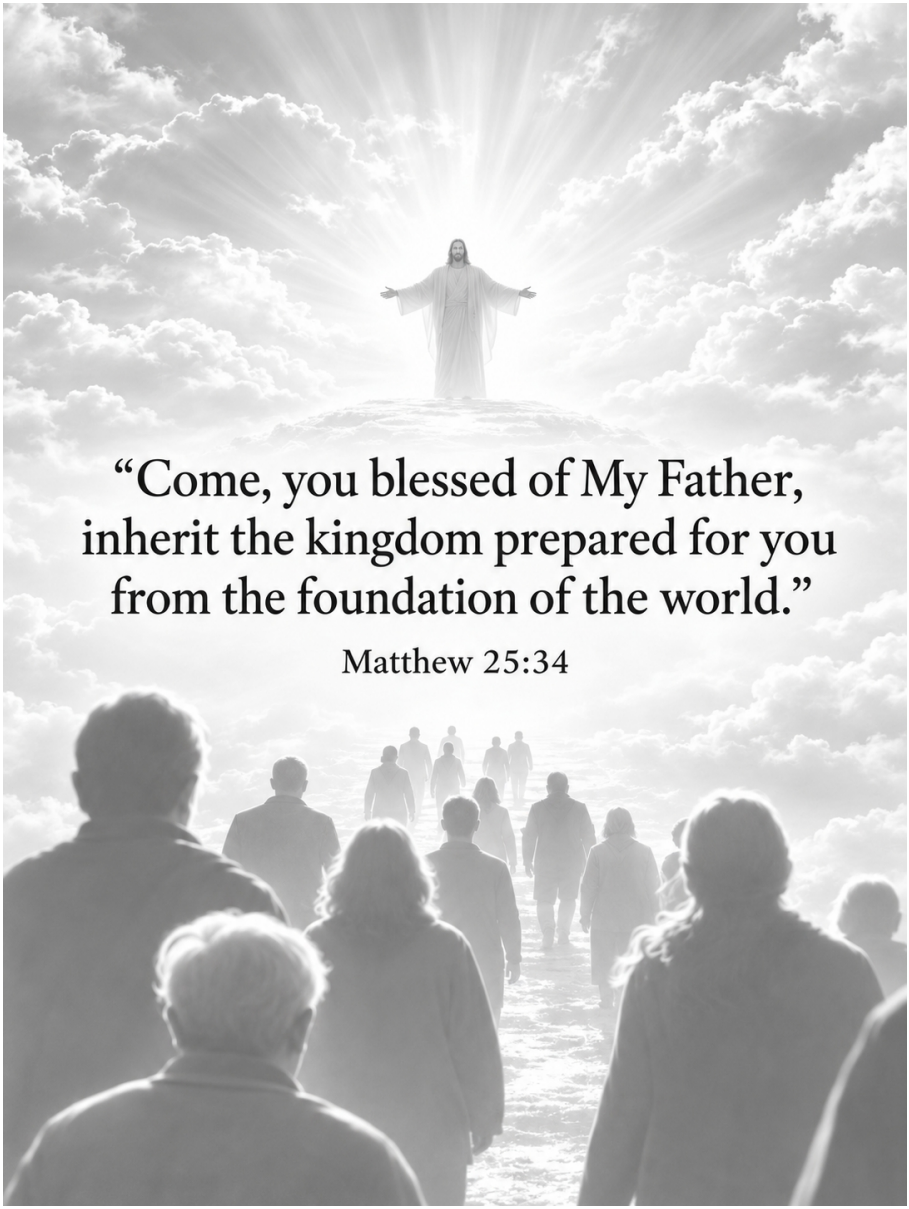


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As We Gather

Have you ever wondered what you would say if you stood face-to-face with Jesus? What would you ask Him? What would He say to you? In Matthew 25, Jesus describes a day when every person will stand before Him, and some will hear words of welcome while others will hear words of judgment. What makes the difference? And why are both groups so surprised by what Jesus says? As we gather for worship today, we look ahead to that day when Christ will return in glory. His words invite us to consider a question that reaches far beyond what our eyes can see: "Lord, when did we see You?"

✢ Preparation for Worship ✢

Hymn 779 – Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences 1 John 4:9-12

P In this the love of God was manifested toward us,
C **that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.**
P In this is love, not that we loved God,
C **but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**
P Beloved, if God so loved us,
C **we also ought to love one another.**
P No one has seen God at any time.
C **If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.**

Confession and Absolution

P God has shown His love for us by sending His Son to be the sacrifice for our sins. And because He has loved us, He calls us to love one another. Yet we have not loved as we ought. Let us confess our sins before God.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have been quick to notice our own needs and slow to see the needs of others. We have withheld kindness, neglected opportunities to serve, and failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have no righteousness of our own by which we can stand before Your judgment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins, strengthen our faith, and renew our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may love others as You have loved us. Amen.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, who will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, is the same Savior who gave His life upon the cross to take away our sins. He has borne the judgment we deserved and risen from the dead to give us eternal life. Our hope is not in what we have done for Him, but in what He has done for us. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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

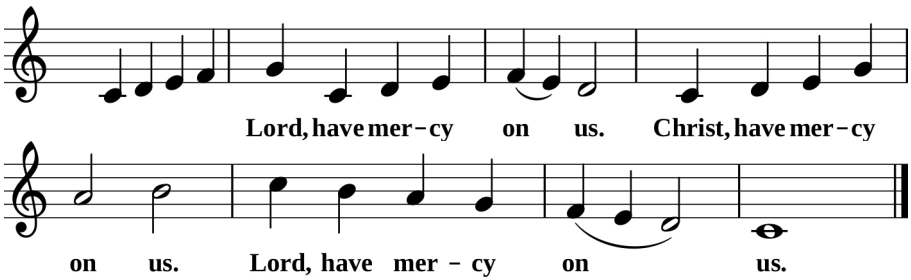
Gloria Patri

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

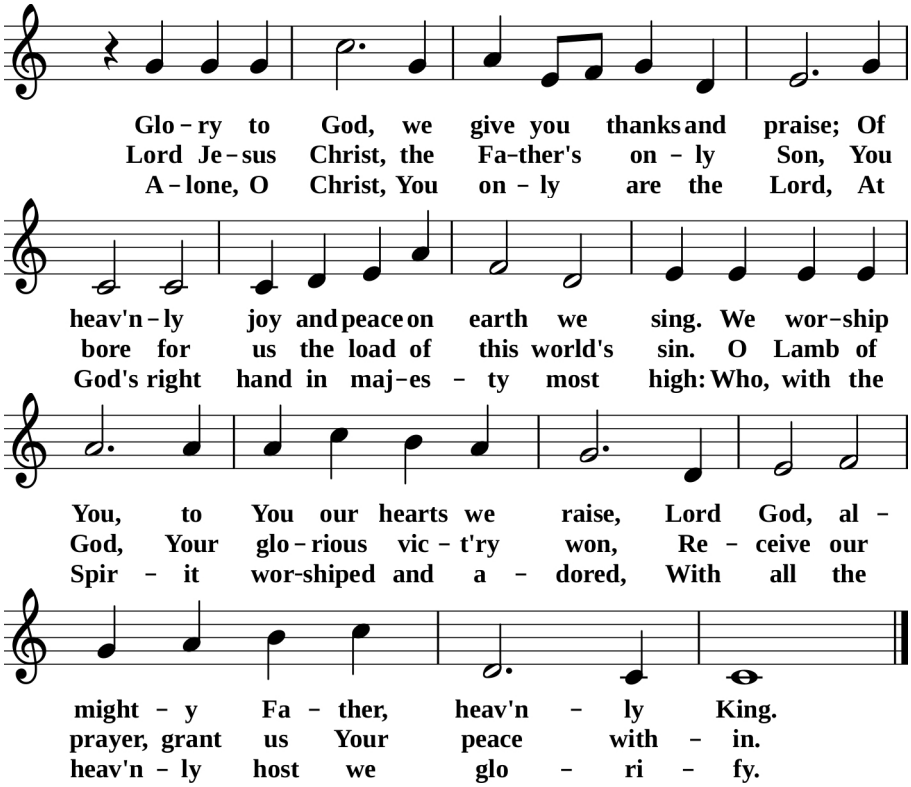
Kyrie





Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation

℗ The Lord be with you.

℃ **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

℗ Let us pray…
… who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 ‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep
and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is
among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them
from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.

[13] And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. [14] I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. [16] "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." [20] 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. [21] Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, [22] therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23] I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 95:1-7a

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
C **Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**
P Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
C **Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**
P For the LORD is the great God,
C **And the great King above all gods.**
P In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
C **The heights of the hills are His also.**
P The sea is His, for He made it;
C **And His hands formed the dry land.**
P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
C **Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
P For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture,
C **And the sheep of His hand.**



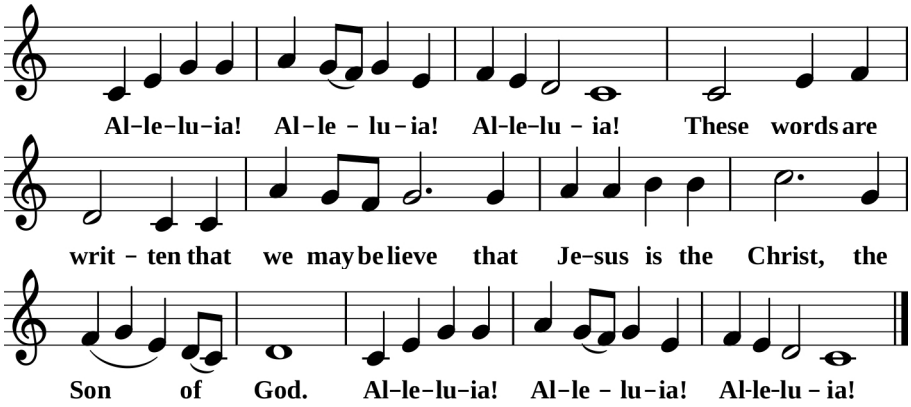
Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

[20] But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. [23] But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. [24] Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. [25] For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. [26] The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. [27] For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. [28] Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

Alleluia

℗ 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 442 – Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us

Sermon Text Matthew 25:31-46

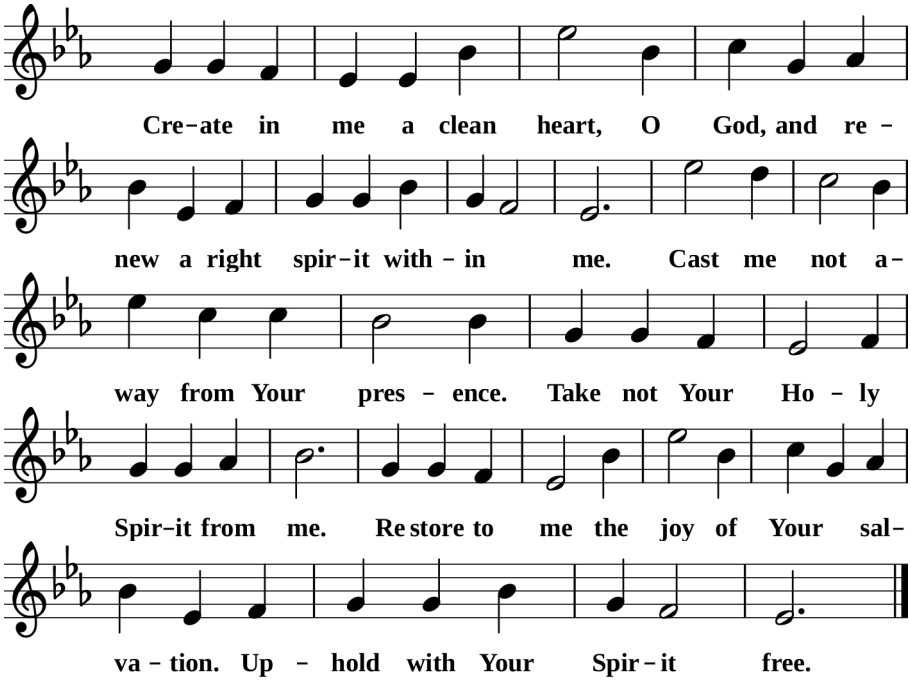
31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with
Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a
shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on
His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those
on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and
you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger
and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you
visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will
answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or
thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You
in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison,
and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly,
I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren,
you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart
from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his
angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you
gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and
you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then
they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to
You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you,
inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to
Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the
righteous into eternal life."



Sermon

Lord, When Did We See You?

Offertory



Hymn

439 – O God of Mercy, God of Might

Offering

Offering Hymn

443 (1, 8)



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 429 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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✢ Announcements ✢

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar		
November 22	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
November 26	10:15 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service
November 28	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating
November 29	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
December 2	2:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
December 6	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Holiday Potluck
	12:30 pm	Board of Trustees/Church Council

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

- **December 6** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **January 3** – Annual Voters' Meeting
- **February 7** – Education/Elders

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 Thanksgiving Day Worship: When we think about Thanksgiving, our minds naturally turn to the many blessings God has given us—food on our tables, roofs over our heads, family, friends, and so much more. But what about those blessings we sometimes overlook? And what happens when some of the blessings we're thankful for are taken away? In 1 Timothy 4:4-10, the Apostle Paul helps us see just how much we have to be thankful for. He reminds us that every good gift comes from our loving God, but he also points us to blessings that reach far beyond this earthly life. Join us on Thanksgiving Day as we consider the theme "So Much More to Be Thankful For."

Midweek Advent Worship: "Fear Not! The Comfort of the Incarnation: Amid the rush, noise, and anxieties of December, God invites you to step aside into the quiet refuge of His Word. Throughout the Scriptures, whenever the Lord breaks into our fallen world with the promise of salvation, His messengers speak the same comforting words: "Fear not!"

Join us this Advent for our three-week midweek worship series, "Fear Not! The Comfort of the Incarnation." Together, we will gather around Scripture, prayer, and song to hear how the Savior born in Bethlehem casts out our deepest fears:

- **Wednesday, December 2 — Fear Not Your Past**
  Finding complete forgiveness in the Lord who calls us by name and redeems us (Isaiah 43:1–7).
- **Wednesday, December 9 — Fear Not the Impossible**
  Trusting the Almighty God whose saving power is made perfect in weakness (Luke 1:26–37).

  Wednesday, December 16 — Fear Not the Future
  Resting in the unshakable promise of Emmanuel—"God with us" (Romans 8:31–39).

All services will be held at 2:00 PM and will also be streamed live online for those who cannot attend in person. Take time to be refreshed by the Gospel as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Christ's birth!

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: We like knowing what's coming. We check the weather forecast, make plans, and mark important dates on our calendars. But there's one date we can't know: the day Jesus will return. In Mark 13:24–37, Jesus tells us that His coming will be sudden and unmistakable, and He urges us to watch and be ready. But how can we be ready for something when we don't know when it will happen? As we begin the season of Advent, we'll discover that our confidence doesn't come from knowing when Jesus will return, but from knowing who is coming—and what He has already done for us.

🎁 **Staff Christmas Gifts**: We are collecting money for our pastor and teachers for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please provide money to Ed Morris or John Kuehne by December 6.

Kinship Sponsors Needed: After the CLC declared fellowship with the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in 2020, the CLC Board of Missions has been working together with the BLCM to establish a local seminary for pastoral training. There is currently one BLCM pastor serving 1,715 souls across 19 congregations and 14 preaching stations in a country that is 95% Muslim. However, this January, 14 men will begin their pastoral training as the inaugural seminary class of the BLCM. Sponsors are needed to help these men receive their training so that they may join in the abundant work in Bangladesh. The cost of a sponsorship will be $60 per month. To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. (Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com)

Fruits of Faith	**November 15, 2026**	**Attendance: WH – 32**
Immanuel Lutheran Church		**Church of the Lutheran Confession**
General Budget		***General Budget***
$1,347.00	General Budget	$0.00	CLC General Budget
$1,362.00	Weekly Need	$67.31	Weekly Need
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$60,003.67	Year to Date Offerings	$1,695.00	Year to Date Offerings
$62,652.00	Year to Date Need	$3,096.26	Year to Date Need
-$2,648.33	Year to Date (+/-)	-$1,401.26	Year to Date (+/-)
Non-Budgetary		***Non-Budgetary***
$50.00	Building Fund		

✢ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✢

November 16–21, 2026

Monday - *Daniel 7:9-14*

Daniel sees the Ancient of Days seated in judgment and "One like the Son of Man" receiving an everlasting kingdom. Earthly empires disappear, but the dominion given to Christ will never pass away or be destroyed.

Tuesday - *John 5:24-29*

Jesus promises that whoever hears His Word and believes the Father has everlasting life and has passed from death into life. He also points ahead to the resurrection, when all who are in the graves will hear His voice.

Wednesday - *1 Corinthians 15:50-58*

Paul describes the final transformation of God's people when the dead are raised incorruptible and death is swallowed up in victory. Because Christ gives this victory, our present labor in the Lord is never empty or wasted.

Thursday - *1 Chronicles 29:10-18*

David blesses the LORD before the people and confesses that riches, honor, strength, and everything we are able to give already come from God's hand. Thanksgiving begins with recognizing that all we have is received from Him.

Friday - *Hebrews 13:15-16*

Through Jesus we continually offer God the sacrifice of praise, giving thanks to His name. Gratitude also takes visible form in doing good and sharing with others, sacrifices with which God is pleased.

Saturday - *Revelation 21:1-7*

John sees the new heaven and new earth where God dwells with His people. Death, sorrow, crying, and pain are gone, and the One on the throne declares, "Behold, I make all things new," giving the water of life freely.