

Ho!
Everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters;

And you who have no money,
Come, buy and eat.

Yes, come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.

— Isaiah 55:1



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As We Gather

We know what it is to feel hungry—not only in the stomach, but in the soul. We chase after things we hope will fill us: success, comfort, entertainment, approval, control. Yet even when we get what we wanted, the emptiness often remains. Through Isaiah, the Lord calls to thirsty, hungry sinners and invites them to receive what cannot be bought and what this world cannot provide. His invitation is generous, urgent, and free. As we gather for worship, we come with empty hands and needy hearts, ready to hear the gracious voice of our God. He alone provides soul food that actually satisfies.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

9 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 145:15-16; 107:9; John 6:35

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;

C **Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!**

P For He satisfies the longing soul,

C **And fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

P As the deer pants for the water brooks,

C **So pants my soul for You, O God.**

P Let us draw near to the waters of His grace;

C **Let our souls delight in His abundance.**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! We spend so much of our resources— our time, our energy, and our emotions—laboring for that which does not satisfy. We seek fullness in the fading things of this world, only to find our hearts famished and our spirits empty. Let us draw near to our gracious God, confessing our sins, and pleading for the true bread of life that comes only from His merciful hand.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sought to satisfy our spiritual hunger with the empty promises of this world. We have spent our labor on that which does not satisfy, ignoring Your gracious invitations. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. 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 abundant grace and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P "Listen carefully to Me," the Lord says, "and eat what is good." 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son'. The second staff continues with 'and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning,'. The third staff concludes with 'is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.


Gloria Patri
GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

A large, stylized cross symbol is centered above the text. Below the cross, the words 'Gloria Patri' are written in a decorative, cursive script. Underneath that, the words 'GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER' are written in a simple, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major. The melody is more complex than the first hymn, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

Romans 9:1-13

¹ I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; ⁵ of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. ⁶ But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, ⁷ nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.” ⁸ That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. ⁹ For this is the word of promise: “At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰ And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac ¹¹ (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹² it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” ¹³ As it is written, “Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 136:1-9

- P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
- C** For His mercy endures forever.
- P** Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!
- C** For His mercy endures forever.
- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!
- C** For His mercy endures forever:
- P** To Him who alone does great wonders,
- C** For His mercy endures forever;
- P** To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,
- C** For His mercy endures forever;
- P** To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,
- C** For His mercy endures forever;
- P** To Him who made great lights,
- C** For His mercy endures forever—
- P** The sun to rule by day,
- C** For His mercy endures forever;
- P** The moon and stars to rule by night,
- C** For His mercy endures forever.

Matthew 14:13-21

Alleluia

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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

296 – Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

Sermon Text

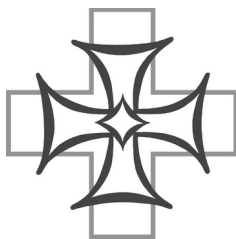
Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. ² Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David. ⁴ Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. ⁵ Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”



Sermon

Soul Food that Actually Satisfies



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.

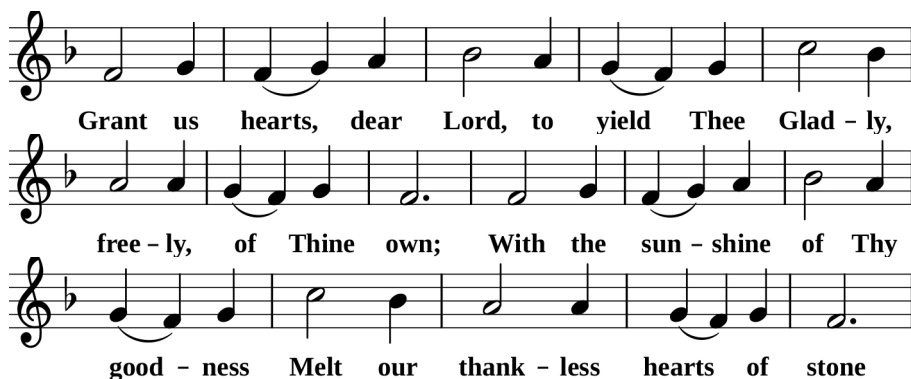
Hymn

278 – Delay Not, Delay Not, O Sinner, Draw Near

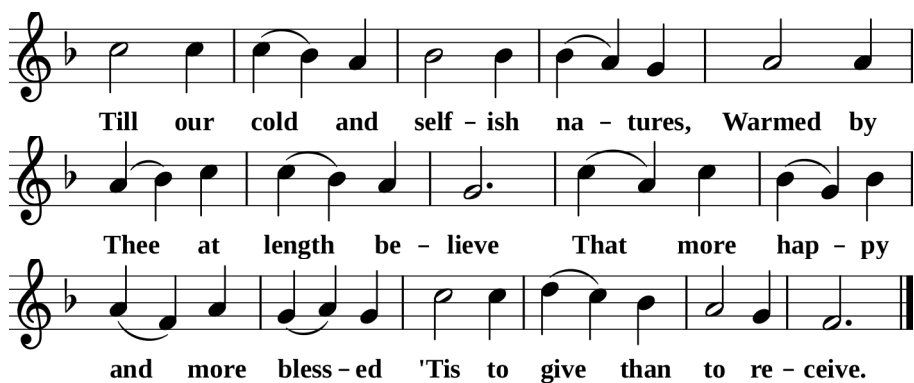
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Offering Hymn

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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



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** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, 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 laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a -
oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho -
san-na, Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless ed is He, Bless ed is He,
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

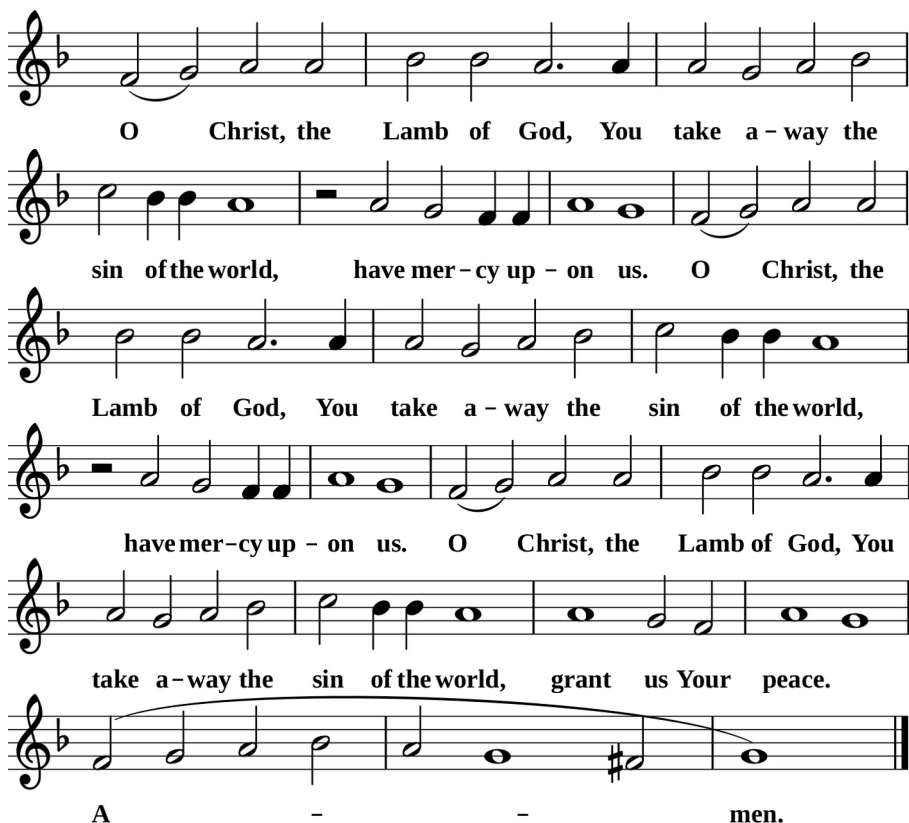
Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!
C Amen.



Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.
A - - - men.

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

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
cording to Your word, For my eyes have seen Your Salvation:
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the Glo - ry of Your people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for -
ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

C For His mercy endures forever.

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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

48 – How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar

August 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Church Council/Education/Elders
August 7	6:00 pm	ILS Party & Parent Meeting
August 9	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
August 10	8:15 am	ILS First Day of School (Early Release)
August 16	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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: When life hurts, we immediately demand to know why. We want simple explanations for our suffering, and Job felt the exact same way. Yet, when the Lord finally answered Job out of the whirlwind, He didn't provide the itemized reasons Job wanted. Instead, God asked, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" (Job 38:4, NKJV). Next Sunday, our sermon theme is "The Answers We Want vs. The Answer We Need." We will see how God responds to our deepest pain not with a simple explanation, but with a majestic revelation of His sovereign power and unsearchable wisdom. Join us as we find true peace in the Almighty who holds the universe—and our lives—securely in His hands.

New Bible Class Series: Starting August 16, our adult Bible class will begin a new study titled, "Earthen Vessels: Saints and Sinners in the Hands of a Gracious God." This series will look closely at 12 prominent men in the Bible—from Noah and Abraham to David and Peter. However, this is not a study of perfect heroes. We will examine the real, historical lives of these men, including their deep flaws, fears, and spectacular failures. Against the backdrop of their weakness, the unmerited grace of God shines all the more brightly. It is a study of the truth that we are simultaneously saint and sinner. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Come join us as we see how God has consistently operated by grace alone, using frail and flawed people to carry out His perfect plan of salvation!

CLC Call News: Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison, Heights, MI. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, has received the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> 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.

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 3–8, 2026

Monday - *John 6:27-35*

Jesus tells the crowds not to labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life. Pointing them to Himself, He declares, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (v. 35).

Tuesday - *Psalms 63:1-8*

David expresses a deep, spiritual longing for God while dwelling in a dry and thirsty land. He finds his true contentment in the Lord, rejoicing that his soul is completely filled "as with marrow and fatness" (v. 5) when he remembers God's steadfast love.

Wednesday - *Jeremiah 2:11-13*

The Lord rebukes His people for committing two great evils: forsaking Him, the "fountain of living waters" (v. 13), and trying to carve out their own broken cisterns that can hold no water. True refreshment and life are found only in our Creator.

Thursday - *Revelation 22:12-17*

At the very end of Scripture, the Spirit and the bride issue a glorious invitation to all people. The Lord graciously calls out, "And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely" (v. 17).

Friday - *Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom prepares a bountiful feast and sends out an urgent invitation to those who lack understanding. She calls out to the simple, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed" (v. 5), urging them to leave foolishness behind and live.

Saturday - *John 7:37-39*

On the last, great day of the feast, Jesus stands up and offers a powerful invitation to the weary crowds. He cries out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink" (v. 37), promising that rivers of living water will flow from the hearts of those who believe in Him.



