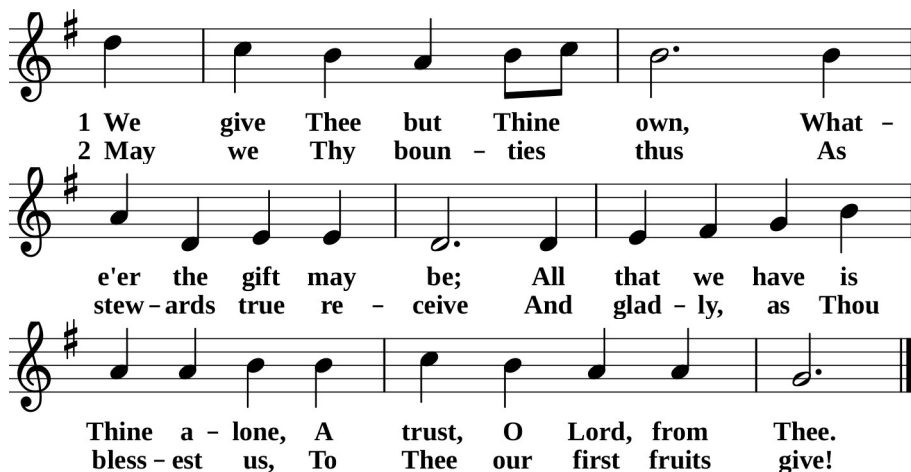
Hymn

425 (1-4) – All Depends On Our Possessing

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

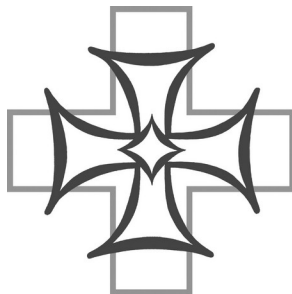
The Lord's Prayer

- 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.

✠ 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

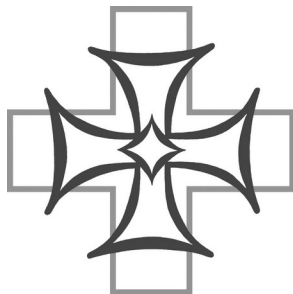
Agnus Dei

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

400 – Take My Life and Let It Be

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✚ Announcements ✚

Upcoming Schedule		
August 3	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Education/Elders Meetings
August 8	6:00 pm	Parent Meeting and Back to School Party
August 10	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
August 11	8:15 am	First Day of School
August 17	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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

- **Today** – 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: In a world that constantly tempts us to worry—about our finances, our families, and our future—Jesus offers a powerful and comforting alternative. He tells us, "Do not be anxious." But how is that possible? Next Sunday, we will look to our sermon text, Luke 12:22-34, to find the answer. We will see that God’s care for us is not a reluctant duty but His absolute delight. It is, as Jesus says, the Father’s "good pleasure" to give us the kingdom. Join us next week as we explore this profound truth and find true peace and security not in our own efforts, but in the loving and joyful provision of our Heavenly Father.

CLC Call News: Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Mr. Peter Reim has received the vacancy call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht have both accepted their part-time, one-year calls to St. John's, Okabena, MN. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

Fruits of Faith		July 27, 2025	Attendance: WH – 22	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>			<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>			<i>General Budget</i>	
\$870.00	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
-\$630.00	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over	
\$38,673.64	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,270.00	Year to Date Offerings	
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	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	VBS		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 4 - August 9, 2025

Monday - *Matthew 6:7-13*

The heathen try to manipulate their gods with many words, but Jesus teaches us to pray in a few words that God's name be honored, God's wishes prevail, and all our true needs be truly met.

Tuesday - *Acts 5:12-16*

The Lord Jesus is no longer visibly present among the apostles, but He continues to work and the blessings of His ministry continue among the people. The sick, tormented all healed! (v16)

Wednesday - *Acts 5:17-24*

The temple rulers imprison the apostles, but an angel frees them and sends them back to the temple to keep on telling the message of life in Christ. The captors are nonplussed!

Thursday - *1 Samuel 3:1-18*

The LORD comes with a message for the priest Eli, but gives it to young Samuel to be His prophet. Samuel is afraid to tell Eli, who wants to hear and accepts the word of the LORD from Samuel.

Friday - *Psalms 116:1-11*

The LORD who brought His people from Egypt also saves His people from hell. He delivers from death and stumbling, even from troubles which tempt us to say in haste, "I'm all alone!"

Saturday - *Psalms 116:12-19*

How can we thank the LORD for everything? By looking to Him for everything, calling upon the name of the LORD (v13,17)! I will keep my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people (v14,18).

