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“Blessed is the one who keeps his garments on.”

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WELCOME: *To all who are present today, we offer a heart-felt When the sea roars and human threats seem to fill the world, the Lord says through Isaiah, “I, I am he who comforts you.” In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks courage to a woman who has suffered for twelve years and takes a ruler’s daughter by the hand and raises her from death. That same Savior speaks to us amid the turmoil of Revelation, calling us to stay awake in repentance and faith and to keep the white garments He has washed in His blood.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #279 *Today Thy Mercy Calls Us*

Today Thy mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can cleanse us
And make us white today.

Today Thy gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us;
The Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,

What should we do without Thee
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.
Amen.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. 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 on me according to Your unfailing love; cleanse me from my sin; and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. This Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes, because in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written: The just shall live by faith.

Cong: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshipped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

THE GREETING:
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Pastor: Almighty and merciful Father, You rule the roaring sea and comfort Your people with Your wisdom and grace. Amid the tumults and deceptions of this world, open our ears to our Savior's voice, awaken us to repentance, and keep us trusting in His righteousness, that we may greet Him with joy when He comes again, clothed in the white garments washed in His blood; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 51:9-16
(EHV) Wake up! Wake up! Clothe yourself with strength, you arm of the LORD! Awake as in days of old, as in generations of long ago. Was it not you who cut Rahab to pieces, and who pierced the sea monster? (10) Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, and who made a road through the depths of the sea for the redeemed to cross over? (11) Then those ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with a joyful shout, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Happiness and joy will overtake them. Sorrow and sighing will flee away. (12) I, even I, am the one who comforts you. Who are you, Zion, that you fear humans, who die, or a child of Adam, who passes away like grass? (13) You have forgotten the LORD, your Creator, who stretches out the heavens, who makes the earth stand firm. You tremble continually all day, because of the rage of the oppressor, who is preparing to destroy. But where is the rage of the oppressor now? (14) The prisoner will soon be released. He will not die and go to the pit, and he will not lack bread. (15) I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar. The LORD of Armies is his name! (16) I have placed my words in your mouth, and with the shadow of my hand I have covered you—I, who planted the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, I, who say to Zion, "You are my people."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 9:18-26
(EHV) As he was saying these things to them, there was a ruler who came, bowed down to him, and said, "My daughter has just died. But come, place your hand on her, and she will live." (19) Jesus got up and followed him, as did his disciples. (20) Just then, a woman who had been suffering from chronic bleeding for twelve years came up from behind and touched the fringe of his garment. (21) For she had been saying to herself, "If I just touch his garment, I will be

healed." (22) When Jesus turned around and saw her, he said, "Take heart, daughter! Your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment. (23) When Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, (24) he said to them, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but is sleeping." But they laughed at him. (25) When the crowd was sent out of the house, Jesus went in, took the girl by the hand, and she was raised. (26) News of this went out through the entire region.

Pastor: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.
Cong:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The 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 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: #522 *When In the Hour of Utmost Need*

When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,

Then this our comfort is alone,
That we may meet before Thy throne
And cry, O faithful God, to Thee
For rescue from our misery;

To Thee may raise our hearts and eyes,
Repenting sore with bitter sighs,
And seek Thy pardon for our sin
And respite from our griefs within.

For Thou hast promised graciously
To hear all those who cry to Thee
Thro' Him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our Advocate.

And thus we come, O God, today
And all our woes before Thee lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on every hand.

Ah! hide not for our sins Thy face,
Absolve us thro' Thy boundless grace,
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from every ill,

That so with all our hearts we may
To Thee our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Thy Word
And now and ever praise Thee, Lord.
Amen.

THE SERMON: Revelation 16:13-16
(EHV) And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. (14) For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. (15) ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!") (16) And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

Hearing Jesus Above the Noise

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #328 *O Jesus, Lamb of God Thou Art*

O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou art
The Life and Comfort of my heart.
A sinner poor I come to Thee
And bring my many sins with me.

O God, my sin indeed is great;
I groan beneath the dreadful weight.
Be merciful to me, I pray;
Take guilt and punishment away.

Saint John the Baptist points to Thee
And bids me cast my sin on Thee;
For Thou hast left Thy throne on high
To suffer for the world and die.

Help me to mend my ways, O Lord,
And gladly to obey Thy Word.
While here I live, abide with me;
And when I die, take me to Thee.
Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us gives thanks to the Lord our God.
Cong: It is good and right to do so.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, amid the tumult of this world, calls us to repentance and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. By His death He bore our sins, and by His resurrection He opened to us the way of everlasting life. At His table He gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, strengthening our faith until the day we stand before You clothed in His righteousness. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Cong:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of heavenly hosts adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing Hosanna in the highest,
Sing Hosanna to the Lord.
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink from it,

all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Cong: Amen.

Cong:

O Lamb of God, O Christ, our Lord,
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,
Impart Your joy, our faith increase,
Sustain with Your mercy,
And grant us Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN: *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A Light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The Glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit –
Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,

God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.
Cong:

My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good.

THE BENEDICTION
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Cong: Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL/ELDERS MEETING: The elders will meet briefly following today's service.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: We will have a special Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday November 25 beginning at 7:00 PM.

LADIES' MEETING: Pastor Gantt would like to meet briefly with the ladies of Faith following the service this morning to determine a day and time to have a monthly "Ladies' Aid" meeting.

VOTERS' MEETING: Pastor would also like to discuss with the men of the congregation a day and time for a monthly "Men's Meeting." We will meet briefly following the church service next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: November 29 begins the Advent season. In place of Bible Class, we will gather at 9:00 AM that Sunday to put up the Christmas decorations. Any decorating that still needs to be finished will be handled following the service.

KINSHIP: 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)

CALL NEWS: Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has received the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

A Message from the CLC President…

Acts 18:9-10 ~ "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you."

Dear Brothers,

At the recent CLC Teachers' Conference in Saginaw, Professor Matthew Thurow delivered an edifying essay, entitled *Glorifying God in the Highs and Lows*. In the introduction to his essay, he posed the following thought-provoking question: "What if, before you chose this calling, you could have looked ahead and seen some of the specific struggles, some of the low points that you would have as a teacher … Would you have still chosen the ministry then?"

When I consider that question as a pastor, I am thankful that the Lord, in His infinite wisdom, did not make me aware of any of the many struggles and heartaches that I have had to face in the 38 years I've been in the pastoral ministry. I honestly don't know what I would have done, if he had.

One of Prof. Thurow's reasons in asking this question was to point out our natural tendency to try and avoid the difficult situations we face as called workers. To make the point he used an example from the life of the Apostle Peter, where, in an attempt to avoid the danger of being associated with Jesus, Peter denied his Lord three times. Peter allowed fear to determine his course of action rather than relying on the Lord's promises to be with him and see him through the hard situations and temptations Christ's followers will invariably face in this world.

When we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that there have been times in our ministries where we have allowed Satan to plant the seed of fear in our hearts – the fear of what might happen if we follow what we know from God's Word to be the right course of action.

We preach the need for repentance to our people, and we have need for the same. Self-evaluation is never pleasant, but as Prof. Thurow's essay pointed out, "it does not end there. We end with a picture of the great love of our Savior toward us when we sin . . . Peter was pulled back from sin and the precipice of unbelief and brought to repentance by the amazing love of his Savior . . . When you acknowledge and confess [your] sins, when the free gift of forgiveness washes over your

heart, and when you respond in joy and love and service to him, God's name is glorified."

When we first started out in the ministry, we probably had some idea that the life of a pastor would not always be easy. After just a few years in the parish ministry, we discovered just how difficult it can be at times. But one thing we've all learned is how wonderfully faithful God is to those He has called into the public ministry. In the face of our many sins and failures, we have the full assurance that the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Or, when challenges arise and Satan tempts us to fear, we can look to our gracious Lord, confident that He will not fail to uplift and sustain us.

As weak as we are, and as hard as it may be at times, it, nevertheless, is a blessed privilege to be one of Christ's under-shepherds.

In His Boundless Mercy & Grace,

Pastor Michael Wilke

Prayer Reminders:
Please remember to pray . . .

- For one another
- For our congregations, especially those going through a vacancy
- For the faculty and students of Immanuel, especially for those students studying for the preaching and teaching ministries
- For the Hein, Mass, and Wheaton families
- For missionaries Ohlmann, Evensen, and Naumann (don't forget Paula and Beth)
- For our synodical officers, board members, and conference visitors
- For the work of the RPM Committee, Catechism Committee, EMT Committee, as well as for the Spokesman and Daily Rest editors and staff
- For Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, who is undergoing hip replacement surgery tomorrow
- For our overseas brethren, especially for the grieving members of the HCLCN, and for our brethren in war-torn Myanmar

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions
November 16 – November 21, 2026

Mon Matthew 9:18-26 Matthew does not name Jairus, but he surely names Jesus. Although Jesus was "delayed" by another request for help, and the girl had died, Jesus was still the Master of the situation!

Tues Colossians 1:9-14 Paul continues to pray for the Colossian believers, that their faith might bear fruit, and that they might endure everything with joyful thanksgiving to God for bringing them into the kingdom.

Wed Isaiah 51:9-16 The LORD encourages the believers to look to His arm of strength, which gloriously brought forth His people from Egypt through the Red Sea (v10). He will surely deliver His people again!

Thurs Psalm 18:1-6 David had powerful enemies, but he recognized that his strength and protection were from the LORD alone. It was to the LORD God that he called out, and He heard his voice (v6)!

Fri Psalm 18:7-19 When the LORD comes in answer to His children's cry, the earth trembles. He is mightier than the strongest enemy. He scatters His foes, and rescues His child, whom He loves (v19).

Sat Psalm 125 "Those who trust in the LORD" will not be shaken, but have peace (v5). As the mountains surround the valley, so the LORD surrounds His people, delivers from wickedness, and deals with it Himself.