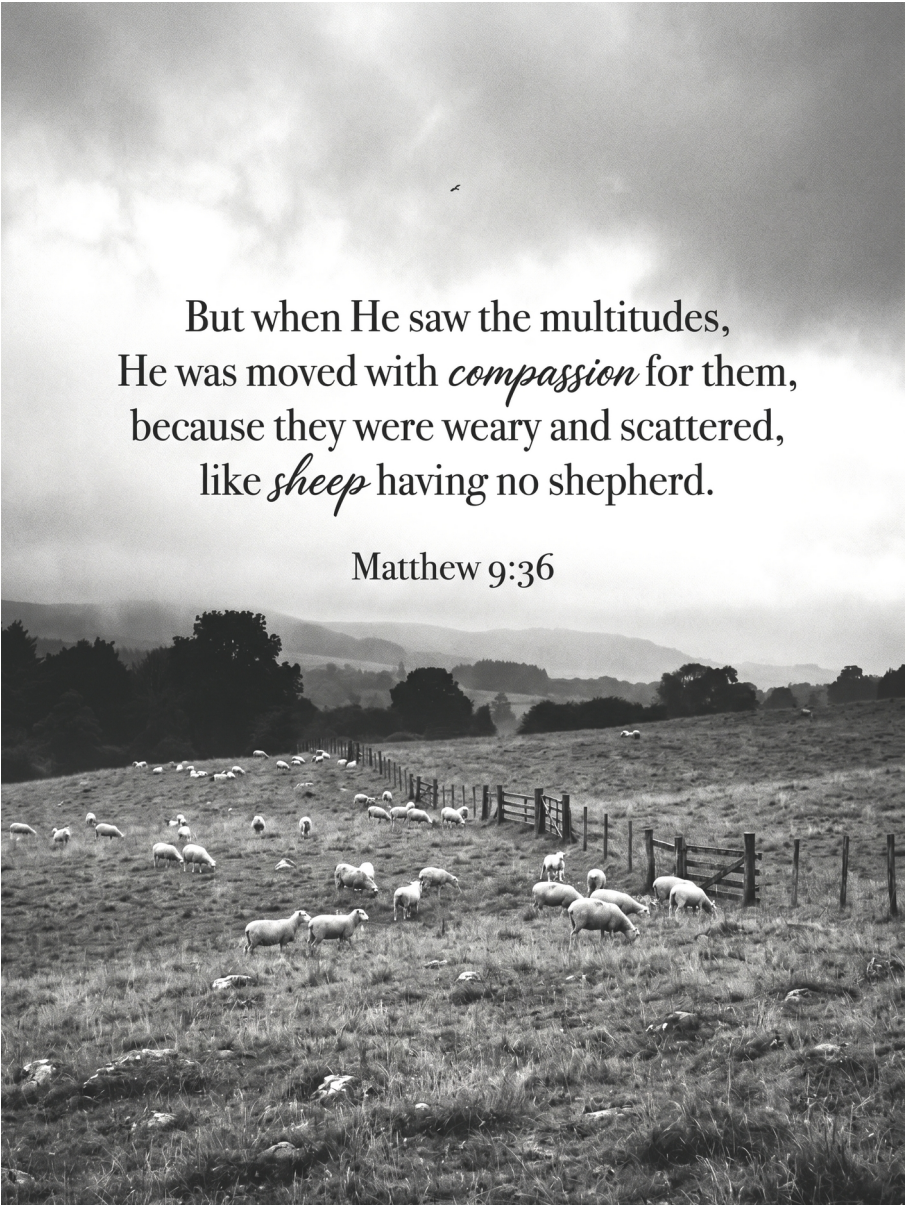


But when He saw the multitudes,
He was moved with *compassion* for them,
because they were weary and scattered,
like *sheep* having no shepherd.

Matthew 9:36



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As We Gather

When you look at the world, what do you see? Often, we see weary souls wandering without direction. Jesus looked at the crowds in His day and saw the exact same thing: harassed and helpless people, like sheep without a shepherd. Where we might feel overwhelmed, our Savior reacts with profound compassion. He refuses to leave us lost in our sin. Instead, He brings the Kingdom of Heaven directly to us, pouring out His grace and forgiveness without price. Today, we meditate on the depths of Christ's limitless compassion. As we gather to receive His boundless gifts, we are drawn to a beautiful truth about our own calling. Prepare your hearts to hear of grace freely given, and a love that overflows.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn 373 (1, 3-4, 7) – By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 103:1-4

P Bless the LORD, O my soul;

C **And all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C **And forget not all His benefits:**

P Who forgives all your iniquities,

C **Who heals all your diseases,**

P Who redeems your life from destruction,

C **Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord, if we examine our lives according to God's holy Word, we must confess that we often live as those who eagerly take from Him but stubbornly refuse to give to others. We encounter people every day who are burdened and hurting, but we frequently lack the compassion of our Savior. We treat God's abundant grace as something we have earned, or as a treasure to be hoarded, rather than a free gift to be shared. Let us therefore approach our heavenly Father, confessing our sins and pleading for His mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have received Your abundant grace, yet we have been slow to show mercy to others. We have looked upon the needs of the world with indifference rather than compassion. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This is the free gift of God! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.



Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:1-8

¹ In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ² For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain. ³ And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.” ⁷ So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. ⁸ Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100

- P** Make a joyful shout to the LORD,
- C** **all you lands!**
- P** Serve the LORD with gladness;
- C** **Come before His presence with singing.**
- P** Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
- C** **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**
- P** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.
- C** **Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.**
- P** For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,
- C** **And His truth endures to all generations.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:6-15

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God

³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” ¹ And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. ² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Sermon

Freely Given, Freely Giving

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

496 – Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying

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

507 – Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar

June 14	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
June 21	10:15 am	Worship Service
June 28	10:15 am	Worship Service

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

- **July 5** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **August 2** – Education/Elders
- **September 6** – Trustees

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Have you ever seen a bright banner on a storefront declaring, “Under New Management”? It’s a promise that the old, failing ways are gone, replaced by a fresh start. Next week, our sermon theme is exactly that: Under New Management. By nature, we were all born working for a cruel master—sin—and earning a terrible paycheck, because “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). But the Gospel declares a hostile takeover! Through faith in Christ, you have been bought with His blood. Your old boss has been fired. Join us next Sunday as we explore Romans 6:12-23 and rejoice in the glorious freedom of serving our new Master. His retirement plan is eternal life!

CLC Women's Retreat West: Join Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (Valentine, NE) for the Women’s Retreat West, happening September 18-20, 2026, at the Arrowood Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma, SD. This year’s sessions will focus on Words to Others, Words to Yourself, and Words to the Lord. Come enjoy a refreshing weekend filled with Bible study, heart-opening conversations, and wonderful fellowship activities.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." – Psalm 19:14

For more information, please visit: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat>

Come Fly With Us to Vacation Bible School: Join us this summer for an exciting week of adventure at our "Soaring High!" Vacation Bible School, July 20–24, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am each day! Children ages 4–12 are invited to hop in the hot air balloon basket as we explore new destinations and learn that Jesus is our best treasure and the only way to heaven. Each day will be filled with:

- Christ-centered Bible lessons
- Creative crafts and active games
- Joyful singing and tasty snacks

We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids, and classmates—any child who would be blessed by a fun and faith-filled week learning about Jesus!

Register today at www.winterhavenlutheran.com/vbs, or speak with Pastor Sauers for more information. If you're able to volunteer during the week or would like to donate snacks or drinks, we'd be very grateful—just let Pastor Sauers know how you can help!

Pastor Sauers on Vacation and at CLC Convention: Pastor Sauers will be away for vacation and CLC Convention from June 15-30. We will have lay-lead worship services the next two Sundays. There will be no Bible class on June 21 and no Orlando service on June 28. The worship services will not be streamed online while Pastor is away. If you plan to worship online during over the next two week, we encourage you to make use of services from our sister congregations in the CLC. Here are two recommended options:

- **Immanuel Lutheran Church – Mankato, MN**
Website: www.immanuelmankato.org
- **Messiah Lutheran Church – Eau Claire, WI**
Website: www.eauclairemessiah.com

Fruits of Faith		June 7, 2026		Attendance: WH – 26	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
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		\$100.00	Property Improvement		

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

June 15–20, 2026

Monday - *Luke 14:16-24*

Jesus pictures God's invitation to a banquet rejected in favor of earthly pursuits. The result: those handicapped in such pursuits are brought in, and others from highways and hedges.

Tuesday - *1 John 3:13-18*

The world hates, but our Jesus loves, and laid down His life for us. We also will want to use the things of this life to help those in need where we can, truly loving both in words and actions.

Wednesday - *Isaiah 25:6-9*

Isaiah also used a banquet to picture God's blessings for all peoples (verse 6). Death will be swallowed up, and tears will be wiped away (verse 8). This is the LORD! We waited for Him, and He saved us! (verse 9)

Thursday - *Psalms 28*

God's children call to Him and plead for His mercy when suffering at the hands of the wicked (God's enemies). They leave the punishing of the wicked to Him (verses 4-5), and rejoice in His salvation (verse 8).

Friday - *Psalms 119:9-16*

The Word of God can guard our path, but it is not just a path we seek, but Him (verse 10). Thus we want to learn, tell about, rejoice in, meditate on, consider, delight in, and never forget His Words.

Saturday - *Luke 14:25-35*

May the love of God fill our hearts, that we may recognize that His invitation (see Monday reading) is more precious than anything else in this life, including family, possessions, even our earthly life (verse 26).



