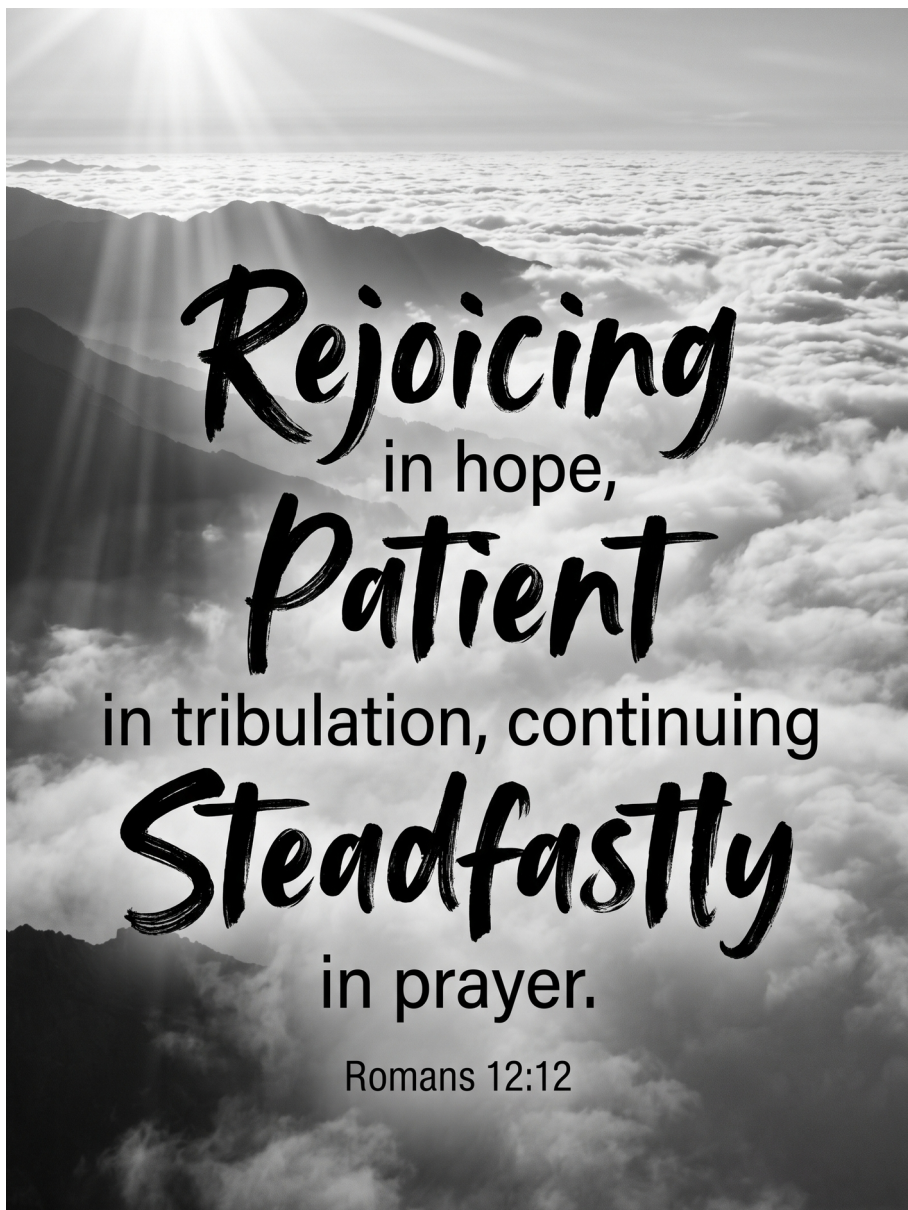




Rejoicing

in hope,

Patient

in tribulation, continuing

Steadfastly

in prayer.

Romans 12:12



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As We Gather

We live in a world steeped in bitterness and vengeance, a relentless cycle of returning injury for injury. If we are honest, our own sinful flesh is quickly pulled into that same dark current. Our nature demands retaliation, yet our Lord calls us to a radically different path of genuine love. How can we possibly stand against the overwhelming evil around us and within us? We cannot look to our own willpower for this strength. Today, as we prepare our hearts for worship, we turn our eyes to the only place where sin and Satan were definitively defeated. Let us find our refuge, our peace, and our ultimate victory where it was won: at the foot of the cross.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

398 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 51:15; 70:1; Romans 12:9, 21

P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C Make haste to help me, O Lord!

P Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil.

C Cling to what is good.

P Do not be overcome by evil,

C But overcome evil with good.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! We are called by God to let our love be without hypocrisy, to abhor what is evil, and to cling to what is good. Yet, if we examine our lives, we know how often we fail to live as living sacrifices. We harbor vengeance in our hearts, we shrink back from the crosses Christ calls us to bear, and we too easily allow the evil of this world to overcome our good intentions. Therefore, let us 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 Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, 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 sought vengeance instead of practicing mercy, and we have been overcome by the evil of our own selfish desires. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. At the foot of the cross, the evil of this world is defeated, and your transgressions are washed away. 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.



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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics are 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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The third staff continues the melody: C3 (half), B2 (half), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (half), D2 (half), C2 (half). The fourth staff continues the melody: B1 (half), A1 (half), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (half), D1 (half), C1 (half), B1 (half). The fifth staff continues the melody: A1 (half), G1 (half), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (half), C1 (half), B1 (half), A1 (half). 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.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, For You have filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, Which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, As waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you,” says the LORD. ²¹ “I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 26

- P** Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity.
- C I have also trusted in the Lord; I shall not slip.**
- P** Examine me, O Lord, and prove me;
- C Try my mind and my heart.**
- P** For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes,
- C And I have walked in Your truth.**
- P** I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
- C I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked.**
- P** I will wash my hands in innocence;
- C So I will go about Your altar, O Lord,**
- P** That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving,
- C And tell of all Your wondrous works.**
- P** Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house,
- C And the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Do not gather my soul with sinners,
- C Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,**
- P** In whose hands is a sinister scheme,
- C And whose right hand is full of bribes.**
- P** But as for me, I will walk in my integrity;
- C Redeem me and be merciful to me.**
- P** My foot stands in an even place;
- C In the congregations I will bless the Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. ²⁸ Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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

412 – May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfil

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.
¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon Overcoming Evil at the Foot of the Cross

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.

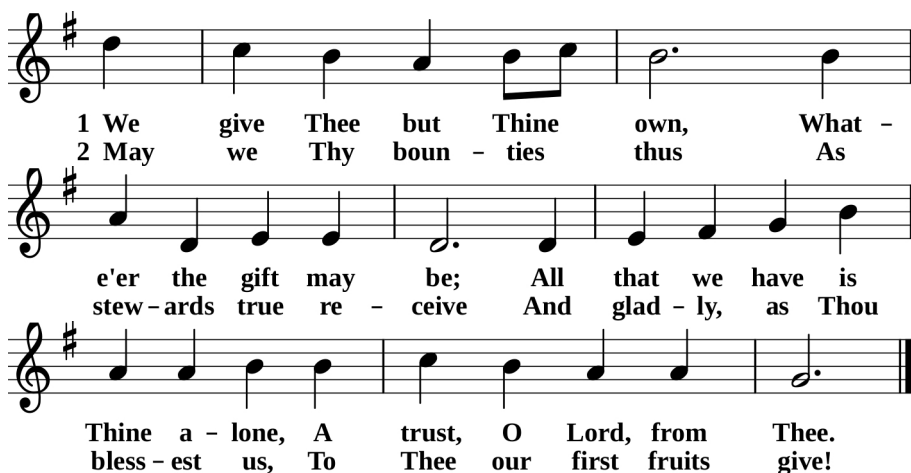
Hymn

464 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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 Thee. 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

423 (1-2, 4, 6) – Jesus, I My Cross have Taken

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar

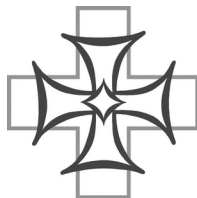
August 30	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
September 4	11:30 am	ILS Early Release
September 6	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Trustees Meeting
September 7		ILS No School (Labor Day)
September 13	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **September 6** – Trustees
- **October 4** – Church Council
- **November 1** – Education/Elders/Quarterly Voters' Meeting

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: It's easy to feel frustrated by politics, taxes, and earthly authorities. In our cynical world, we often view government with suspicion rather than respect. Yet, who is truly in charge of human history? Next Sunday, we will open Romans 13:1–10 under the theme, "God's Servants for Your Good." The Apostle Paul reminds us that "there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." We will explore how our Lord graciously uses earthly rulers as His ministers to maintain order, and how our earthly citizenship reflects our love for the Savior who perfectly fulfilled the Law for us. Join us as we find peace knowing our Heavenly Father rules all things for our eternal blessing!



CLC Call News: Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> Mr. Nick Naumann has received the call to St. Luke’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison, Heights, MI.

Fruits of Faith		August 23, 2026	Attendance: WH – 50 ORL – 11	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>			<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>			<i>General Budget</i>	
\$1,027.00	General Budget		\$50.00	CLC General Budget
\$1,362.00	Weekly Need		\$67.31	Weekly Need
-\$335.00	-Under / +Over		-\$17.31	-Under / +Over
\$44,268.07	Year to Date Offerings		\$1,425.00	Year to Date Offerings
\$46,308.00	Year to Date Need		\$2,288.54	Year to Date Need
-\$2,039.93	Year to Date (+/-)		-\$863.54	Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>			<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
\$25.00	Property Improvement		\$50.00	CLC Kinship
\$50.00	Building Fund			



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 31–September 5, 2026

Monday - *1 Peter 3:8-12*

The apostle Peter urges believers to be of one mind and compassionate. Rather than retaliating when wronged, we are called to respond with kindness, knowing that we "were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing" (v. 9).

Tuesday - *Matthew 5:38-48*

Jesus challenges His followers to exceed the world's standard of justice. Instead of seeking an eye for an eye, He commands us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, that we "may be sons of your Father in heaven" (v. 45).

Wednesday - *1 Samuel 24:1-12*

When David has the opportunity to strike down King Saul, his fierce persecutor, he refuses to harm the Lord's anointed. David completely entrusts his cause to the Lord, saying, "Let the LORD judge between you and me, and let the LORD avenge me on you" (v. 12).

Thursday - *Luke 23:32-38*

In the ultimate display of enduring unjust suffering, Jesus is crucified between two criminals. Even as He is mocked and His garments are divided among the soldiers, He prays for His enemies: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (v. 34).

Friday - *Hebrews 12:1-4*

We are encouraged to run our spiritual race with endurance by keeping our eyes fixed on Christ. We are told to carefully consider Him who endured such profound hostility from sinners, "lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls" (v. 3).

Saturday - *1 Thessalonians 5:14-22*

Paul provides practical instructions for Christian living in a difficult world. He emphasizes patience toward all and commands the church to "See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good" (v. 15).



