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Last Judgment



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 90 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 516 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

LSB 516

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

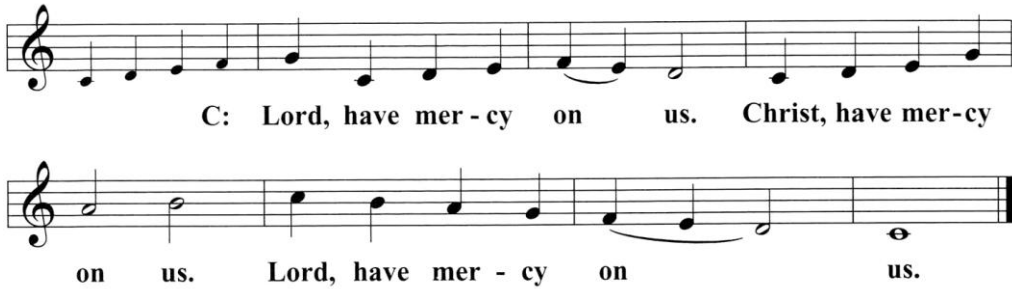
C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

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

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

W.S. p. 13



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we are always mindful of Your glorious return. Keep us watchful while we wait and by Your Spirit cause us to persevere in both faith and godly living. We pray this in Your name, dear Jesus, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (EHV)

⁵ This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer. ⁶ Certainly, it is right for God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, ⁷ and to give relief to you, who are troubled along with us. When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, ⁸ he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength, ¹⁰ on that day when he comes to be glorified among his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

Children's Choir: "Give Me Jesus"

In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day, Just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day, Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, Give me Jesus.

And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,
And when I want to sing, Give me Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Mark 2:1-12 (EHV)

P The Gospel reading is from Mark 2:1-12.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

When Jesus again entered Capernaum some days later, people heard that he was home. ² So many people were gathered together that there was no more room, not even by the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Some people came to him bringing a paralyzed man, carried by four men. ⁴ Since they could not bring the man to Jesus because of the crowd, they dug through the roof above where he was. When they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralyzed man was lying. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ But there were some experts in the law sitting there and thinking in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this fellow speak like this? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except God alone?"

⁸ Jesus immediately knew in his spirit that they were thinking this way within themselves. He asked them, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier: to tell the paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your stretcher, and walk'? ¹⁰ But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralyzed man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your stretcher, and go home."

¹² At once the man got up, picked up the stretcher, and went out in front of everyone. So they were all amazed and glorified God. They said, "We have never seen anything like this!"

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluia!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**☒ 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 sits 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 of the Day: 748 *I'm but a Stranger Here*

LSB 748

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:44 (NKJV)

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Sermon Theme: "Citizenship in Heaven? Priceless!"

✠ Guest Preacher: Joel Bernthal - Pre-Theology Student,
Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI

✠ Notes:

Offertory

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C: 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.

Sermon Hymn: 509 *Christ is Surely Coming*

LSB 509

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ 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 *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: *“The Clouds of Judgment Gather”* (please stand for last verse)

LSB 513 (tune of LSB 672)

- 1** *The clouds of judgment gather, The time is growing late;
Be sober and be watchful, Our judge is at the gate:
The judge who comes in mercy, The judge who comes in might
To put an end to evil And diadem the right.*
- 2** *Arise, O true disciples; Let wrong give way to right,
And penitential shadow To Jesus' blessed light:
The light that has no evening, That knows no moon or sun,
The light so new and golden, The light that is but one.*
- 3** *The home of fadeless splendor, Of blooms that bear no thorn,
Where they shall dwell as children Who here as exiles mourn;
The peace of all the faithful, The calm of all the blest,
Inviolatè, unfading, Divinest, sweetest, best.*
- 4** *Oh, happy, holy portion, Relief for all distressed,
True vision of true beauty, Refreshment for the blest!
Strive now to win that glory, Toil now to gain that light;
Send hope ahead to grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.*

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Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.

Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:
11/9/25

Choir – 8am

Worship – 9am

Guest Preaching: Joel Bernthal, Pre-Theology Student, Immanuel Lutheran College

Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am

Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 11:15am

This Week:

Tuesday – *Veterans Day*

Worship Service at New Perspective (Franklin) – 11am

Wednesday – **Worship Service at The Villa (Greenfield) – 10am**

Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm (Zoom & In-Person)

Thursday – **Board of Property Meeting – 5:30pm**

Saturday – **Fall Leaf Raking Day – 9am** (see announcement below)

Church Cleaning: Team #3 (11/8-11/14); Team #4 (11/15-11/21)

Next Sunday:
11/16/25

Choir Practice – 8am

Worship – 9am

Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am

Church Accompanist Meeting – 11:15am



Private Communion After the Worship Service – For communicant members who would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, please meet with Pastor Luke at the front of church after the worship service this morning.

Thank You! to Joel Bernthal for bringing us God's Word today. Joel is a Pre-Theology student who is training for the pastoral ministry at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. We pray for the Lord to continue to bless Joel's studies and training, and we pray that the Lord of the church would continue to raise up young men for the pastoral ministry!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wed. Evening Bible Class at 6:30pm. We are studying selected Psalms. To join online please click on Pastor Luke's Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>



Fall Leaf Raking Day – Saturday, November 15th @ 9am – Please bring rakes, blowers, and gloves and join us as we rake up the fall leaves on the church property.

Fall Piano Recital – New Perspective, Franklin – Sunday Nov. 23rd @ 1:30pm –

Our Messiah Lutheran School piano students will be having their Fall Recital at **New Perspective in Franklin** on **Sunday, November 23rd at 1:30pm**. All are welcome to attend!

CLC Call News – Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has **accepted** the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **returned** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has **received** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Emeritus Norman Greve has **returned** the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

CLC Youth Camp at ILC 2026 - Camp will be held June 14th-20th, 2026 at ILC for campers going into 6-9th grade. Please visit our website for more information <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp> . Registration will open in March of 2026. Email youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions.

CLC Financial Report - September 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Months	Balance 9/30/2025
General Fund	0	246,992	316,981	316,275	(69,989)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	518,455	404,568	443,760	113,887
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	8,970	30,499		77,614
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	143,211	340		2,209,584
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	38,121	70,785		115,738
Kinship	169,472	40,673	44,038		166,107
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	167,131	227,543		2,443,384
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	77,536	68,909		110,316
EduK8 Fund	70,311	27,885	10,000		88,196
Reserve Fund	103,629	1,041	0		104,670
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$504,568	\$452,114		\$5,315,609

General Fund – The fund shows a deficit of just under \$70,000 which is not quite as much as it was a year ago, due to an increase in contributions of almost \$20,000 over the same period last year.

ILC Operations – Revenues and disbursements are very similar to last year, resulting in a current balance of about \$114,000.

ILC Building Projects – The revenue consists of about \$70,000 in contributions and \$73,000 from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of close to \$73,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and about \$94,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements include just over \$204,000 loaned so far to a congregation for some remodeling/asbestos work, with more coming in the next few months.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Bible Readings:

11/9	Joshua 1 Psalm 119:41-48 Luke 22:1-13
11/10	Joshua 2 Psalm 119:49-56 Luke 22:14-30
11/11	Joshua 3 Psalm 119:57-64 Luke 11:31-38
11/12	Joshua 4 Psalm 119:65-72 Luke 22:39-53
11/13	Joshua 5 Psalm 119:73-80 Luke 22:54-65
11/14	Joshua 6 Psalm 119:81-88 Luke 22:66-23:16
11/15	Joshua 7 Psalm 119:89-96 Luke 23:18-31



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November Ushers	Cleaning Team 11/15-11/21
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Jared Barthels Armando Hart Nick Blue	<u>Team 4</u> J/B Albrecht P. Gurath A/M Garvens J/E Marita T/G Quade P. Reim
November Slideshow Jim Lisak	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,668.00	\$140,199.32
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$155,567.70
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$1,974.65)	(\$15,368.38)
Missions:	\$30.00	\$1,135.00
Missions:	\$35.00	\$714.99
MSAF:	\$25.00	\$300.00

Attendance Last Sun. (11/2): 144

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