

**God is faithful, who has called you
into fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
-1 Corinthians 1:9-**

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As We Gather

Welcome to the season of waiting! Not only is Advent a period of preparation for Jesus' first coming at Christmas, but this sacred season readies our hearts for Jesus' ultimate coming: when He, as King of kings and Lord of lords, returns in power on the Last Day, when every knee will bow before Him and every eye will see Him as the One who reigns in sovereign majesty over all things. Until the arrival of that glorious Day, we wait for Him in confident faith, strengthened by His Word and Supper, trusting that He has redeemed us by His cross and resurrection. With the expectant people of old, may our worship together lead us to say: "Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20).

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

68 – The Advent of Our King

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 33:20-22

P Our soul waits for the LORD;

C **He is our help and our shield.**

P For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

C **Because we have trusted in His holy name.**

P Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,

C **Just as we hope in You.**

Confession and Absolution

P Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P “You come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called servant of Christ, our Savior and King, 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 ✠

Introit

Psalm 25:1-3

P To You, O LORD,

C I lift up my soul.

P O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed;

C Let not my enemies triumph over me.

P Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;

C Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C And to the Holy Spirit

P As it was in the beginning

C Is now and will be forever. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.


Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At



heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the



You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹ Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That
the mountains might shake at Your presence— ² As fire burns brushwood,
As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your

adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! ³ When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. ⁴ For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. ⁵ You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. ⁶ But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. ⁷ And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. ⁹ Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 80:1-7

- P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock;
- C** **You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!**
- P** Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength,
- C** **And come and save us!**
- P** Restore us, O God;
- C** **Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!**
- P** O LORD God of hosts,
- C** **How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people?**
- P** You have fed them with the bread of tears,
- C** **And given them tears to drink in great measure.**
- P** You have made us a strife to our neighbors,
- C** **And our enemies laugh among themselves.**
- P** Restore us, O God of hosts;
- C** **Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!**

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-10

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ² and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³ And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.” ⁴ So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵ But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing

the colt?”⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go.⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.⁸ And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

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

95 – Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

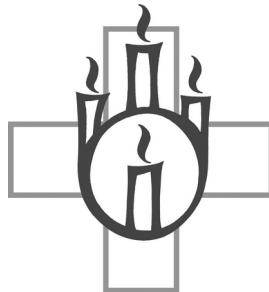
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, ⁵ that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, ⁶ even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, ⁷ so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sermon

Eagerly Wait for Christ's Return

- I. Because of God's Grace
- II. Because of God's Faithfulness



Offertory



Cre-ate 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. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

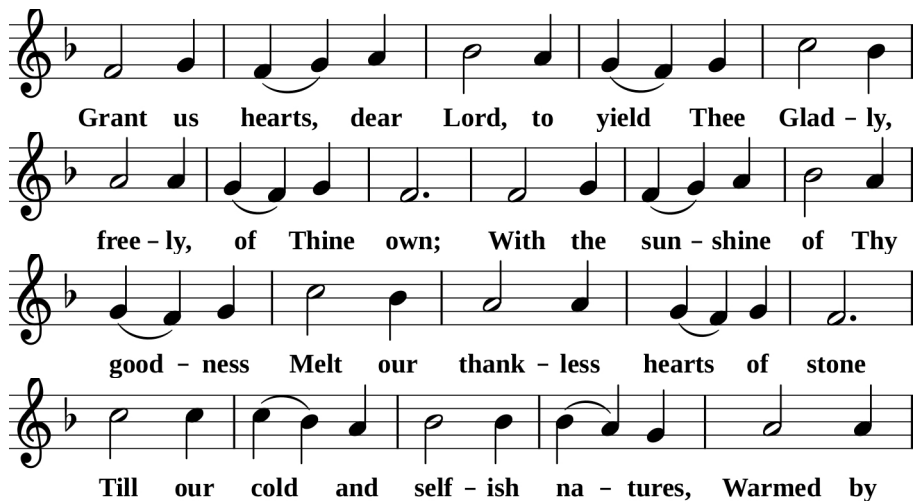
Hymn

705 – Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

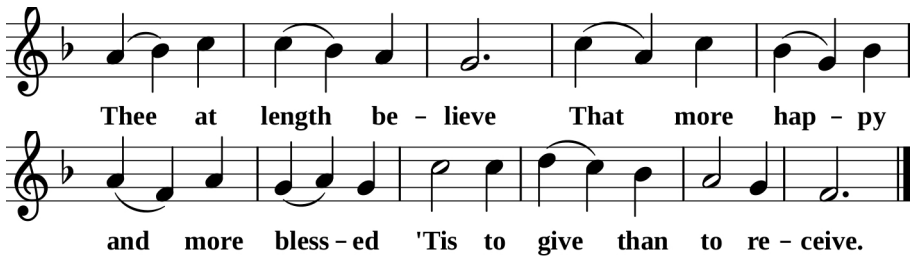
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Offering Hymn

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Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by



Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

General Prayer

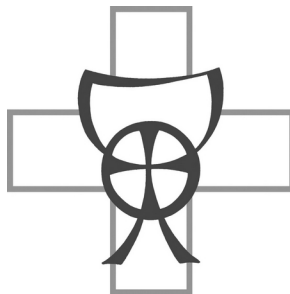
The Lord's Prayer

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** It is 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 magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -



tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

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



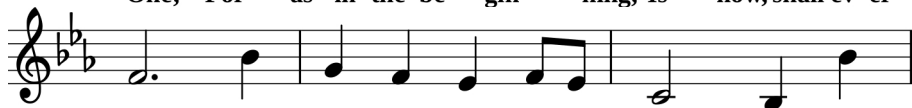
O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the



peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -



grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er



hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through



cho - sen Is - ra - el.
all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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

53 – Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

December 3	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Potluck/Board of Elders/Church Council
December 6	2:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship Service
December 9	9:00 am	Church Work Day
December 10	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
December 13	2:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship Service
December 17	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Board of Trustees/Church Council

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

- **December 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **December 17** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **January 7** – Annual Voters’ Meeting

Fellowship Meal: We will have a holiday fellowship meal (potluck) following the worship service on December 3. Please plan to stick around after the service and bring a dish to pass.

Midweek Advent Worship: This year’s midweek Advent series is entitled *Resounding Psalms for Advent*. We do not often emphasize the psalms during the Advent season, instead being eager to read about the prophecies, anticipating Jesus’ coming. Yet the psalms are God’s Word during terrible times to people who lived before God’s promises were fulfilled in our Savior’s coming. This Advent, we focus on several psalms as we use them to prepare to celebrate our Lord’s birth with open eyes and ears. Here is our worship schedule:

- December 6 @ 2:00 pm – Restore (Psalm 80)
- December 13 @ 2:00 pm – Revived (Psalm 85)
- December 25 @ 10:15 am – Rejoice (Psalm 98)

These services will be streamed live/recorded on our website for those who are unable to attend in person.

Work Day: A Church Work Day is schedule for December 9, beginning at 9:00 am. We hope to work on the following task list:

1. Spot clean stains in church carpet.
2. Deep clean kitchen.
3. Pull weeds.
4. Thin out plants by church double doors.
5. Rake lawn.
6. Spread mulch.
7. Pick up trash on property.
8. Paint raw wood on school sports shed behind school.
9. Install new church entry double doors.
10. Install new church shed doors.
11. Paint church steeple.
12. Add more rocks to flower beds.
13. Paint church sign.

Nominations for ILC Professor and ILC President: The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year: Neil Bernthal, Jeff Karnitz, Joshua Ohlmann, Dan Roehl, Seth Schaller, Steve Sydow, Matthew Thurow, Paul Tiefel III, and Matthew Ude. In addition, the following and only person has been nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of the ILC President's call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2026. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight January 2, 2024 (letters postmarked December 23, 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 Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, is still considering the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC is still considering a call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

Fruits of Faith	November 23, 2023	WH: 25
<u>Missions</u>		<u>\$142.00</u>
Total		\$142.00

Fruits of Faith		November 26, 2023	WH: 22	Orlando: 10
Immanuel Home				\$1,131.00
Missions				\$55.00
ILC Scholarship				\$55.00
Tuition Grant				\$500.00
<u>Benevolence</u>				\$5.00
Total				\$1,746.00

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

December 4 – December 9

Monday: Luke 1:68-75 – Zachariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, holds his “miracle” baby in his arms, but speaks of the greater miracle: salvation from the hand of all enemies, so that God may be worshiped without fear, in holiness and righteousness all our days (v74-75).

Tuesday: Luke 1:76-79 – The son born to Zachariah in his old age will be important because he will prepare for the Lord who comes. That Rising Sun from on high (v78) will bring salvation by the forgiveness of sins.

Wednesday: Revelation 1:4-6 – John writes to seven churches in which the Spirit of God has been working, proclaiming to them the grace and peace which came by Jesus Christ, who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His own blood (v5). How we look forward to His coming!

Thursday: Revelation 1:7-8 – The Lord who was pierced (with spear and nails) will come again in glory, not as the lowly child of Bethlehem, but with “clouds,” that is, with power and majesty. At the close of this book Jesus again promises to come as the Alpha and Omega, the Lord God Himself (22:13).

Friday: Isaiah 61:1-3 – Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, His work was laid out by the prophet: to preach good news, to bind up broken hearts, to proclaim freedom and release, the Lord’s favor and victory, to comfort mourners and provide them with beauty and joy.

Saturday: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 – When things go from bad to worse, remember how God rescued His servants of old who proclaimed and clung to His Word. That Word will continue to equip us all to live our lives to our Savior’s glory.

