

Do not fear, little flock, for it is
your Father's good pleasure to
give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32, NKJV



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As We Gather

We live in an anxious world—restless minds, heavy hearts, and a constant pressure to hold everything together. But into our worry-filled lives, Jesus speaks a surprising word: “Do not fear, little flock.” Today, we gather to hear a promise that stills our fears and lifts our eyes. Your heavenly Father is not a distant observer but a loving Giver, and it is His *good pleasure* to give you the Kingdom. Come with your doubts, your burdens, your worries—and find rest in the grace of the One who holds you fast.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

36 – Now Thank We All Our God

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Luke 12:32, Psalm 37:3-4

P Fear not, little flock,

C For it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

P Trust in the Lord and do good;

C Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

P Delight yourself also in the Lord,

C And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord, we come before our gracious God, acknowledging our sin and our deep need for His mercy. Jesus bids us not to worry about our life—what we will eat, or what we will wear. He points us to the birds of the air and the lilies of the field and reminds us that we have a heavenly Father who knows what we need and delights to give us His Kingdom. Yet how often we doubt His care. How often we cling to the treasures of this world, rather than seeking the Kingdom of God. Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father, trusting in His mercy and grace.

C Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have not trusted You as we should. We worry about many things. We chase after earthly treasures that fade. We seek security in what we can see and touch, rather than in Your promises. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for loving the things of this world more than Your Kingdom. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, cleanse our hearts, strengthen our faith, and teach us to treasure what is eternal. Amen.

P Dear fellow redeemed, hear the promise of your gracious God: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Your heavenly Father has not withheld His own Son but has freely given Him up for you. Jesus Christ has taken your sin to the cross, and by His resurrection, He has opened the way to the eternal city prepared for you. 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 ✠

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, 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.

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

Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” ² But Abram said, “Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!” ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.” ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

- P** I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
C **From whence comes my help?**
P My help comes from the LORD,
C **Who made heaven and earth.**
P He will not allow your foot to be moved;
C **He who keeps you will not slumber.**
P Behold, He who keeps Israel
C **Shall neither slumber nor sleep.**
P The LORD is your keeper;
C **The LORD is your shade at your right hand.**
P The sun shall not strike you by day,
C **Nor the moon by night.**
P The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
C **He shall preserve your soul.**
P The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in
C **From this time forth, and even forevermore.**



Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

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

263 – O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Sermon Text

Luke 12:22-34

²² Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. ²³ Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶ If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? ²⁹ “And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. ³⁰ For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹ But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³² “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



Sermon

The Father's Good Pleasure

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.

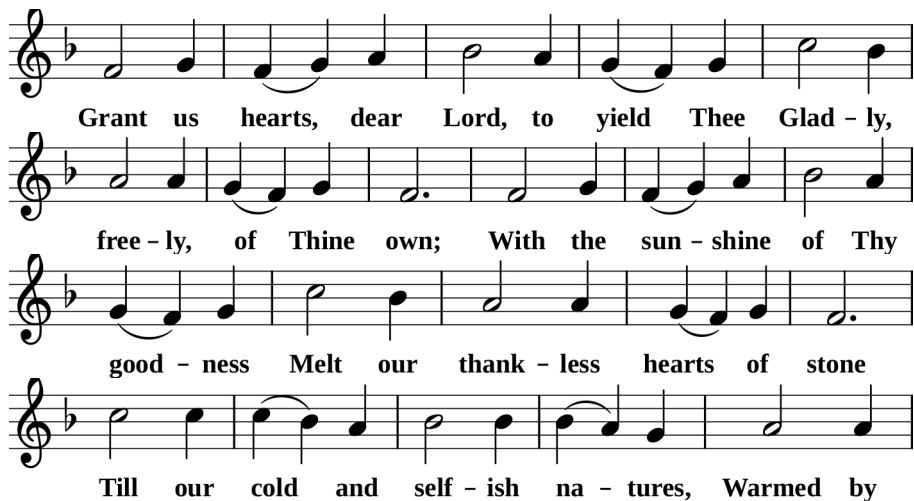
Hymn

429 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

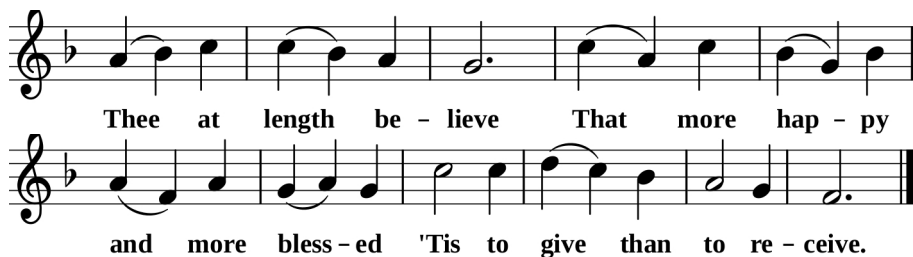
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Offering Hymn

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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



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 427 (1-4, 7) – How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

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✠ Announcements ✠

| Upcoming Schedule | | |
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| 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 |
| August 22 | 10:30 am | Learning with Littles |
| August 24 | 8:00 am | Worship Service (Orlando) |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service (Winter Haven) |
| | | Christian Education Sunday (Children Sing) |

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

- **September 7** – Trustees
- **October 5** – Church Council
- **November 2** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting/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.

New Sermon Series: The Upside-Down Kingdom: What if everything the world teaches about success, peace, and power is upside down? As Jesus journeys to the cross, He turns worldly wisdom on its head—teaching that the last will be first, true peace causes division, and the way up is actually down.

Join us as we explore “*The Upside-Down Kingdom*.” Each week, we’ll be challenged and comforted by Jesus’ surprising truths that expose the shallowness of the world and invite us into the eternal logic of God’s grace.



Series Schedule:

- **August 17** – A Peace That Divides (*Luke 12:49–53*)
- **August 24** (Education Sun.) – Greatness Redefined (*Matthew 18:1–5*)
- **August 31** – The Way Up Is Down (*Luke 14:1, 7–14*)
- **September 7** – Gaining by Losing (*Luke 14:25–35*)
- **September 14** – The Value of the Lost (*Luke 15:1–10*)
- **September 21** – Heavenly Shrewdness (*Luke 16:1–13*)
- **September 28** – The Great Reversal (*Luke 16:19–31*)
- **October 5** – The Power of Small Faith (*Luke 17:1–10*)

Come and hear how the Gospel flips our expectations and reshapes our lives.

Learning with Littles: Our “Mommy and Me” program for moms (or other caregivers) and their little ones (ages 0-6) is restarting on August 22nd. We’re so excited! The first theme will be “Color Splash” and we’ll share the Bible lesson of Jesus blessing the children. We are again looking for snack donations. Items like 100% juice boxes, applesauce pouches, organic granola bars, as well as individually wrapped goldfish, veggie straws, teddy grahams, and cookies are always a hit! Thank you for your prayers and support of this program! Please pray that families would grow in faith in their Savior and would be interested in our church or school as a result.

CLC Call News: Mr. Peter Reim has returned the vacancy call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has accepted the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Dave Schierenbeck has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> 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.

| Fruits of Faith | | August 3, 2025 | | Attendance: WH – 40 | |
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| <u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u> | | <u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u> | | | |
| <i>General Budget</i> | | <i>General Budget</i> | | | |
| \$2,501.00 | General Budget | \$100.00 | CLC General Budget | | |
| \$1,500.00 | Weekly Need | \$67.31 | Weekly Need | | |
| +\$1,001.00 | -Under / +Over | +\$32.69 | -Under / +Over | | |
| \$41,174.64 | Year to Date Offerings | \$1,370.00 | Year to Date Offerings | | |
| \$46,500.00 | Year to Date Need | \$2,086.61 | Year to Date Need | | |
| -\$5,325.36 | Year to Date (+/-) | -\$716.61 | Year to Date (+/-) | | |
| <i>Non-Budgetary</i> | | <i>Non-Budgetary</i> | | | |
| | Building Fund | | ILC Student Aid Fund | | |
| | Property Improvement | \$50.00 | ILC Building Fund | | |
| | ILC Scholarship Fund | | ILC Improvement Fund | | |
| | Tuition Grant | | Mission Development (MDF) | | |
| \$40.00 | Benevolence Fund | \$50.00 | CLC Kinship | | |
| | VBS | | ILC Tour Choir | | |
| | School Fund | | Spokesman/Daily Rest | | |

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 11 – August 16, 2025

Monday – *Matthew 6:19-21*

The earthly honor and riches that people set their hearts on are temporary and soon fade away. The treasures in heaven, which Christ has won for us, are unfading and worth our hearts.

Tuesday – *Matthew 6:22-23 Father's*

Just as the eye affects even where we put our feet, so if our heart treasures the wrong things, it will affect not only our destination, but also our walk through life.

Wednesday – *Acts 6:1-7*

When a difficulty arises in the young Jerusalem church, the apostles choose the path of love, and the congregation chooses deacons full of the Spirit to distribute food to all the widows.

Thursday – *1 Samuel 10:17-27*

Samuel calls the people together, but it is the LORD who chooses the one to rule over His people as king. When humble Saul is brought forward, most rejoice, although some still oppose him.

Friday – *Psalms 119:105-108*

It is the Word of the LORD that teaches our feet where to walk, especially in days of suffering. Though we may suffer much, it cannot take away the eternal blessings for which we praise God.

Saturday – *Psalms 119:109-112*

Not just accidents and illness cause suffering, but snares may also be placed in my path by other people. Nevertheless Your Word, O LORD, still brings joy to my heart, direction to my path!

