

**For the
love of
Christ
compels
us...**

2 Corinthians 5:14



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As We Gather

It is easy to view our Christian life as a list of tasks or a daunting mission we must somehow accomplish. But as we gather this morning, the Apostle Paul invites us to stop and look to the source. Before we step out in service, we must first kneel at the cross. Here, God reconciled you to Himself. Here, your heavy burden of sin was laid on Jesus, and His perfect righteousness was given to you. As you prepare your heart for worship, let the noise of the week fade. Fix your eyes on the Savior whose love compels us. We cannot carry His message to the world until we first rest in His grace. Today, we are reminded that the mission begins at the cross.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

770 – I Hear the Savior Calling

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 96:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Isaiah 52:7

P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

C Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P Declare His glory among the nations,

C His wonders among all peoples.

P For the love of Christ compels us,

C Because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died.

P How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,

C Who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Our mission as God's people begins at the cross, where the heavy debt of our sin was paid in full. Yet, we often live as those who have forgotten the agonizing price of our redemption. We hoard the good news of peace, we fail to live as ambassadors of reconciliation, and we wander back into the darkness. Let us therefore draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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 kept silent when we should have proclaimed Your peace. We have not lived as a new creation, but have returned to the old ways of sin. 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 “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them.” 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.



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 (quarter), D2 (half), C2 (half). The fourth staff continues the melody: B1 (half), A1 (half), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (half), B1 (half). The fifth staff continues the melody: A1 (half), G1 (half), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (quarter), 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

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” ⁸ Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back Zion. ⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalms 67

- P** God be merciful to us and bless us,
C And cause His face to shine upon us,
P That Your way may be known on earth,
C Your salvation among all nations.
P Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C Let all the peoples praise You.
P Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
C For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.
P Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C Let all the peoples praise You.
P Then the earth shall yield her increase;
C God, our own God, shall bless us.
P God shall bless us,
C And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Children’s Anthem

Everywhere I Go

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:46-49

⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

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

769 – Lift High the Cross

Sermon Text

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in

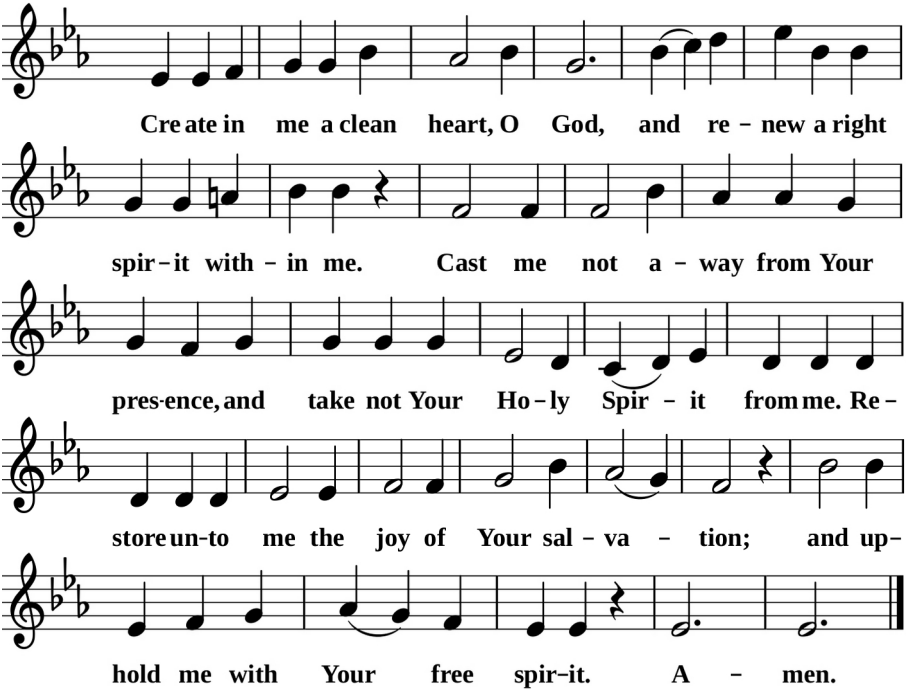
Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



Sermon

The Mission Begins at the Cross

Offertory


 Musical notation for the Offertory hymn, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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

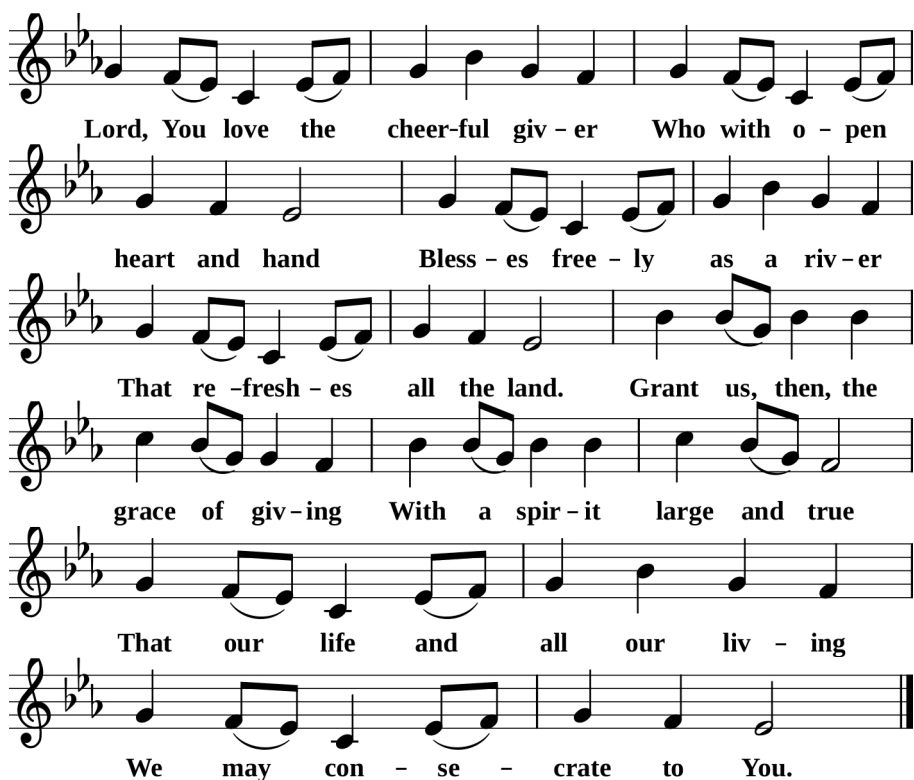
496 – Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying

Offering



Offering Hymn

788 (1)



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.

✠ 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.**

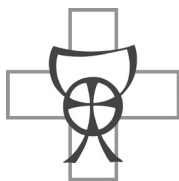
Lamb of God

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

507 – Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar

October 4	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Mission Festival – ILS Children Sing
	11:30 am	Fall Potluck
	12:30 pm	Church Council
October 9	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
	3:00 pm	Visitation for Gail Sedberry
	4:00 pm	Funeral Service for Gail Sedberry
October 11	10:15 am	Worship Service
October 12-16		ILS Fall Break
October 18	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

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

- **October 4** – Church Council
- **November 1** – Education/Elders/Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **December 6** – Board of Trustees/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 received an invitation to an exclusive event and wondered, "How did I make the cut?" Next Sunday, we will open to Matthew 22:1-14, where Jesus shares a startling parable about a royal wedding. The king's initial invitations are met with shocking apathy and rebellion. Yet, his banquet hall will not stand empty! His astonishing invitation extends out into the highways, gathering "both bad and good." Join us as we explore our theme: "The Guest List of Grace." We will uncover the danger of making light of the King's call, the absolute necessity of being clothed in the wedding garment of Christ's perfect righteousness, and the stunning reality that, entirely by His grace, your name is on the list.



Funeral for Gail Sedberry: Our sister in Christ, Gail Sedberry, was called home to the Lord on September 23. We mourn her death, but we do so in the sure and certain hope that Jesus Christ has conquered death by His own death and resurrection and has promised eternal life to all who trust in Him. Gail's Christian funeral will be held at Immanuel on Friday, October 9. Visitation will be from 3:00–4:00 pm, with the funeral service beginning at 4:00 pm. Please keep Gail's close friends and all who mourn in your prayers, asking the Lord to comfort them through His Word and the promises of our risen Savior.

Pastor Sauers Vacation: Pastor Sauers will be away for vacation October 10-16. We will have a lay-lead worship service next Sunday. Next week's worship services will not be streamed online. If you plan to worship online next Sunday, we encourage you to make use of services from our sister congregations in the CLC. Here are two recommended options:

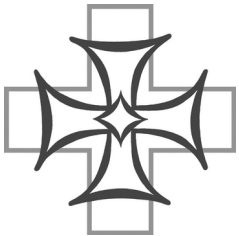
- **Immanuel Lutheran Church – Mankato, MN**
Website: www.immanuelmankato.org
- **Messiah Lutheran Church – Eau Claire, WI**
Website: www.eauclairemessiah.com

Part-Time Missionary Call to India: Pastor Sauers has received a call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the Part-Time Visiting Missionary to India. If accepted, he would serve as the primary liaison between the Board of Missions and our sister church bodies in India, the CLCI and BELC. The call would include an annual visit to India of approximately two to three weeks for pastoral training, preaching, teaching, and consultation, along with communication and preparation throughout the year. Because Pastor Sauers already serves under a full-time call at Immanuel, he is not free to accept this part-time call unless the congregation first approves his availability for this additional service. The congregation will therefore be asked to consider granting that approval. Please keep Pastor Sauers, his family, our congregation, and the work of the Gospel in India in your prayers as this call is considered.

Church Work Day – November 7: Mark your calendars for our church work day on Saturday, November 7. We'll be working together on various projects around the church and school grounds. There will be jobs for a variety of ages and abilities, so please plan to join us if you are able. Many hands make light work, and it's always a good opportunity to enjoy some fellowship while caring for the property God has entrusted to us. More details will be shared as the date approaches.

CLC Call News: Pastor Zachary Sippert of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Missionary Todd Ohlmann has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has received the call to St. Luke’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Fruits of Faith September 27, 2026		Attendance: WH – 38; ORL – 9	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>	
\$1,485.10	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget
\$1,362.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need
+\$123.10	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over
\$50,242.67	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,425.00	Year to Date Offerings
\$53,118.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,625.09	Year to Date Need
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<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
\$10.00	Property Improvement		
\$5.00	Benevolence		



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 5–10, 2026

Monday - *Acts 8:26-35*

The Holy Spirit leads Philip to an Ethiopian man struggling to understand the Scriptures. Philip begins with the prophet Isaiah and preaches Jesus to him, showing how God graciously uses His people to share the life-giving news of salvation.

Tuesday - *Romans 10:11-17*

Paul explains that "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved" (v. 13). But for people to call on Him in faith, they must first hear the message, which requires messengers sent out to share the Gospel of peace with a dying world.

Wednesday - *1 Peter 2:9-10*

Believers are described as a "chosen generation" and a "royal priesthood" (v. 9). We have been brought out of darkness into God's marvelous light for a specific purpose: to proclaim His praises to those who do not yet know His grace.

Thursday - *1 John 4:7-11*

John reminds us that "God is love" (v. 8). Because God showed His supreme love by sending His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, we are naturally moved by that same love to care for and witness to one another.

Friday - *Matthew 9:35-38*

As Jesus travels through the cities, He is "moved with compassion" (v. 36) for the crowds who are weary and scattered like sheep without a shepherd. He urges His disciples to pray that the Lord would send out workers into His plentiful harvest.

Saturday - *Revelation 7:9-12*

The apostle John is given a breathtaking glimpse of heaven, seeing "a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues" (v. 9). They stand before the throne, praising God for the salvation they received through the Lamb.

