

*Are not
two
sparrows
sold for a penny?
And not one of them
will fall to the ground
apart from
your Father.*

Matthew 10:29, ESV

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As We Gather

It is not easy to live in this world as a believer in the one true God. Faith is challenged, truth is questioned, and persecution is faced. Though hardships and challenges are there and will continue, we are reminded this is nothing new since the fall into sin. The Lord doesn't leave us though in midst of doubt and despair as we deal with division and even danger. He gives His presence and assures His lasting promises. In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah and his people faced hardships, yet they modeled how our witness and testimony can be ones of boldness and confidence as we sing to and praise the Lord, for He "delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers" (Jeremiah 20:13). As Paul would face countless challenges in his Gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth, he reminds us that, even amid the battle of sin, we have received grace and that the "free gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 6:23). Jesus also reminds us that as divisiveness and persecution can be expected even from those closest to us, because of His everlasting promises we are able to "fear not." The psalmist also assures that the Lord remains our refuge and our fortress. The world around us won't change until Christ returns, but the Lord doesn't change either. In and through Him, with faith and confidence we keep our trust.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

239 – Come, Thou Almighty King

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! 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.
- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
C **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

P Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of the text. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

The logo features a large, stylized cross above the text 'Kyrie Eleison' written in a decorative, gothic-style font. Below this, the words 'LORD, HAVE MERCY' are written in a simple, sans-serif font, underlined.

Gloria 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 score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,". The second staff continues: "Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to". The third staff continues: "us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All". The fourth staff concludes: "hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me. ⁸ For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the LORD was made to me A reproach and a derision daily. ⁹ Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not. ¹⁰ For I heard many mocking: "Fear on every side!" "Report," they say, "and we will report it!" All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying, "Perhaps he can be induced; Then we will prevail against him, And we will take our revenge on

him.” ¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten. ¹² But, O LORD of hosts, You who test the righteous, And see the mind and heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them; For I have pleaded my cause before You. ¹³ Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD! For He has delivered the life of the poor From the hand of evildoers.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 91:1-10

- P** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
- C** **Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- P** I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress;
- C** **My God, in Him I will trust.”**
- P** Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
- C** **And from the perilous pestilence.**
- P** He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;
- C** **His truth shall be your shield and buckler.**
- P** You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
- C** **Nor of the arrow that flies by day,**
- P** Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
- C** **Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.**
- P** A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand;
- C** **But it shall not come near you.**
- P** Only with your eyes shall you look,
- C** **And see the reward of the wicked.**
- P** Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,
- C** **Even the Most High, your dwelling place,**
- P** No evil shall befall you,
- C** **Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

¹⁷ But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

258 – Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation



⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: ²¹ “Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ²² And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! ²⁶ Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.



Sermon

Fear and Love God



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.

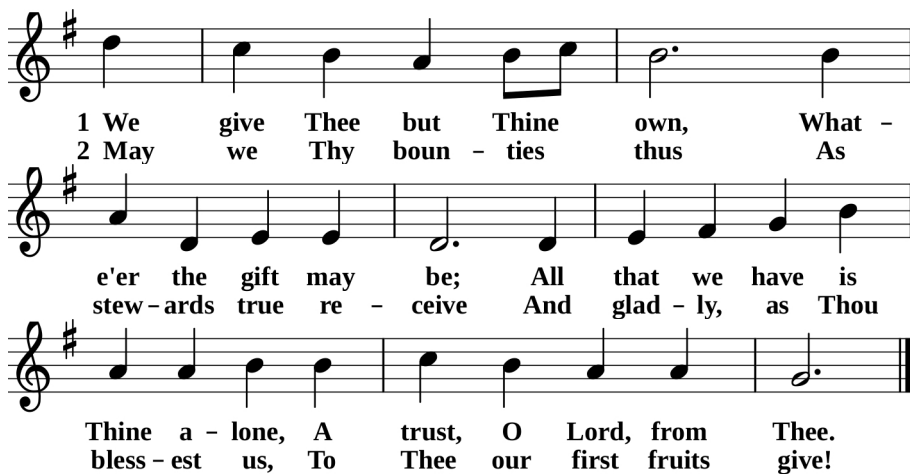
Hymn

517 - The Will of God Is Always Best

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 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

789 – Consider How the Birds Above

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule		
June 25	8:00 am	Divine Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Divine Service (Winter Haven)
July 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Fellowship Meal
	12:30 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
July 9	8:00 am	Divine Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Divine Service (Winter Haven)
July 10-14	9 am – 11:30 am	Vacation Bible School

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VBS: We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School for 2023! This year's theme is "Thus Says the LORD: Prophets of the True God." We will explore the accounts of some of the prophets in the Bible and learn how they spoke God's truth to a world in need. We'll also have plenty of time to play games, make crafts, and sing songs. VBS will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on July 10-14. Children grades 4K through 8th Grade are welcome to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, such as teaching, leading activities, helping with crafts, and providing snacks. Please speak with Pastor Sauers if you are able to help out.

Man Up! Weekend: The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

CLC News: Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND is considering the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

Fruits of Faith	June 11, 2023	Orlando: 8	WH: 22
Immanuel Home			\$457.00
VBS			\$25.00
Daily Rest			\$20.00
Total			\$502.00

Fruits of Faith	June 18, 2023	WH: 33
Immanuel Home		\$76.25
VBS		\$10.00
Total		\$86.25

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

June 26 – July 1

Monday: Luke 15:11-24 – The younger of two sons wants to be given his inheritance so that he can waste it on himself. When all is gone and he is less valuable to feed than the pigs, he decides to go home, where his loving father receives and forgives him. So it is with our loving God and sinful humanity.

Tuesday: Luke 15:25-32 – The older son in yesterday’s parable also has selfish desires (“you never gave me...” v 29) and acts as though he has earned his inheritance. He does not share the father’s desire for the return of the lost one, and calls him “this son of yours” rather than “my brother.” A sad picture of our sinful human nature alongside the gentle love of our heavenly Father.

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 – Peter and John did not look magnificent when the lame man looked up at them, and he was just expecting some money from them. But from the representatives of Jesus Christ he received much more than he expected, and the chance to walk into the temple with them, praising God.

Thursday: Acts 3:11-16 – The people are amazed at the wonderful healing of the man lame from birth, and the apostles are quick to point out that this was done by God’s Son Jesus Christ, who was disowned by them, but raised by God to life. Look to Him and be saved!

Friday: Isaiah 12:1-2 – Isaiah tells of a coming day when the one with whom the Lord was justly angry receives not the Lord’s anger but His comfort, much as the “Prodigal Son” (Lk15) was received by his loving father. Such a forgiving God will surely be one’s strength and song in this life also.

Saturday: Isaiah 12:3-6 – What can be said by each of us can also be sung by all of God’s children. Give thanks to the Lord (as did the lame man healed in Acts 3)! Sing to the Lord, for our salvation is all His doing, and it is He who has made us dwellers of Zion! Let this be known in all the earth!