

**THEY HAVE MOSES
AND THE PROPHETS;
LET THEM HEAR THEM.**

LUKE 16:29, NKJV



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As We Gather

We love a good reversal story—the underdog who triumphs, the broken made whole, the last becoming first. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us the ultimate reversal: the rich man who trusted in earthly comforts finds torment, while poor Lazarus is carried to Abraham’s side. This parable isn’t just about them—it’s about us. Where is our hope placed: in passing pleasures or in the eternal promises of God? The good news is that Jesus became poor for our sake, taking our place in suffering so that we might share in His riches. Through His cross and resurrection, the Great Reversal has already begun. Today, as we hear His Word and receive His gifts, we are reminded that in Christ, what looks like loss becomes gain, and what seems like death becomes life.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

26 (1-4) – Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

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 Christ, our God warns us not to grow proud or secure in earthly comfort, nor to trust in riches that cannot last. He calls us instead to seek the treasure that endures: His kingdom and His righteousness. Yet we know how easily our hearts are led astray—chasing after wealth, recognition, or comfort, while forgetting the Lord who gives us every good gift and neglecting the neighbor He calls us to love. Let us, then, humbly confess our sins before God, trusting in His mercy through Jesus Christ.

C Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Too often we have placed our hope in earthly things and trusted in ourselves rather than in You. We have failed to love You with our whole heart and have ignored the needs of our neighbors. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may find our true riches in Him.

P Hear the comfort of God's Word: "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In Christ, the great exchange has taken place—your sin laid on Him, His righteousness given to 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.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning,
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)



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.

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

Amos 6:1-7

¹ Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, And trust in Mount Samaria, Notable persons in the chief nation, To whom the house of Israel comes! ² Go over to Calneh and see; And from there go to Hamath the great; Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory? ³ Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, Who cause the seat of violence to come near; ⁴ Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall; ⁵ Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; ⁶ Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best

ointments, But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. ⁷ Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 146

P Praise the LORD!

C Praise the LORD, O my soul!

P While I live I will praise the LORD;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P Do not put your trust in princes,

C Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

P His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;

C In that very day his plans perish.

P Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,

C Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

P Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them;

C Who keeps truth forever,

P Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry.

C The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

P The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down;

C The LORD loves the righteous.

P The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow;

C But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

P The LORD shall reign forever—

C Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good

confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, ¹⁵ which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. ¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

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

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

40 – The God of Abraham Praise

Sermon Text

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And

being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’” ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’” ²⁷ “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’” ²⁹ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’” ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’” ³¹ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”



Sermon

The Great Reversal

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

394 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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

764 – God of Grace and God of Glory

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✝ Announcements ✝

Schedule		
September 28	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
October 5	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
		Mission Festival (Children Sing)
	11:30 am	Fellowship Meal
	12:15 pm	Church Council
October 10	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
October 12	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.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Next Sunday is our Mission Festival, and our sermon will be based on Acts 8:26-40. In this account we'll hear about a traveler who found joy in an unexpected place, reminding us how the Lord still works through His Word to bring people into His kingdom. As we celebrate the mission of the Church, we'll reflect on how God meets us on our life's journey and sends us out as His witnesses. Join us as we rejoice in Christ, who gives us The Joyful Road Home.

Mission Festival & Potluck: Join us next Sunday 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.

Southeastern Women's Retreat: Registration is now open for the Southeastern Women's Retreat, to be held in Sherrills Ford, NC, February 13-15, 2026. The theme this year is "Sisters in Christ". To register, please head over to women'sretreat.clclutheran.net, click on SOUTHEAST, and scroll down to the link for the online form. If you would like to register over email or you have any questions, reach out to southeasternwomensretreat@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Learning with Littles: We had our largest group yet at Learning with Littles and were blessed to share God's Word and fall-themed activities with 50 kids and 33 adults on Friday! Every session, we share a bible lesson (story) and the gospel of Jesus, as well as songs, a book, and crafts related to the week's theme. It's a privilege to meet these families and to tell them about their Savior and about our church and school.

A huge thank you to Lisa and Paulette for helping out this week, as well as to everyone who donated snacks. (We'd love to have more juice boxes and individually-wrapped snacks like cookies, goldfish, or crackers.) Thank you especially for your prayers -- we know the Lord is working!

We'll have a special rainbow craft for our next session on October 10th (we're doing a weather theme and Noah's ark) and are looking for help cutting pieces. If you can stick around a few extra minutes after church today, please join us to help. No artistic skill needed! Thank you!

CLC News: Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Fruits of Faith		September 21, 2025		Attendance: WH – 38	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>			
\$1,154.00	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need		
-\$346.00	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over		
\$60,126.57	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,675.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$57,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,557.78	Year to Date Need		
+\$3,126.57	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$882.78	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		CLC Kinship		
	VBS		ILC Tour Choir		
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest		

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

September 29 – October 04, 2025

Monday – *Luke 12:32-34*

How rich we are depends on what we value. The treasures of this world will fade and fail us, but the heavenly treasure that is ours in Christ is eternal, something worth setting our heart upon.

Tuesday – *Luke 12:35-36*

As we await the return of our glorious Savior and Lord, let us strive to be ready at all times to serve Him. Whether He comes early or late, it will be the right time to receive Him warmly.

Wednesday – *Acts 14:1-7*

As Paul and Barnabas preached the Good News, many believed but not all. Sometimes they stayed a long time to speak, and sometimes a plot to mistreat them sent them on to other cities.

Thursday – *Acts 14:8-20*

In Lystra a lame man was healed and the people wanted to worship the missionaries as gods. Paul was barely able to stop them, but a stoning incident sent him and Barnabas on to Derbe.

Friday – *1 Kings 3:5-15*

As Solomon becomes king, God invites any requests. Instead of asking for earthly treasures, riches, and honor (v. 13), Solomon asks for an understanding heart to serve well the people of God.

Saturday – *Deuteronomy 6:4-13*

The word which God gave Israel through Moses was to be the treasure of their hearts as they came into the rich land that was promised to them. “Do not forget the Lord”... “serve Him.”



