

Yet in all these things
we are more than
conquerors through
Him who loved us.

Romans 8:37



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As We Gather

In a world that often feels overwhelmingly broken, where tragedy, sickness, and sorrow seem to reign, it is easy to wonder if God is truly in control or if He even cares. The challenges of daily life can leave us feeling defeated, like victims of circumstance. Yet, as we gather today, the Apostle Paul offers a radical, comforting truth: we are not victims, but victors. In the face of our greatest anxieties and deepest pains, God is working all things for our ultimate good. Prepare your hearts today to be reminded of a love so powerful, so unbreakable, that nothing in all creation can separate us from it. Through Christ, we are more than conquerors.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

528 (1, 5, 13-15) – If God Himself Be For Me

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 51:15; 118:14; 1 Corinthians 15:57

P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P The LORD is my strength and song,

C And He has become my salvation.

P Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory

C Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! God has called us out of the world to be His special treasure, promising us a victory that no earthly power can snatch away. Yet, we frequently live like a defeated people. We set our hearts on temporary riches instead of heavenly wealth, and we allow the anxieties of this life to overshadow the certainty of His love. Let us therefore draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I confess that I have often doubted Your unfailing love. I have often trembled before the threats of this world rather than resting in Your victory. I have sought after the fleeting treasures of this life rather than the eternal kingdom You offer. I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the cross, Christ has triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. 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.

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.



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.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷ The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for

you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 125

- P** Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion,
C **Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**
P As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
C **So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.**
P For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest On the land allotted to the righteous,
C **Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.**
P Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
C **And to those who are upright in their hearts.**
P As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways,
C **The LORD shall lead them away With the workers of iniquity.**
Peace be upon Israel!

VBS Anthem

Soaring High

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹ Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” ⁵² Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

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

529 – I Leave All Things to God's Direction

Sermon Text

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's

elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Sermon

More Than Conquerors

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.

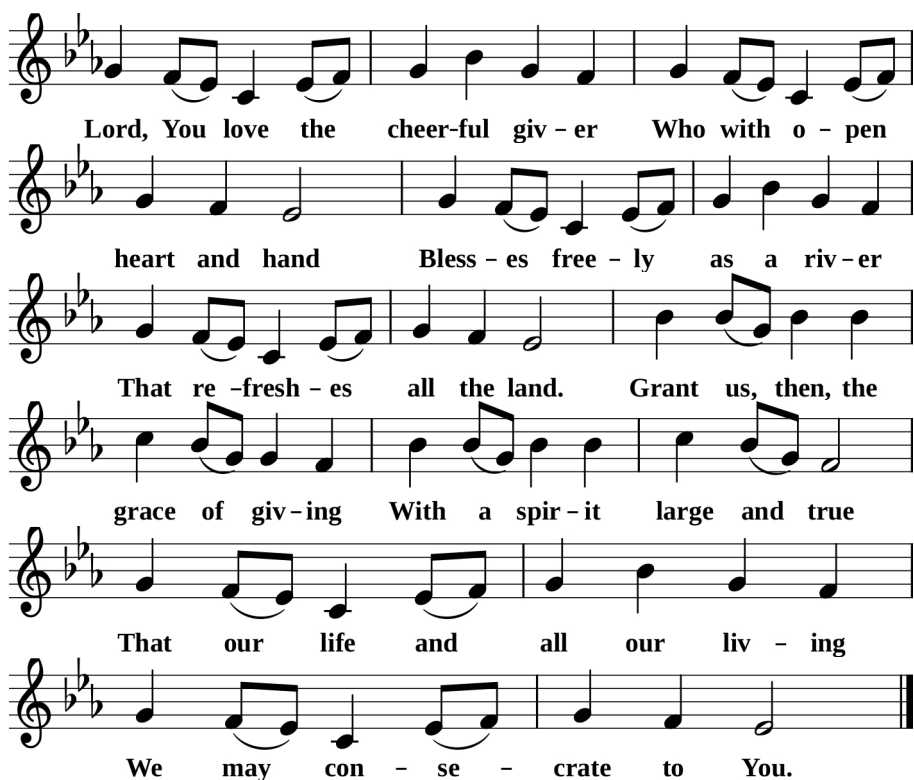
Hymn

372 – Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

Offering

Offering Hymn

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Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv - er Who with o - pen
heart and hand Bless - es free - ly as a riv - er
That re - fresh - es all the land. Grant us, then, the
grace of giv - ing With a spir - it large and true
That our life and all our liv - ing
We may con - se - crate to You.

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 ✝

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar		
July 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
August 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Church Council/Education/Elders
August 9	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **August 2** – Church Council/Education/Elders
- **September 6** – Trustees
- **October 4** – Church Council

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.

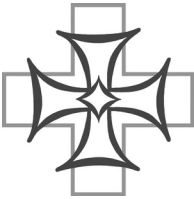
Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Have you ever eaten a massive meal, only to find yourself wandering back to the fridge an hour later? We do the exact same thing spiritually. We spend our time and energy on worldly distractions, hoping they will bring lasting peace. Yet, the prophet asks, "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy?" (Isaiah 55:2). Next Sunday, we will explore Isaiah 55:1-5 under the theme, "Soul Food that Actually Satisfies." The Lord invites us to a rich feast of His grace, freely offering the forgiveness of sins "without money and without price." Join us next week as we gather to feast on the Gospel—the only food that eternally fills!

Thank You for a High-Flying VBS: A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our "Soaring High!" Vacation Bible School such a wonderful success! We were thrilled to welcome 30 children this week. To all the dedicated volunteers who gave their time and energy to lead them—thank you. Your hard work in teaching Christ-centered lessons, guiding creative crafts, running active games, and leading joyful singing truly made an impact. We also want to thank everyone who prayed for our VBS this week. Your prayers were felt as these children learned about their Savior Jesus.

2026 CLC Mission Helpers to Africa: Eleven Mission Helpers, along with Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann, are currently proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children in Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. You can follow along through the trip blog at www.2026clcmissionhelpertripeastafrica.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

CLC Call News: Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor David Reim has also received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Fruits of Faith		July 26, 2026		Attendance: WH – 42	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>				<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>				<i>General Budget</i>	
\$582.00	General Budget	\$0.00		CLC General Budget	
\$1,362.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31		Weekly Need	
-\$780.00	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31		-Under / +Over	
\$38,221.97	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,265.00		Year to Date Offerings	
\$39,498.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,019.30		Year to Date Need	
-\$1,276.03	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$754.30		Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>				<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
\$50.00	Building Fund				



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

July 27–August 1, 2026

Monday - *1 Peter 1:3-9*

Peter encourages believers that their faith is far more valuable than gold. Even during difficult trials, God guards our eternal inheritance in heaven, filling us with "joy inexpressible and full of glory" (v. 8).

Tuesday - *Psalms 46:1-7*

The psalmist reminds us that God is an ever-present help in trouble. Though the earth may give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, we need not fear because "The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge" (v. 7).

Wednesday - *Philippians 3:7-11*

Paul reflects on the surpassing value of knowing Jesus. He considers all earthly gains as mere rubbish compared to being found in Christ and knowing "the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings" (v. 10).

Thursday - *Isaiah 43:1-5*

The Lord promises His continual presence and protection to His people. When we pass through deep waters or walk through the fire, He assures us, "Fear not, for I am with you" (v. 5), because we are precious in His sight.

Friday - *John 10:27-30*

Jesus promises absolute security to those who belong to Him. He gives His sheep eternal life, declaring that they will never perish, and "neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand" (v. 28).

Saturday - *Ephesians 1:3-7*

Paul praises the Father for the incredible spiritual blessings bestowed upon believers. Before the foundation of the world, God chose us and "predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself" (v. 5), securing our redemption through His blood.



