

MICAH 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the LORD require of you But



*To do*  
**Justly,**  
*To love*  
**Mercy,**  
*And to walk*  
**Humbly,**  
*with your God*



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## As We Gather

How often do we pick and choose which parts of our history to remember? We vividly recall our grievances yet conveniently forget the countless times the Lord has redeemed us from the house of bondage. Today, the prophet Micah invites us into a divine courtroom where the mountains themselves stand as witnesses. The Lord has a complaint against His people—not to destroy them, but to jog their spiritual memory. Under the theme "Selective Memory," we are called to examine what we have chosen to forget about God's requirements and His redeeming love. As we gather in His presence, let us lay aside our defenses and humbly listen to what He has shown us is good.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

2 – To Thy Temple I Repair

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

#### Opening Sentences

Psalm 103:1-2; 105:5, 7; 25:7

**P** Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**C** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

**P** Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth.

**C** He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

**P** Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;

**C** According to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** The Lord God is faithful, yet we often suffer from a selective memory. We remember our rights and the hurts caused by others, but we forget our duties and God's mercy. We remember the wisdom of the world but are ashamed of the cross. Let us therefore turn our hearts to God, seeking His Spirit, that we may see ourselves clearly and confess our sins to our Heavenly Father.

**C** Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have forgotten Your benefits and have taken Your grace for granted. We have not done justly; we have not loved mercy; and we have not walked humbly with You. In our pride, we have sought our own glory rather than Yours. For the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins, renew our minds, and bring us to everlasting life.

**P** The Lord does not treat us according to our sins, nor punish us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. 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

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.



# 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...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the

disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup> For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. <sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

<sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence. <sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—<sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 15

**P** LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?

**C** Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

**P** He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness,

**C** And speaks the truth in his heart;

**P** He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor,

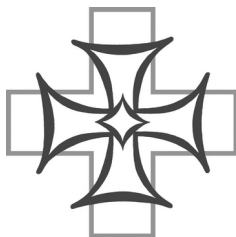
**C** Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

**P** In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD;

**C** He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

**P** He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

**C** He who does these things shall never be moved.



## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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



## 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

439 – O God of Mercy, God of Might

## Sermon Text

Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear now what the LORD says: “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, O you mountains, the LORD’s complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the LORD has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> “O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me. <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the LORD.” <sup>6</sup> With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?



*Sermon*

## Selective Memory

## 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.

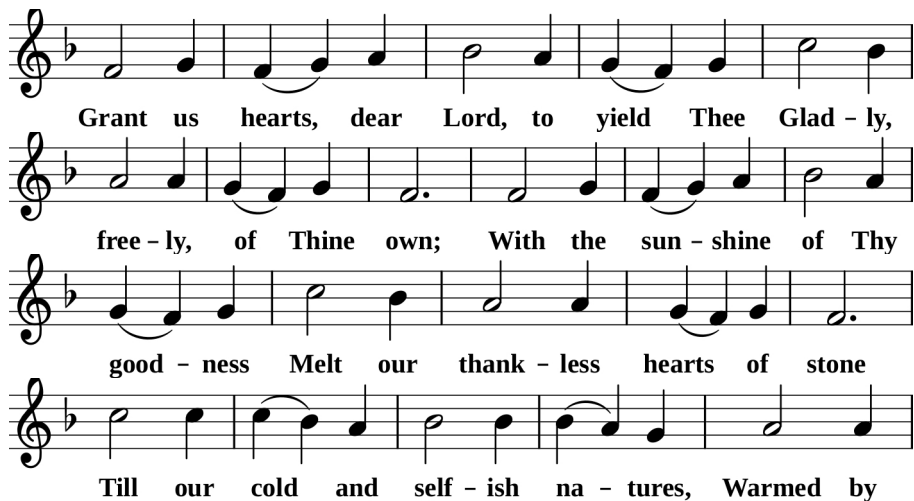
## Hymn

417 (1-2, 4-5) – How Can I Thank Thee, Lord

## Offering

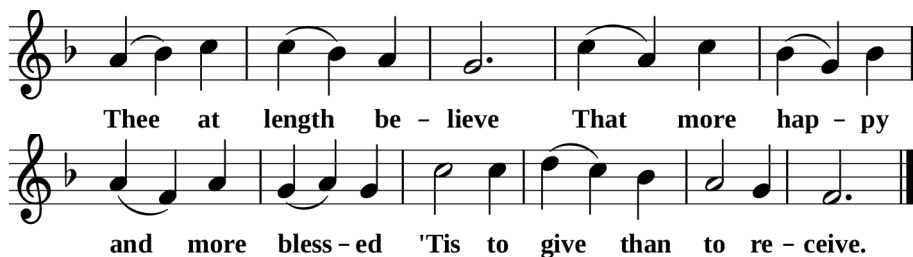
### Offering Hymn

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





## Reception of a New Member

## Installation of Church Officers

## 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 -  
tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

## 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!*

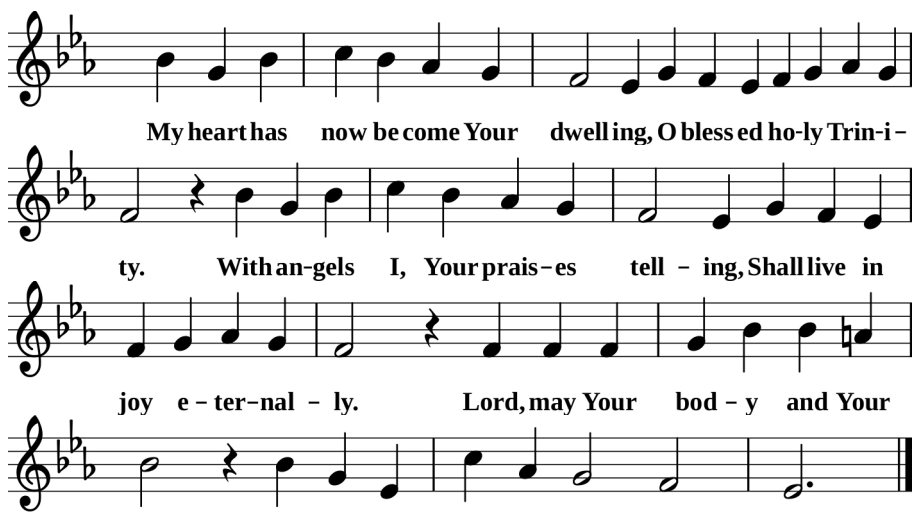
## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

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

416 – Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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### Upcoming Schedule – [winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar](http://winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar)

February 1	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Education/Board of Elders Meetings
February 6	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
February 8	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
February 15	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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

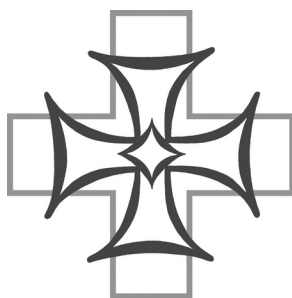
- **February 1** – Education/Elders
- **March 1** – Trustees/Church Council
- **April 5** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting

**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.

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** It is easy to go through the motions of religion—bowing the head "like a bulrush" and spreading sackcloth—while leaving our hearts unchanged toward God and neighbor. The Israelites asked, "Why have we fasted... and You have not seen?" Next Sunday, the Prophet Isaiah confronts our hollow piety. We will hear the Lord describe the worship He actually desires: not empty rituals, but loosening the bonds of wickedness and sharing bread with the hungry. Join us on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany as we consider "The Fast that God Chooses" (Isaiah 58:3–9a). Come and learn how, through true repentance and faith, "your light shall break forth like the morning" and the Lord will answer, "Here I am."

**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!

**CLC News:** Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has received the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, has announced his retirement as of January 31, 2026. Pastor Hein has also resigned from the CLC Board of Regents. <> Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, has announced his retirement in summer 2026. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has been appointed by President Michael Wilke and has accepted the call to serve on the CLC Board of Regents. Pastor Eichstadt will serve as interim CLC Secretary until a permanent appointment is made to fill that position.



## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

February 02 – February 07, 2026

### **Monday** - *Matthew 8:23-27*

Jesus could sleep in the middle of a terrible storm because even the wind and the sea obey Him (verse 27)! Such is the glory of God's own Son!

### **Tuesday** - *Romans 13:8-10*

Following Christ does not mean we do not pay lawful debts, but Christian love goes beyond the mere payments owed and serves the best interest of one's neighbor.

### **Wednesday** - *Isaiah 43:1-3*

Jesus embodied the promises of old, was with the disciples when they passed through the waters (verse 2), and saved mankind from the fire that their sins deserve.

### **Thursday** - *Psalms 97*

When the LORD rules, that is surely something to celebrate, for His righteousness wins over all evil, and all the peoples see His glory (verse 6). He guards, delivers, and brings light and joy to His people.

### **Friday** - *Psalms 2:1-6*

Why? Why-ever would the people and rulers of this world rage against the LORD who saves by His Christ? Thankfully they can not stop Him from establishing His King on the throne.

### **Saturday** - *Psalms 2:7-12*

The Son speaks of the Father's decree, very much like the announcement at Jesus' baptism and transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son!" How blessed are all who take refuge in Him (verse 12).



