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WELCOME: *To all who are present today, we offer a heart-felt welcome in Jesus' name.*

God invites sinners to receive His mercy without money and without price. In the Gospel, Jesus warns against despising that invitation or appearing before God in our own righteousness. In Revelation, the redeemed sing the praises of the Lamb who has saved them; today He strengthens us through His Word and gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

HYMN: #39

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!

**O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and
Salvation~**

Join the full throng;

**Wake, harp and psalter and song;
South forth in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,**

**Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth
Hast thou not seen**

**How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously,
made thee;**

**Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling,
hath stayed thee.**

What need or grief

Ever hath failed of relief?--

Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee,**

**Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth
send thee.**

**Ponder anew
What the almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.
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

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!**

**Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee,
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.
Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, in Your abundant goodness keep us from all things that may harm us, that, being ready in both body and soul, we may cheerfully accomplish those things You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9

(EHV) Hey, all of you who are thirsty, come to the water, even if you have no money! Come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. (2) Why do you spend money on something that is not bread? Why do you waste your labor on something that does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good. Satisfy your appetite with rich food. (3) Turn your ear toward me, and come to me. Listen, so that you may continue to live. Yes, I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies promised to David. (4) Look, I appointed him as a witness for peoples, a leader and commander of peoples. (5) Look, you will call out to a nation you do not know, and a nation that does not know you will run to you, on account of the LORD your God, because of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. (6) Seek the LORD while he may be found! Call on him while he is near! (7) Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy. Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon. (8) Certainly

my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. (9) Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14

(EHV) Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, (2) “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. (3) He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come. (4) “Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’ (5) “But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. (6) The rest seized the king’s servants, mistreated them, and killed them. (7) As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town. (8) “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. (9) So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’ (10) Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. (11) But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. (12) He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. (13) Then the king told the

servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ (14) For many are called, but few are chosen.”

REVELATION LESSON: Revelation 15:1-8

(EHV) Then I saw another great and remarkable sign in heaven: seven angels with seven plagues—the last plagues, because in them God’s wrath is completed. (2) And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire. I also saw those who had won the victory over the beast and his image and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass. They held the harps of God, (3) and they were singing the song of Moses, God’s servant, and the song of the Lamb. They said: Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the Nations. (4) Who will not fear you, Lord, and who will not praise your name? You alone are holy! All the nations will come and will bow down before you, because your righteous verdicts have been revealed. (5) After these things I looked, and the sanctuary of the Tent of the Testimony was opened in heaven. (6) The seven angels who hold the seven plagues came out of the sanctuary. They were clothed with clean bright linen, and they wore gold sashes around their chests. (7) One of the four living creatures gave the seven angels the seven gold bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. (8) And the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power. No one was able to enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

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: #370

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

Amen.

THE SERMON: Revelation 15:3-4

(EHV) and they were singing the song of Moses, God's servant, and the song of the Lamb. They said: Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the Nations. (4) Who will not fear you, Lord, and who will not praise your name? You alone are holy! All the nations will come and will bow down before you, because your righteous verdicts have been revealed."

“What We Have to Sing About”

Offering of thankful hearts

GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #15

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Thro' ev'ry land, by every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy Word;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

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: It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for You invite us, who have nothing with which to purchase Your favor, to receive freely the riches of Your grace. Through Your Son, the Lamb who was slain, You have clothed us in righteousness and prepared for us the feast of everlasting life. Here He gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, strengthening us in faith until we join the song of the redeemed before Your throne. 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. Amen. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

CALL RETURNED: Yesterday, Pastor Gantt returned the call to St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD. While the Lord has given me plenty of work to do at Faith, our prayers should still be offered for our brothers and sisters at St. Luke's. They have a need for a pastor who will shepherd them in God's Word. Please pray for them regularly.

MISSION FESTIVAL: Missionary Ohlmann will be our guest speaker for our annual Mission Festival next Sunday. He will make a presentation during our regular Bible Class hour and then serve as our guest preacher during the church service. We will have a fellowship meal following the service.

CLC Midwest Women's Retreat: Registration is now open for the 2027 CLC Midwest Women's Retreat. Theme: "Planted in the House of the Lord" (Psalm 92:12-14). Dates: April 23-25, 2027. Location: Banquets of Minnesota, Fridley, MN. Host Congregation: Grace Lutheran Church (Fridley). Cost: \$100 before February 15. Register at: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/midwest-womens->

[retreat/](#). Questions? Contact Annette Kuehne at:
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CALL NEWS Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico with the approval of his congregation. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Missionary Todd Ohlmann has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has received the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 19 – October 24, 2026

Mon Matthew 22:1-14 The Pharisees are trying to arrest Jesus, but He is still reaching out to them in a parable. They are the invited ones, who should come and truly celebrate the forgiving mercy of God.

Tues Ephesians 5:15-21 Our daily walk should reflect the heavenly goal which the Lord wants for us, our songs reflect the joy the Spirit brings to our hearts, and our thanks to God show in serving each other.

Wed Isaiah 65:1-2 As Jesus invited the Pharisees (Mt22), so did the LORD in Isaiah's time also reach out to those who did not seek Him. And in our day He still calls us to repentance, saying, "Here I am, here I am" (v1).

Thurs Psalm 57 David hid in a cave more than once when Saul was chasing him, yet it is not the cave, but God, who is his refuge (v1) in this psalm of prayer (v1-6) and praise (v7-11) for saving him from "lions" (v4).

Fri Romans 11:25-32 God's own precious people includes both Jews and Gentiles (v25-26). This is not because Jews or Gentiles have been so good, but because God is good. He wants to show mercy to all (v32).

Sat Psalm 119:145-152 The psalmist prays for his life as one who relies on the LORD for salvation from every foe. From the Word, which is both true and eternal, he learns of the LORD's mercy and compassions.