



**And when
he has found
it, he lays it
on his
shoulders,
rejoicing.**

Luke 15:5, NKJV



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As We Gather

Have you ever lost something precious? Remember the frantic search, the single-minded focus until it was found? Our Lord's parables today reveal that we are His treasured possession. When we wander, He doesn't shrug and focus on the ninety-nine. He relentlessly seeks the one lost sheep. He diligently sweeps the entire house for the one lost coin. This is the heart of our God! As we gather to worship, let this truth settle in your soul: you are the one He sought. You are the reason for the great rejoicing in heaven. May our hymns and prayers today join that angelic chorus, giving thanks for a Savior who finds the lost.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

14 – All People that on Earth do Dwell

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences Luke 19:10, Ezekiel 34:11, Luke 15:7, 1 Peter 2:25

P The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

C **For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out."**

P I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents

C **than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.**

P For you were like sheep going astray,

C **but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Scripture declares that our Savior came to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we, like sheep, have gone astray into sin. But our Good Shepherd laid down His life to rescue us. Let us, therefore, confess our sins to God our Father.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess all my sins. I have gone astray from Your commands, treasuring this world above You. In pride, I have acted as if I needed no shepherd, and in fear, I have failed to trust Your seeking grace. For these and all my sins, I am heartily sorry and repent. For the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As the shepherd rejoices to place the found sheep upon His shoulders, so your heavenly Father rejoices to welcome you home. Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.

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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son'. The second staff continues with 'and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,'. The third staff concludes with 'is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



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 treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). 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 treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The third staff continues the melody: C3 (half), B2 (half), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half), C2 (half). The fourth staff continues the melody: B1 (half), A1 (half), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (half), B1 (half). The fifth staff continues the melody: A1 (half), G1 (half), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (quarter), B1 (half), A1 (half). 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.

¹¹ ‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.” ¹⁷ ‘And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. ¹⁸ Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? ¹⁹ And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet.” ²⁰ ‘Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: “Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, ²² therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Psalms of the Day

Psalms 119:169-176

- P** Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
- C** Give me understanding according to Your word.
- P** Let my supplication come before You;
- C** Deliver me according to Your word.
- P** My lips shall utter praise,
- C** For You teach me Your statutes.
- P** My tongue shall speak of Your word,
- C** For all Your commandments are righteousness.
- P** Let Your hand become my help,
- C** For I have chosen Your precepts.

C Seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

1 Timothy 1:5-17

Alleluia

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

324 (1-3, 5-6) – Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Sermon Text

Luke 15:1-10

¹ Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.
² And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So He spoke this parable to them, saying:
⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ ⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. ⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’
¹⁰ Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



Sermon

The Value of the Lost

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.

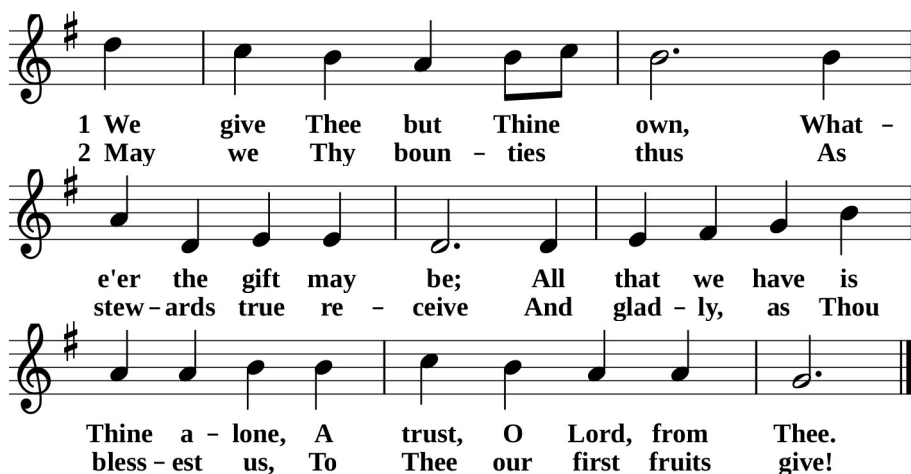
Hymn

777 – Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound

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

416 – Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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✝ Announcements ✝

Schedule		
September 14	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
September 21	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
September 22-24		Pastor in Eau Claire for Mission Board meetings.
September 26	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
September 28	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

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

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.



Remaining Series Schedule:

- **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.

Mission Festival & Potluck: Join us on Sunday, October 5th, as we celebrate our annual Mission Festival. We will give thanks to God for the proclamation of the Gospel at home and abroad. Following the worship service, please join us for a potluck meal. Bring a dish to share as we enjoy fellowship together.

Learning with Littles: We had a wonderful Learning with Littles session on Friday, welcoming 38 children from 23 families! Our theme was "Amazing Me," and the little ones made a special handprint craft to take home. We were so encouraged to hear from many moms who are already planning to come back!

A huge thank you to Lisa and Sarah for helping out this week! As our group grows, we are in need of juice boxes and toddler-friendly snacks. Donations of organic granola bars, applesauce pouches, goldfish, or other individually wrapped, nut-free snacks would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support of this ministry and especially for your prayers!

CLC News: Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Fruits of Faith		September 7, 2025		Attendance: WH – 47	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>			
\$2,604.07	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need		
+\$1,104.07	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over		
\$48,283.57	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,570.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$54,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,423.16	Year to Date Need		
-\$5,716.43	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$853.16	Year to Date (+/-)		
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>			
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund		
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund		
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund		
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)		
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund	\$100.00	CLC Kinship		
	VBS		ILC Tour Choir		
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest		

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

September 15 – September 20, 2025

Monday - *John 6:44-47*

Coming to Jesus is not something for which we can take any credit. The Father who sent Him into the world is the one who teaches us, draws us to Him, and persuades us to believe in Him.

Tuesday - *John 6:48-51*

As great a miracle as the manna in the wilderness was, it did not give life forever. So much greater is the living bread, Jesus, who gave Himself for the eternal life of the world!

Wednesday - *Acts 9:1-9*

Saul thinks he is chasing after disciples of a dead Lord, but near Damascus suddenly the living Lord speaks to him, "Why are you persecuting me?" While digesting this, Saul fasts for three days.

Thursday - *Acts 9:10-22*

The Lord sends Ananias to Saul to restore Saul's sight. After taking some food, he stays in Damascus several days and proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God!. Jesus is the Christ! (verses 20, 22) .

Friday - *2 Samuel 12:1-10*

After King David has committed adultery and murder, the LORD sends the prophet Nathan to show him his sin and draw him to repentance.

Saturday - *Job 38:1-11*

The LORD responds to Job's erroneous explanations by reminding him of the far greater wisdom and power of the creator of the universe. Who is worthier of our trust than the LORD?.

