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Luke 12:51



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## As We Gather

We often seek a quiet escape from a world of conflict. We long for peace, especially in our homes and families. What, then, are we to do when the Prince of Peace Himself says, “Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division”? Jesus’ words about bringing a dividing fire can be jarring. Yet, as we explore this profound paradox, we will find our comfort not in a fragile, earthly truce, but in the ultimate division He endured upon the cross so that we might have a rugged, eternal peace with God.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

1 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

#### Opening Sentences

Luke 12:51, Hebrews 4:12; 12:1-2

**P** Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth?

**C** I tell you, not at all, but rather division.

**P** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,

**C** piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow.

**P** Therefore, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

**C** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** Our Lord Jesus brings not the world’s peace, but a holy division. The peace He offers, purchased by the cross, is a truth that separates light from darkness and may result in conflict even within the most intimate human relationships. In the face of this divine standard, our sinful hearts are exposed. We are prone to seek comfort over truth and to fear the disapproval of man more than God. Therefore, let us approach our heavenly Father to confess our sins, pleading for His mercy.

**C** O God of holy fire and perfect peace, we confess that we have sought a peace of our own making, longing for comfort more than truth. We have feared the division of family and friends more than compromising Your Word, remaining silent when we should have spoken. Forgive us for our cowardice, our love of ease, and our failure to embrace the cost of discipleship. Have mercy on us for the sake of Christ, who was forsaken on the cross that we might be reconciled to You.

**P** God is a consuming fire, yet in Christ, that fire refines you, for your sin was laid upon Him. On the cross, He was divided from His Father so that you would never be. He endured the ultimate conflict to give you the ultimate peace. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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 ✠

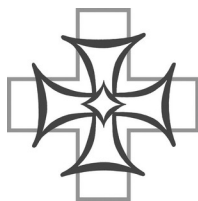
### Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

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



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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, then B4, and ending on G4. The second staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, then B4, and ending on G4. The lyrics are written below the 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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, then B4, and ending on G4. The second staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, then B4, and ending on G4. The third staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, then B4, and ending on G4. The fourth staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, then B4, and ending on G4. The fifth staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, then B4, and ending on G4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## 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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup> “Am I a God near at hand,” says the LORD, “And not a God afar off?”  
<sup>24</sup> Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD. <sup>25</sup> “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’” <sup>26</sup> How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup> who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.  
<sup>28</sup> “The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> “Is not My word like a fire?” says the LORD, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 4

- P** Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress;
- C** **Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.**
- P** How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame?
- C** **How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood?**
- P** But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly;
- C** **The LORD will hear when I call to Him.**
- P** Be angry, and do not sin.
- C** **Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.**
- P** Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
- C** **And put your trust in the LORD.**
- P** There are many who say, “Who will show us any good?”
- C** **LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.**
- P** You have put gladness in my heart,
- C** **More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.**
- P** I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;
- C** **For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

## Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> For consider Him who endured such hostility

from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. <sup>4</sup> You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. <sup>5</sup> And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; <sup>6</sup> For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.” <sup>7</sup> If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? <sup>8</sup> But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. <sup>11</sup> Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup> Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

## 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

423 (1-3, 6) – Jesus, I My Cross have Taken

## Sermon Text

Luke 12:49-53

<sup>49</sup> “I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!  
<sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. <sup>53</sup> Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”



*Sermon*

## A Peace that Divides

### Offertory

The musical notation is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the music.

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

292 (1-4, 8-9) – Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

### Offering

## Offering Hymn

443 (1, 8)



1 O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, To  
2 To Thee, from whom we all de - rive Our  
Thee all praise and glo - ry to be. How  
life, our gifts, and our pow'r to give. Oh,  
shall we show our love to Thee, Who giv - est all?  
may we ev - er with Thee live, Who giv - est all!

## 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

46 – On What has Now been Sown

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

Schedule		
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)
August 31	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

**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 returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Fruits of Faith		August 10, 2025	Attendance: WH – 37; ORL – 15	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$1,639.75	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
+\$139.75	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over	
\$42,814.39	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,370.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$48,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,153.92	Year to Date Need	
-\$5,185.61	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$783.92	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$10.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$45.00	Benevolence Fund		CLC Kinship	
	VBS		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

# ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 18 - August 23, 2025

## **Monday** - *Matthew 7:24-29*

To hear Jesus' words and put them into practice is like building a house on bedrock. It weathers the storms. Those who do not build on the firm foundation are heading to destruction.

## **Tuesday** - *Acts 7:51-59*

Faithful Stephen confronts those who rejected Jesus' words, and they display the destructive nature of their way of life. Stephen commits his spirit to Jesus, the firm foundation of his life.

## **Wednesday** - *1 Samuel 15:16-23*

The once humble Saul permits the people to go against God's judgment pronounced upon the Amalekites. They saved some of the livestock "for religious reasons." To obey is better.

## **Thursday** - *Psalms 53*

Worth repeating (compare Psalm 14) is the foolishness of building on a "no-God" foundation. It produces evil and leads to destruction. God, however, provides salvation from Zion and brings joy (verse 6).

## **Friday** - *Ezekiel 33:10-16*

The prophet is given a message for God's people: "Repent, turn around. I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked." And don't think your righteousness will save you, sinner, but I will (verse 16).

## **Saturday** - *Romans 8:1-9*

In Christ we have been freed from condemnation! So we do not think about things according to the sinful flesh, but according to the Spirit of Christ, that is, God's Spirit who dwells within us!

