



2 Timothy 2:13



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As We Gather

Our world is one of broken promises. We have felt the sting when others fail to follow through, and if we are honest, we know the guilt of failing to keep our own word. This reality can make us weary. It can even cause a questioning voice to whisper when we stumble in our faith yet again: Is God's faithfulness like ours? Does His patience have a limit? As we prepare our hearts for worship, we quiet ourselves to hear the answer, seeking refuge from our faithlessness in the unchanging character of our God.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

16 – Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences Psalm 28:7; 2 Timothy 2:13; Lamentations 3:22-23

P O Lord, open my lips.

C And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusted, and I am helped.

C Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.

P If we are faithless,

C He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

P The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;

C great is Your faithfulness.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! The Scriptures declare that even “if we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.” We gather today in the presence of this ever-faithful God, who calls us His own children through Holy Baptism. Yet, we know our own hearts. We have not always been faithful. We have wandered, forgotten His promises, and failed to trust in His unfailing love. Therefore, let us come before Him with humble and penitent hearts, confessing our sins and seeking His mercy, which is new every morning.

C O almighty and most merciful God, we, poor, miserable sinners, confess unto You all our sins and iniquities with which we have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have been faithless in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to us. Forgive us our sins, strengthen our faith, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. 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)

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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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

Ruth 1:1-19a

¹ Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. ³ Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. ⁴ Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. ⁵ Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband. ⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the

country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread. ⁷ Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each to her mother’s house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband.” So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, “Surely we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹ But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, ¹³ would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!” ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ And she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said: “Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me.” ¹⁸ When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her. ¹⁹ Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 111

- P** Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,
- C** **In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.**
- P** The works of the LORD are great,
- C** **Studied by all who have pleasure in them.**
- P** His work is honorable and glorious,
- C** **And His righteousness endures forever.**
- P** He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
- C** **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**
- P** He has given food to those who fear Him;
- C** **He will ever be mindful of His covenant.**
- P** He has declared to His people the power of His works,
- C** **In giving them the heritage of the nations.**
- P** The works of His hands are verity and justice;
- C** **All His precepts are sure.**

- P** They stand fast forever and ever,
- C** **And are done in truth and uprightness.**
- P** He has sent redemption to His people;
- C** **He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.**
- P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
- C** **A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

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

526 – In God, My Faithful God

Sermon Text

2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹ You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³ You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ⁵ And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. ⁷ Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. ⁸ Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. ¹² If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.



Sermon

God Remains Faithful

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.

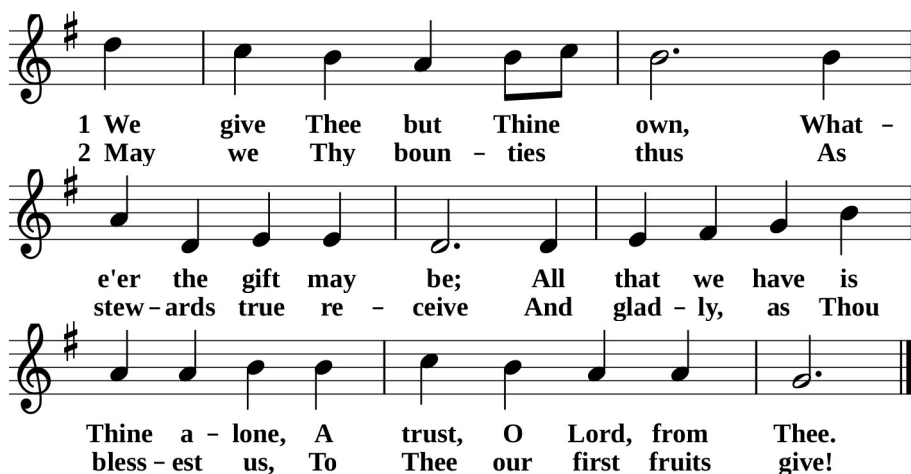
Hymn

457 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

53 – Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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✝ Announcements ✝

Schedule		
October 12	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
October 14-16		Southeast Pastoral Conference
October 15	7:00 pm	SEPC Worship service w/ Holy Communion
October 19	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
October 24	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
October 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **November 2** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting/Education/Elders
- **December 7** – Trustees/Church Council
- **January 4** – Annual Voters’ Meeting

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: Have you ever picked a fight with God? We may not wrestle with Him physically as Jacob did on the banks of the Jabbok, but we certainly struggle. We wrestle in our prayers, we fight against His will, and we struggle with His timing when it doesn’t match our own. In next Sunday’s sermon, “Losing the Fight You Picked with God,” we will study Jacob’s strange, all-night battle from Genesis 32:22-30. He walked away from that fight with a permanent limp, but he also left with a new name and God’s undeserved blessing. Come and see how being defeated by our gracious God is the only way to truly win the victory He has in store for us.

Learning with Littles: It was a joy to welcome 41 children from 28 families to our session this past Friday, who even braved a brief misty rain (which actually was fitting since the theme was "Wonderful Weather"!) Each session is a precious time for singing songs, playing games, and doing crafts. Above all, it is a blessed opportunity to share the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with the many children and families who attend. Please keep this vital outreach in your prayers, asking the Lord to continue blessing this work of planting the seeds of His Word in the hearts of these little ones.

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!

CLC News: Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has received the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Professor Mark Weis has received the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Fruits of Faith		October 5, 2025		Attendance: WH – 59	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>			
\$1,698.00	General Budget	\$20.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need		
+\$198.00	-Under / +Over	-\$47.31	-Under / +Over		
\$62,904.51	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,750.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$60,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,692.40	Year to Date Need		
+\$2,904.51	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$942.40	Year to Date (+/-)		
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>			
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund		
\$50.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund		
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund		
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)		
\$120.00	Benevolence Fund		CLC Kinship		
	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir		
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest		

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 13 – October 18, 2025

Monday - *Matthew 13:44-46*

Jesus encourages disciples who have given up much to follow Him. They have a treasure that is far greater than anything they have given up. The kingdom of heaven is theirs in Him!

Tuesday - *Acts 17:15-18*

Paul leaves persecution behind when he is brought to Athens, home of some famous philosophers. But neither persecution nor the worldly wise can stop him from preaching about Jesus!

Wednesday - *Acts 17:19-31*

When brought before the leading philosophers, Paul tells of the God who made the world, gives all people life, and who will judge the world by the One who was raised from the dead!

Thursday - *Acts 17:32-34*

The resurrection from the dead proved to be a dividing point among the Athenians gathered, but some became followers of Paul and believed the message of the kingdom of Christ.

Friday - *2 Chronicles 13:3-18*

The army of the rebels under Jeroboam is twice as large as the army led by Abijah. But God plus one of His own is a majority and the rebels' superior numbers and strategy are defeated!

Saturday - *Leviticus 19:9-18*

The gift of God's kingdom brings forgiveness from the selfish acts that humans do to one another. The fruit of the Spirit is love, which reveals itself in helping rather than exploiting our neighbor.

