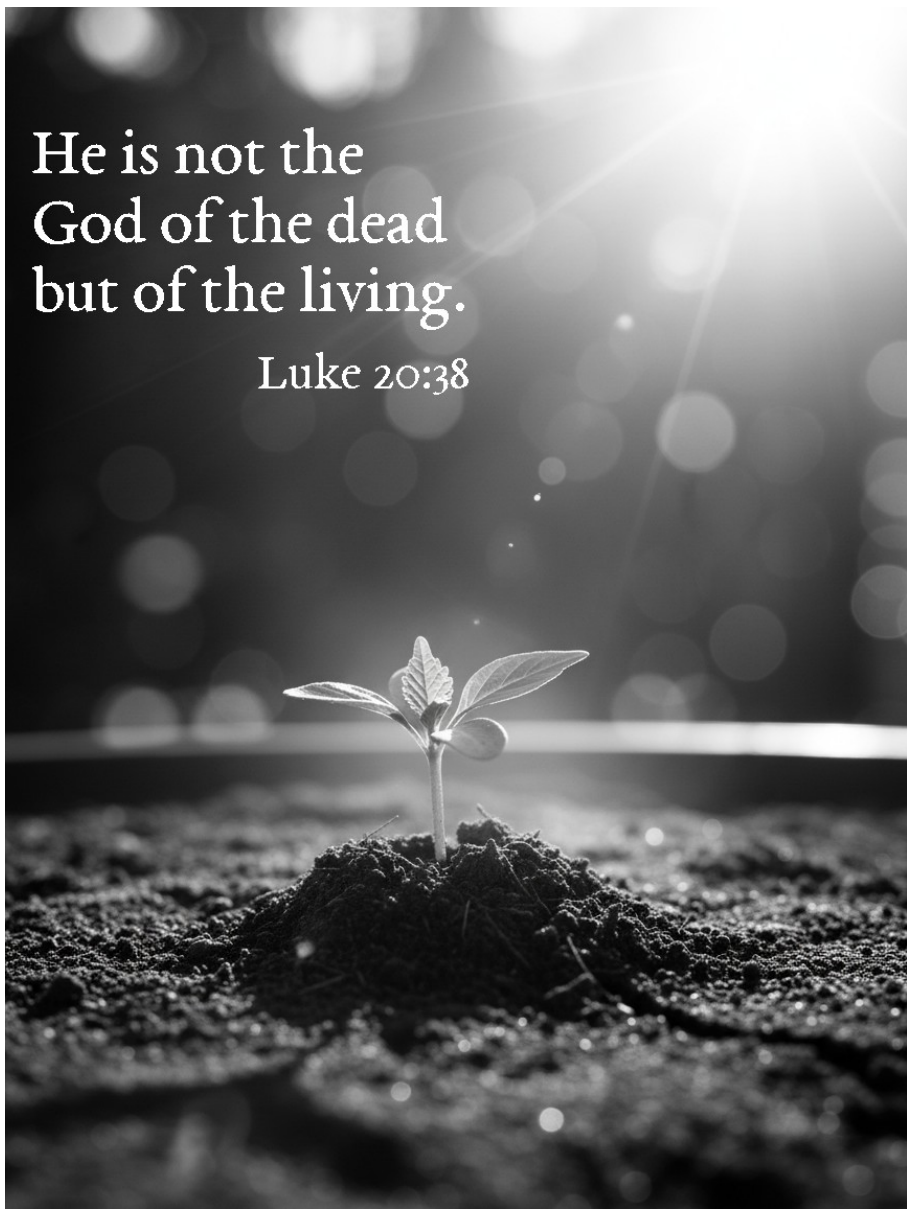


He is not the  
God of the dead  
but of the living.

Luke 20:38



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## As We Gather

It is so easy to get caught up in the questions, details, and concerns of this age. We, like the Sadducees in today's Gospel, can become so focused on earthly logic that we lose sight of the eternal. But Jesus bids us look higher. He points us away from the dust of death and toward the One who spoke from the bush: "I AM." We gather this morning to worship this very God—not a God of dusty history or of forgotten tombs, but the "God of the Living." Let us quiet our hearts, confess our sins, and prepare to hear the glorious comfort and certain promise found only in Him.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

246 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

#### Opening Sentences

John 11:25; Luke 20:38; Exodus 3:14-15

**P** Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life."

**C** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

**P** He is not the God of the dead but of the living,

**C** for all live to Him.

**P** God said to Moses: "I AM WHO I AM."

**C** This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord! We gather in the name of the great "I AM," the God of the living. Yet we have often lived as if this world is our only home and feared death more than we have trusted His promise of resurrection. Let us, therefore, confess our sins.

**C** O almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we, poor sinners, confess that we are sinful and have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have doubted Your power over the grave and lived for this world, forgetting the eternal life You have prepared. For these sins, we are heartily sorry. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, be gracious and merciful to us. Forgive and renew us. Amen.

**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, who is the Resurrection and the Life, 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 - 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)

Four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a repeat sign. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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

Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

<sup>4</sup> So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,

and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup> So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” <sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” <sup>15</sup> Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’”

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148

**P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

**C** **Praise Him in the heights!**

**P** Praise Him, all His angels;

**C** **Praise Him, all His hosts!**

**P** Praise Him, sun and moon;

**C** **Praise Him, all you stars of light!**

**P** Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,

**C** **And you waters above the heavens!**

**P** Let them praise the name of the LORD,

**C** **For He commanded and they were created.**

**P** He also established them forever and ever;

**C** **He made a decree which shall not pass away.**

**P** Praise the LORD from the earth,

**C** **You great sea creatures and all the depths;**

**P** Fire and hail, snow and clouds;

**C** **Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;**

- P** Mountains and all hills;
- C** **Fruitful trees and all cedars;**
- P** Beasts and all cattle;
- C** **Creeping things and flying fowl;**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples;
- C** **Princes and all judges of the earth;**
- P** Both young men and maidens;
- C** **Old men and children.**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted;
- C** **His glory is above the earth and heaven.**
- P** And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints –
- C** **Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

## Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, <sup>2</sup> not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. <sup>13</sup> But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, <sup>14</sup> to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.



## 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

437 – Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

## Sermon Text

Luke 20:27-40

<sup>27</sup> Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, <sup>28</sup> saying: “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup> And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. <sup>31</sup> Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died. <sup>32</sup> Last of all the woman died also. <sup>33</sup> Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. <sup>35</sup> But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; <sup>36</sup> nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ <sup>38</sup> For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.” <sup>39</sup> Then some of the scribes answered and said, “Teacher, You have spoken well.” <sup>40</sup> But after that they dared not question Him anymore.



## Sermon

# The God of the Living

## 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

200 (1-2, 7-8) – I Know that My Redeemer Lives

## 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



## 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

50 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

| Schedule    |          |                                |
|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 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                |
| November 23 | 8:00 am  | Worship Service (Orlando)      |
|             | 10:15 am | Worship Service (Winter Haven) |

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

- **December 7** – Trustees/Church Council
- **January 4** – Annual Voters' Meeting
- **February 1** – 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.

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** We've all heard the saying, "There's no such thing as a free lunch." And in this world, that's almost always true. Work is a God-given blessing, and St. Paul warns the Thessalonians sternly against idleness, saying "if anyone will not work, neither shall he eat" (2 Thess. 3:10). But what about our salvation? Is that something we must work for? Is grace truly free? Next Sunday, we'll dig into 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13. We will explore God's command to work diligently in our earthly vocations while rejoicing in the one and only "free lunch" that truly matters—the complete forgiveness and eternal life given to us freely by our Lord Jesus Christ. Come and be fed!

**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](http://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](mailto: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:** Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has accepted the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Emeritus Norman Greve 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.

| Fruits of Faith                 |                        | November 2, 2025                         |                           | Attendance: WH – 43 |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u> |                        | <u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u> |                           |                     |  |
| <i>General Budget</i>           |                        | <i>General Budget</i>                    |                           |                     |  |
| \$1,779.00                      | General Budget         | \$100.00                                 | CLC General Budget        |                     |  |
| \$1,500.00                      | Weekly Need            | \$67.31                                  | Weekly Need               |                     |  |
| +\$279.00                       | -Under / +Over         | +\$32.69                                 | -Under / +Over            |                     |  |
| \$67,294.51                     | Year to Date Offerings | \$2,200.00                               | Year to Date Offerings    |                     |  |
| \$66,000.00                     | Year to Date Need      | \$2,961.64                               | Year to Date Need         |                     |  |
| +\$1,294.51                     | Year to Date (+/-)     | -\$761.64                                | Year to Date (+/-)        |                     |  |
| <i>Non-Budgetary</i>            |                        | <i>Non-Budgetary</i>                     |                           |                     |  |
|                                 | Building Fund          | \$50.00                                  | ILC Student Aid Fund      |                     |  |
| \$100.00                        | Property Improvement   |                                          | ILC Building Fund         |                     |  |
|                                 | ILC Scholarship Fund   |                                          | ILC Improvement Fund      |                     |  |
|                                 | Tuition Grant          |                                          | Mission Development (MDF) |                     |  |
| \$80.00                         | Benevolence Fund       |                                          | CLC Kinship               |                     |  |
|                                 | Learning with Littles  |                                          | ILC Tour Choir            |                     |  |
|                                 | School Fund            |                                          | Spokesman/Daily Rest      |                     |  |

# ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

November 10 – November 15, 2025

## **Monday** - *Matthew 21:33-44*

Jesus pictures the Jewish leaders as tenant farmers of a well developed vineyard who are unwilling to give the owner his fruit when it is due, even going so far as to kill the owner's son.

## **Tuesday** - *Revelation 2:8-11*

The Lord points out to the suffering church in Smyrna how rich they truly are! They may suffer for a period of time, but even death cannot take from them the crown of life!

## **Wednesday** - *Jonah 3:10-4:11*

Jonah reveals the reason he did not want to go to Nineveh. He did not want the Lord to show mercy to them and perhaps have some fruit from His vineyard there. The LORD reproves Jonah.

## **Thursday** - *Proverbs 23:19-21*

A father does not seek to harm his son, but pleads with him to walk straight and avoid the side streets of drunkenness and gluttony. These will not help, but impoverish those walking in them.

## **Friday** - *Proverbs 23:22-25*

Parents desire wisdom, discipline, and knowledge for their children because they want every blessing for them. That is why they find joy in the righteous child.

## **Saturday** - *Proverbs 23:26-35*

The son is warned of the dangers of immorality and then drunkenness, which can also lead to it, as both the senses and the mind are assaulted by the "sparkling wine" (verse 33).

