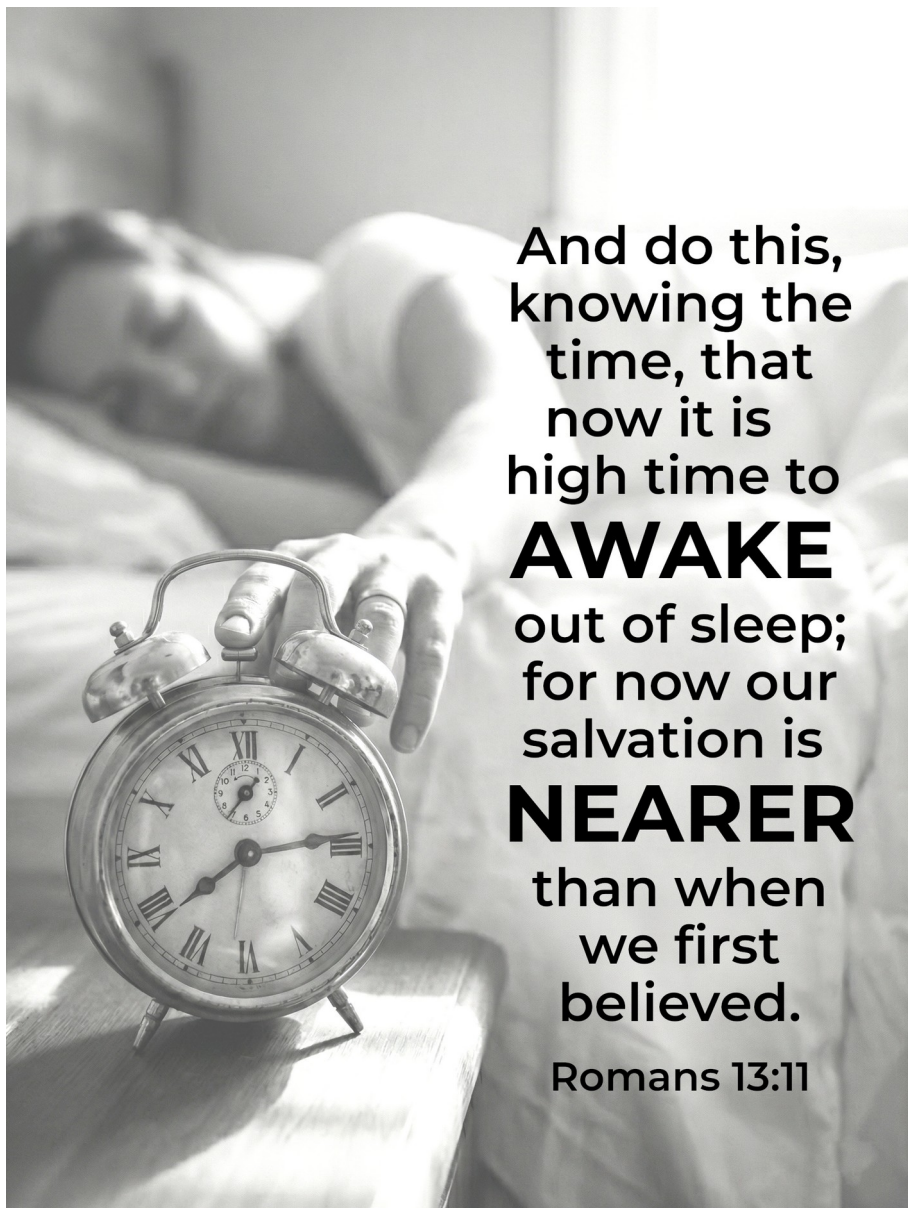




And do this,
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AWAKE
out of sleep;
for now our
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NEARER
than when
we first
believed.

Romans 13:11



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As We Gather

The spiritual alarm is sounding. Do we hear it, or are we tempted to drift back into the slumber of worldly indifference? The Apostle Paul reminds us in today's sermon text that the hour has already come for us to wake from sleep. The night is fleeting; the day of our salvation draws ever nearer. We cannot afford to hit the snooze button on our faith. As we gather in the presence of a holy God, let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Clothed in the Lord Jesus Christ, we stand ready to greet the dawn. Awake, O sleeper, and listen—the Lord has a word for you today.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

68 – The Advent of Our King

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Ps 118:24; Ro 13:11-12; Mt 24:42; Ps 118:26

- P** This is the day the Lord has made;
- C** **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** The hour has come; it is high time to awake out of sleep;
- C** **For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.**
- P** The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
- C** **Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.**
- P** Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.
- C** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** The season of Advent is a time of preparation. Paul reminds us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Yet, we confess that we have often succumbed to spiritual slumber, lingering in complacency and preferring the comfort of sin to the urgent call of the Gospel. Therefore, let us draw near to God our Father to confess our sins, asking Him to wake us from slumber and grant us forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor sinner, confess the sins with which I have offended You and deserved Your punishment. I sincerely repent. I have walked in works of darkness rather than putting on the armor of light, failed to love my neighbor, and have not been watchful for Your coming. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Glory be to the Father

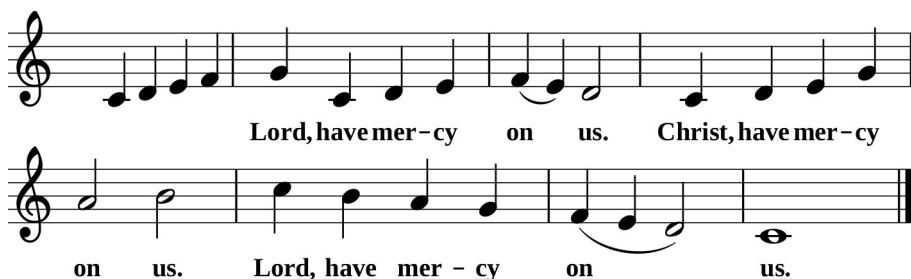
Gloria Patri

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



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
 Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
 might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. ³ Many

people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 122

- P** I was glad when they said to me,
- C** “Let us go into the house of the LORD.”
- P** Our feet have been standing
- C** Within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- P** Jerusalem is built
- C** As a city that is compact together,
- P** Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel,
- C** To give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- P** For thrones are set there for judgment,
- C** The thrones of the house of David.
- P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
- C** “May they prosper who love you.
- P** Peace be within your walls,
- C** Prosperity within your palaces.”
- P** For the sake of my brethren and companions,
- C** I will now say, “Peace be within you.”
- P** Because of the house of the LORD our God
- C** I will seek your good.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he

would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.
⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

60 – Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Sermon Text

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love

your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹ And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.



Sermon

Stop Hitting the Snooze Button

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.

Hymn

446 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Offering

Offering Hymn

442 (2)



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
Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

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.

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✝ Announcements ✝

November 30	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
December 3	2:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
December 7	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Holiday Potluck Meal
	12:30 pm	Church Council/Board of Trustees Meeting
December 10	2:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
December 12	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
December 14	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

 **Staff Christmas Gifts:** We are collecting money for our pastor and teachers for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please provide money to Ed Morris or John Kuehne by December 7.

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.

Christmas Candy Bags: We are preparing, once again, to share the joy of Christmas with the children of our congregation and school through Christmas Candy Bags. Please consider donating candy for this effort. Donations can be placed on the conference table in Pastor’s office.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: The world offers optimism, but often it is a leaky vessel. When trials come, mere positive thinking drains away. Next Sunday, we turn to Romans 15:4–13 to discover a “Hope that Holds Water.” St. Paul declares that “whatever things were written before were written for our learning,” that we might have hope through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. This hope is no wishful dream; it is a certainty anchored in Christ, the Root of Jesse. Join us as the God of hope fills us “with all joy and peace in believing,” ensuring our confidence remains watertight against the floods of doubt.

Midweek Advent Services – As the world fills with noise and hurried preparations, we are called to a different kind of preparation: to make our hearts ready for the coming of the King.

This year's sermon series, "Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room," is a call to move away from worldly self-sufficiency and toward true, repentant faith. Through God's Word, we will ask the Holy Spirit to open our "closed doors," smooth our "rough places," and give us the humble, receptive heart of a servant.

Service Schedule & Themes:

- **December 3 (2:00 PM)**
 - **Theme:** "The Heart's Closed Door"
 - **Text:** Revelation 3:15-22
- **December 10 (2:00 PM)**
 - **Theme:** "The Heart's Rough Places"
 - **Text:** Isaiah 40:1-11
- **December 17 (2:00 PM)**
 - **Theme:** "Behold, the Servant's Heart"
 - **Text:** Luke 1:26-38

Make this special time of worship a part of your Advent preparation as we ready ourselves to receive our Savior in Word and Sacrament.

For those unable to join us at 2:00 PM, you can watch online. Visit <https://winterhavenlutheran.com/sermons/>

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!

Holiday Meal – Everyone is warmly invited to our annual Holiday Potluck, scheduled for Sunday, December 7, immediately following the worship service. Please bring a dish to share as we join together for food and fellowship. We look forward to this blessed time with our church family.

CLC News: Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA, and Peace Lutheran Church, Orofino, ID, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, has received the part-time call to Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck has received the call to serve as Assistant to the Pastor at Berea Ev. Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, after he has completed his work as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has received the vacancy call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ and to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Fruits of Faith November 23 & 27, 2025 ATTND: 11/23: WH – 23; ORL – 11 11/27: 16			
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>	
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\$70,500.00	Year to Date Need	\$3,163.57	Year to Date Need
+\$537.01	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$620.57	Year to Date (+/-)
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	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund
\$50.00	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund		CLC Kinship
	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

December 01 – December 06, 2025

Monday - *Matthew 21:1-9*

As we look forward to the Christ's humble coming in Bethlehem, we remember also His humble approach to Jerusalem where He will lay down His life for us sinners all.

Tuesday - *Romans 13:11-14*

At Christmas we remember Jesus coming to earth to redeem us from sin. As the dawn of His second coming approaches, let us walk in His light, clothed with His righteousness.

Wednesday - *Jeremiah 33:14-18*

The righteous Branch from David's line will fulfill the good promises of the LORD. He, the LORD our Righteousness, will reign forever, and the benefit to us will also be without end!

Thursday - *Psalms 143:1-6*

David pleads for God's mercy as the enemy pursues his soul (verse 3). He calls not because he deserves God's help (verse 2), but because He remembers God's merciful works of long ago.

Friday - *Psalms 143:7-12*

David needs the LORD's mercy for his very life, and wants to be taught the way he should go, as well as to be rescued from his enemies. "For I am your servant" (verse 12).

Saturday - *Psalms 1*

What a contrast there is between the Godly and the Ungodly! The LORD blesses the righteous with continuous life and fruit and prosperity in everything they do (verse 3). For this Christ came!