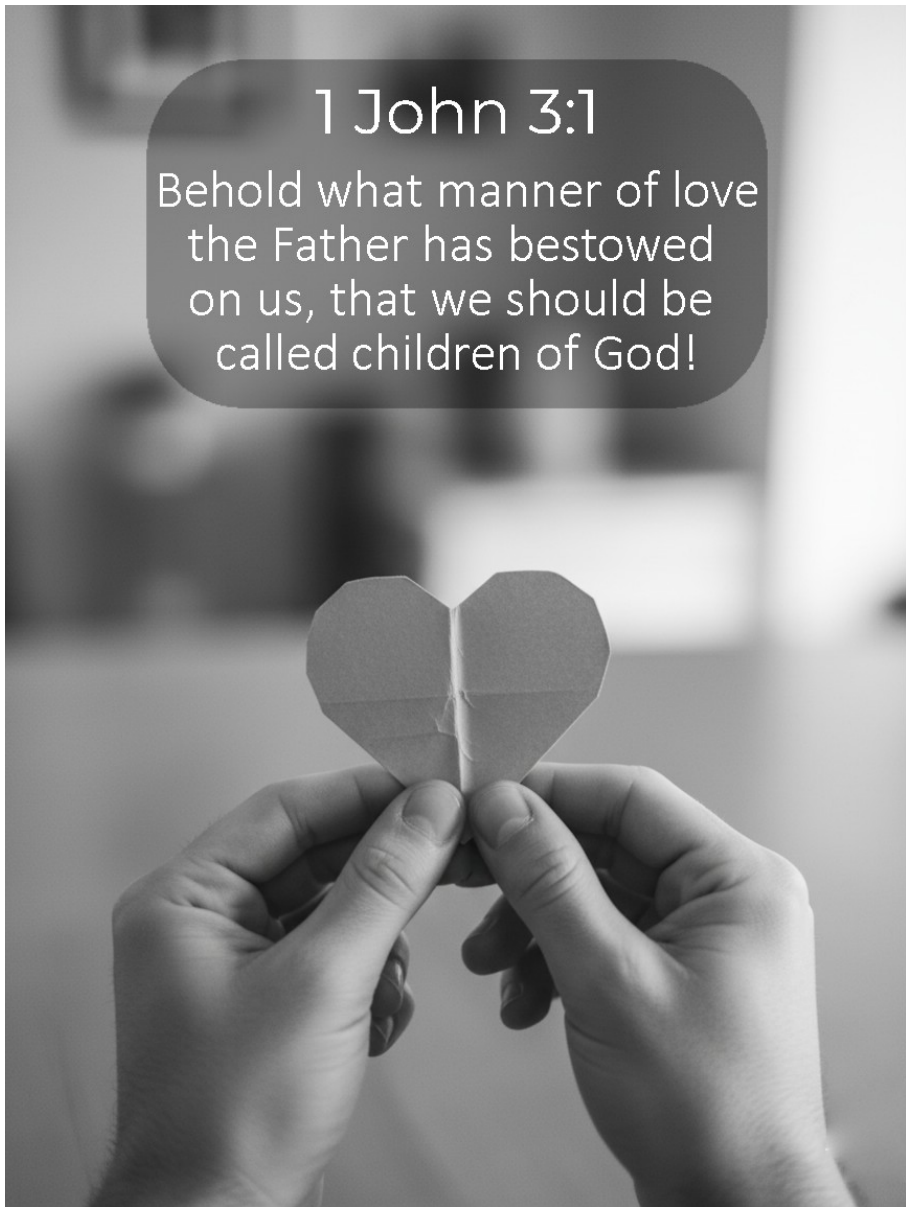


1 John 3:1

Behold what manner of love
the Father has bestowed
on us, that we should be
called children of God!



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As We Gather

On this All Saints' Sunday, we rightly give thanks for the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. But God's Word today, in a sense, turns our attention from the church triumphant to the church militant—to us. It invites us to look in the mirror. What do we see? We see sinners, yes, but more importantly, we see those upon whom the Father has bestowed His great love. We see those "called children of God" (1 John 3:1). We are saints, not by our own merit, but by the pure blood of the Lamb. As we prepare to worship, let us marvel at this present identity and the glorious future hope it contains.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

463 – For All the Saints

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Hebrews 12:1-2a; Ephesians 3:21

P Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

C Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,

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

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

P To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus,

C Throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! We gather to rejoice in the love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God. But when we look into the mirror of God's holy Law, we see our sin. We see that we have loved the world more than our Father and have failed to purify ourselves as He is pure. Therefore, let us confess our sins to our merciful God and seek His forgiveness, that we may be renewed in our calling.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins, by which I have offended You and justly deserved Your punishment. I have not loved You with my whole heart or my neighbor as myself. I have set my hope on this world rather than on You. I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinner.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood washes you clean, 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.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.


Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

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
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might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
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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.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm

branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So

he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 149

P Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

C And His praise in the assembly of saints.

P Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

C Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

P Let them praise His name with the dance;

C Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

P For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;

C He will beautify the humble with salvation.

P Let the saints be joyful in glory;

C Let them sing aloud on their beds.

P Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,

C And a two-edged sword in their hand,

P To execute vengeance on the nations,

C And punishments on the peoples;

P To bind their kings with chains,

C And their nobles with fetters of iron;

P To execute on them the written judgment—

C This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!



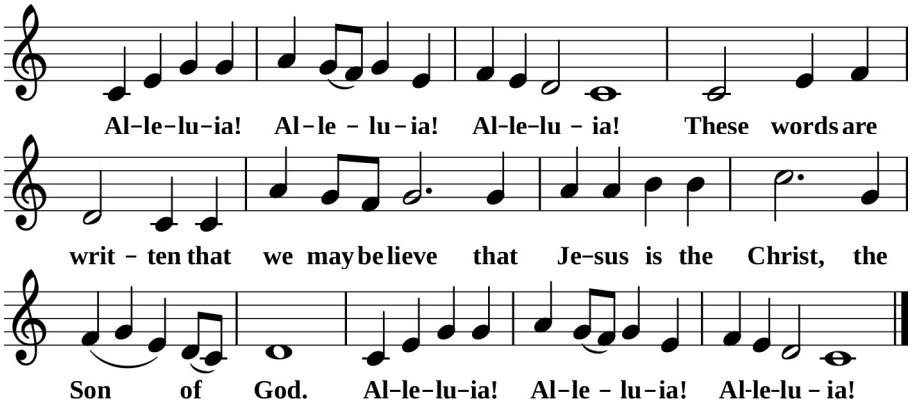
Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

391 – Blessed Are the Sons of God

Sermon Text

1 John 3:1-3

¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.



Sermon

Saints in the Mirror

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.

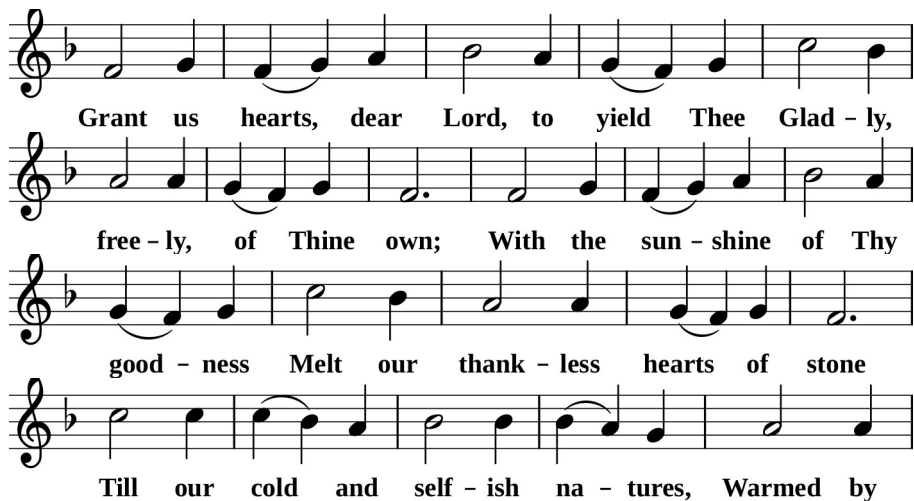
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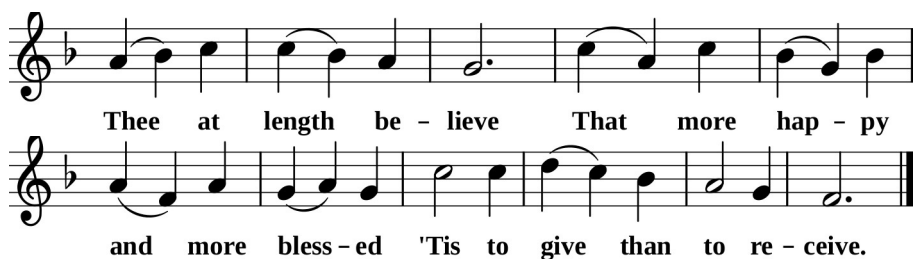
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Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by



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.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -



Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

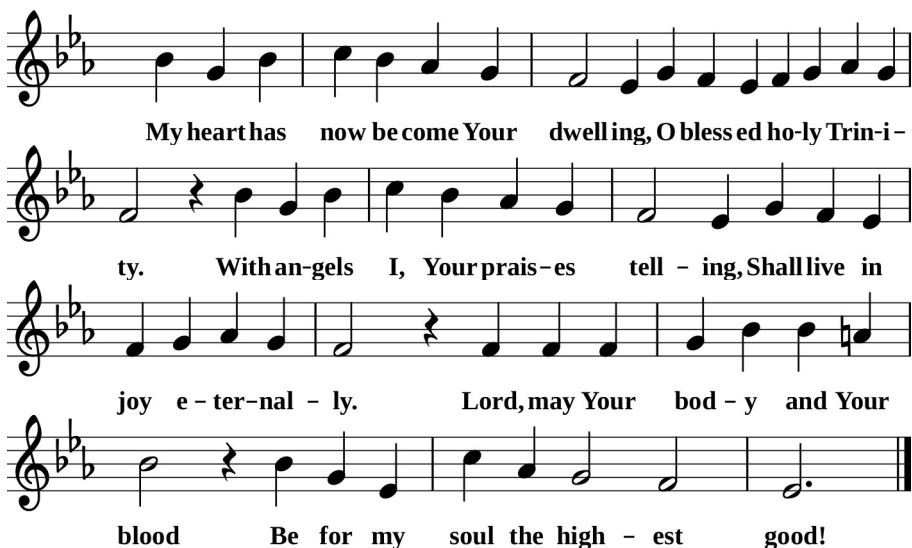
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the
 peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
 Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -
 grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly
 One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er
 hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
 be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through
 cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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

767 – Church of God, Elect and Glorious

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✝ Announcements ✝

Schedule		
November 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Education/Elders
November 9	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
November 14	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
November 16	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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: What happens when we die? The Sadducees thought they knew: nothing. They tried to trap Jesus with a clever question about marriage in heaven, but their focus was entirely on this world. Jesus' answer lifts our eyes higher. He reveals that the life to come is beyond our earthly understanding and, more importantly, He proves from Scripture that our God is not a God of the past, not a God of tombs and dust, but "the God of the living." Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are alive with Him now. And so, in Christ, will we be. Come next Sunday as we find our ultimate comfort in this glorious truth from Luke 20:27-40.

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!

Nominations for ILC Professor Call: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate a

male or males to fill the vacancy which has been created by the resignation of Professor David Schaller. A plan is already in place to fill this void during the current 2025-26 academic year. As such, the person would start serving in this role during the 2026-27 academic year. It would be preferable for this male to be seminary trained and/or musically trained. Courses to be taught depending on the abilities that the Lord has given this person for use in His Church, may include courses such as music classes, religion classes, college Greek, and other potential disciplines. The person may serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, also teaching piano and organ. Those submitting nominations should include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2026. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com

CLC News: Mrs. Dawn Mayhew has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year. <> Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel, Jr. has returned the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Professor Mark Weis has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

November 3 – November 8, 2025

Monday - *2 Chronicles 34:29-33*

The LORD brings about a reformation through King Josiah. During a Temple repair project, the Book of the Covenant is found. Josiah has it read and all the people pledge to follow it.

Tuesday - *Psalms 46*

This is the basis for the reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God." Surely it is God Himself who upholds His people and gives them strength to stand firm when everything else is shaking.

Wednesday - *Luke 15:25-32*

When the older son learns of the celebration held for his repentant brother's return, he is angry (verse 28) and points to his many years of service (verse 29) as a better reason for joyful celebration.

Thursday - *Revelation 2:1-7*

The LORD's message to the church in Ephesus commends them for their opposition to evil, but reproves them for their lack of love toward repentant brothers and sisters in Christ.

Friday - *2 Kings 2:1-12*

Elisha's pledge to stay with Elijah is tested several times as Elijah nears his final day upon earth. Elisha requests his mentor's spirit as his inheritance, and God grants it as he bids farewell.

Saturday - *Proverbs 6:6-11*

Just because the LORD provides our every need does not mean that we should leave unused the strength and abilities He has given us. Even the animals whom God feeds also gather provisions.



