

LORD **OF THE** HARVEST

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As We Gather

In his letter to the Christians in the city of Philippi, Paul spoke of the exalted Lord Jesus Christ. He wrote that, having completed His saving work, Jesus was to be worshiped by all people. So worthy is the Christ that “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:10–11). The work of missionaries, which is to include all of God’s redeemed people, is ultimately to bring glory to God. That glorifying is heard in our praises and shown in our deeds that reflect our Lord’s boundless love and bring others into the circle of His grace.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

502 – Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 22:27; 24:1-2; 66:4

- P** The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness,
- C** **The world and those who dwell therein.**
- P** For He has founded it upon the seas,
- C** **And established it upon the waters.**
- P** All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,
- C** **And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.**
- P** All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You;
- C** **They shall sing praises to Your name.”**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 140:6; 141:1; 145:8, adapted

- P** LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me!
- C** **Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.**
- P** I said to the LORD: “You are my God;
- C** **Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.**
- P** With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.
- C** **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.**

P As people gathered around God’s Word, we confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and admit that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. As people called to walk in His ways and to share God’s love, let us take refuge in His infinite mercy, seeking and imploring His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and saying, “God be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.” In repentance, let us confess our sins unto our gracious God.’

C **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

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

C **Amen.**

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 108:3-5

P I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples,

C **And I will sing praises to You among the nations.**

P For Your mercy is great above the heavens,

C **And Your truth reaches to the clouds.**

P Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

C **And Your glory above all the earth.**



Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther 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.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

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 score consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

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 score consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second, third, and fourth staves continue the melody and lyrics, ending 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

Isaiah 62:1-7

¹ For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. ² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. ³ You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶ I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, ⁷ And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 96

P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

C Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

C Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

P Declare His glory among the nations,

C His wonders among all peoples.

P For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;

C He is to be feared above all gods.

P For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

C But the LORD made the heavens.

- P** Honor and majesty are before Him;
- C** **Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**
- P** Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
- C** **Give to the LORD glory and strength.**
- P** Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
- C** **Bring an offering, and come into His courts.**
- P** Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!
- C** **Tremble before Him, all the earth.**
- P** Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved;
- C** **He shall judge the peoples righteously.”**
- P** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
- C** **Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;**
- P** Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.
- C** **Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.**
- P** For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.
- C** **He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.**

Children’s Anthem

O Magnify

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:11-17

¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” ¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” ¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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

499 – Look from Thy Sphere of Endless Day

Sermon Text

Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” ¹ And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. ² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.



Sermon

Freely Given, Freely Giving

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.

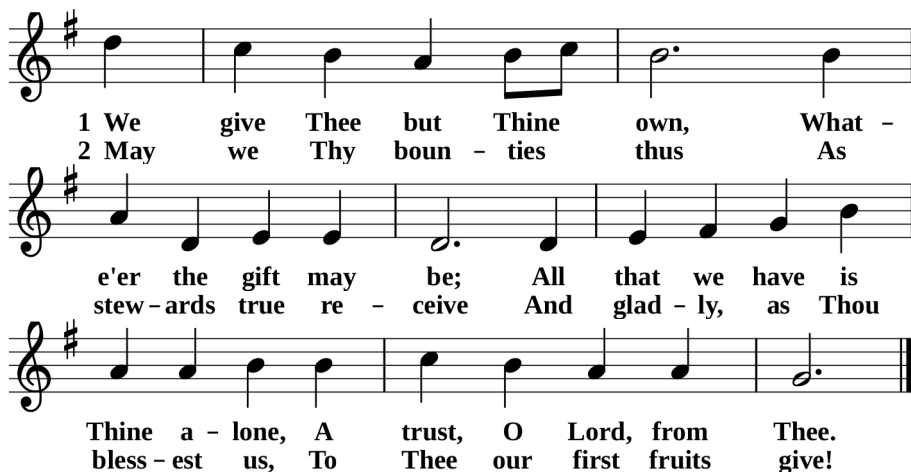
Hymn

494 - Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire

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.

✠ 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

October 1	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Fellowship Meal
	12:15 pm	Trustees/Church Council
October 8	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
October 15	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Upcoming Meetings: The following is our schedule of meetings through the annual meeting in January:

- **October 1** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **November 5** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **November 19** – Board of Education
- **December 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **December 17** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **January 7** – Annual Voters’ Meeting

MDF Shortage: When the convention approved the calling of our third foreign missionary, it determined that the funding of that missionary would come fully from the MDF for the first year. The cost of funding that missionary is about \$80,000 and has had an impact on other planned MDF projects. Currently the balance of the MDF is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year and a few other essential projects, but without additional funds, we will not be able to fund other planned projects. We have already put a hold on all other projects including all funding of Bibles and other Christian literature, church building assistance, and many planned outreach projects. We pray that the members of the CLC will remember this work in their prayers and their offerings that we might continue to carry out the work the LORD has set before us and which we have decided to do as a church body.

Nominations for Immanuel Professor Call: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year. The position would be best served by someone who is teacher trained

and has the ability to teach high school (if nominee is male or female) and college classes (if nominee is male) primarily in social studies (history/geography), elementary education methods, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2024-25 academic year. Those submitting nominations would need to include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2024. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org

CLC Call News: Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN is considering the call from Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in the Atlanta, GA area has returned the call from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. Calvary Lutheran, along with St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI, have now called Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL.

Fruits of Faith	September 24, 2023	WH: 17	Orlando: 11
Immanuel Home		\$3,590.86	
Property Improvement		\$100.00	
Tuition Grant		\$15.00	
Benevolence		\$5.00	
Total		\$3,710.86	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 2 - October 7

Monday: Matthew 12:1-8 – When the Pharisees accuse Jesus’ disciples of breaking their Sabbath ordinances, He does not argue their legal definitions, but points out that the disciples in His service, like the priests who work in the temple, are innocent of breaking the Sabbath.

Tuesday: Hebrews 4:9-11 – The Old Testament Sabbath was a gift that pictured the rest in the presence of God which Christ would win. As such it held the Gospel promise before them. We also journey toward that promised rest, striving to avoid the disobedience which would deprive one of it.

Wednesday: Hebrews 4:12-13 – If we think to gain rest and peace with God through our outward activities, but remain disobedient and rebellious at heart, we will not fool God, whose word is living and active and lays bare the thoughts of the heart. He also surely knows His children, who find rest in Him.

Thursday: Psalm 75:4-7 – Thanks be to God that He is the one in control, not the wicked boasters who speak insolently. It is God who puts down and raises up, as Mary also sang (Lk 1:52).

Friday: 1 Kings 19:1-9a – After the fire from heaven caused the Israelites to say “The Lord, He is God,” the next day it looked like no reformation, and Jezebel was still calling the shots. Depressed and discouraged, Elijah runs away, but God does not. He finds and feeds and gives him rest.

Saturday: 1 Kings 19:9b-18 – The Lord shows Elijah that it is not the fire, earthquake, or howling wind of judgment that gains the hearts of the people. Rather it is the gentle whisper of God’s grace that has already won to the Kingdom souls that Elijah knew nothing about. The Lord reigns!

