



FORGIVEN

1st Sunday after Trinity † June 7, 2026

THE OPENING

Today's order of service follows the Worship Supplement Setting 1 (tan hymnal p.1ff).

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn TLH 279 *Today Thy Mercy Calls Us*

The 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!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

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

- P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

♪ **C** *Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

Glory to God in the Highest

A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

♪ **C** *Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



THE SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 44:21-23*

"Remember these, O Jacob, And Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me! ²² I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." ²³ Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, And glorified Himself in Israel.

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 44:1-8*

- P** We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us,
The deeds You did in their days, In days of old:
- C** You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.
- P** For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword,
Nor did their own arm save them;
- C** But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them.
- P** You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob.
- C** Through You we will push down our enemies;
- P** Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us.
- C** For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me.
- P** But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us.
- C** In God we boast all day long, And praise Your name forever.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 8:1-6*

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the

flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶
For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life
and peace.

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

🎵 **C** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Nicene Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C **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 on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

The Baptism of Levi Michael Maki

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4*

Hymn WS 751 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: *Matthew 9:1-8 (ESV)*

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.
² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."
³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."
⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?
⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?
⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he then said to the paralytic--"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."
⁷ And he rose and went home.
⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

THEME: CASE DISMISSED, YOU'RE FREE TO GO!

Summary: Jesus is true God and possesses absolute authority. Sometimes He uses His authority to temporarily relieve earthly suffering. But He is much more concerned about relieving eternal suffering through the forgiveness of our sins. We pray that God would strengthen our trust in Jesus' authority over sin and suffering.

What is the literal meaning of the word "forgive"?

What did Jesus do to prompt an accusation of blasphemy?

Why is it easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven," than "Rise and walk"?

What does it mean that Jesus has absolute authority?

Why is healing from sin more important than healing from cancer?

With your case dismissed (sins forgiven), what will you do with your freedom?

THE RESPONSE

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
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 me with Your free Spirit.**

Hymn TLH 652 / Lay My Sins on Jesus

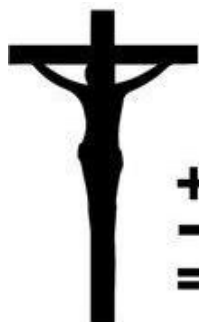
The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

☒ 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.



**1 CROSS
+ 3 NAILS
= 4 GIVEN**

THE SACRAMENT

We approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Isaiah 6:3)

 **C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav’n and earth are full of Your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blest is He who comes in the names of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord’s Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

P 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 He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei – Latin for “Lamb of God.” As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary’s cross.

♪ **C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.*
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

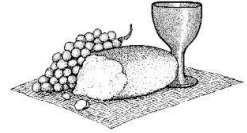
Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don’t judge anyone’s faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call “**Close Communion**,” that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible’s teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you’ll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Cor. 1:10 *“Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”*

1 Cor. 11:26-30 *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”*



Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

♪ **C** *Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.*
Let all who see the Lord rejoice and bear Christ’s holy name.
Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.
Send us with Your promises, Lord;
lead Your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P 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.

♪ **C** *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Closing Hymn TLH 37:1 Lord, ‘Tis Not that I Did Choose Thee

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Today: We welcome the newest member of Grace: Levi Michael Maki, born May 7, the son of new parents John and Maddie. In the Sacrament of Baptism, Levi is saved through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 3:21; Titus 3:5). His sins are washed away, and he is given new life (Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:4). By grace through faith, Levi is a child of God and an heir of eternal life (Eph. 2:8; Rom. 8:17). Thanks be to God!

Volunteer Workers Needed: The Board of Trustees is seeking volunteers to help with parsonage improvement projects. Mrs. Hein moved out yesterday and the Naumann family will be moving in late July/early August. The work will take place during the interim. Projects include painting, cabinetry, tile work, and other minor handiwork. Speak with Rick Nelson if you can help!

The Quarterly Voters Meeting is Sunday, June 21 following the worship service. Voters, if you plan to be absent, please inform Chairman Enns.

Vacation Bible School: The dates of VBS are July 27-31. We welcome children age 4yr – 8th grade. We need volunteers to teach, coordinate crafts, oversee snacks, and run recess. Annette Kuehne is serving as VBS coordinator. Please speak with her if you can help!

CLC Call News: Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose has also **received** the call to Gift of God, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's, Iron River, MI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ.

CLC Sisters-in-Christ Convention Tea: Ladies of the CLC are cordially invited to Convention Tea, Thursday, June 25 from 1-3pm at the Historic Ingram Hall on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College. We hope that those who are in town for the CLC Convention or within driving distance will make time for this special opportunity to walk through the halls of the estate on Immanuel's campus and gather in fellowship with other sisters in Christ. Your hostesses, led by Lynette Roehl, will provide tours and support.

CLC Man Up! Weekend: The 2026 ManUp! Men's Weekend is Sept 24-27, 2026, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. This is the 10th year of the weekend, and will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 30th for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after August 31st. The registration includes lodging and meals. Register at www.manup.clclutheran.org.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Organist: Maureen Ochsner	Church Cleaners: Naumann
Usher Team 3: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelly; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales	Counting Team 2: Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Stephen Kuehne	Church Cleaners: S & A Kuehne
Usher Team 4: Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Al Rosendahl; Grant Wells	Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Benno Sydow

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Today	10:15am	Budget Committee Meeting
Sun. 6/14	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:15am	Board Meetings
	11:00am	Church Council Meeting
Sun. 6/21	10:15am	Quarterly Voters Meeting (rescheduled from 7/19)
Thu. 6/25 - Sun. 6/28		CLC Delegates Convention Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI
Mon. 7/27 - Fri. 7/31	9-11:30am Daily	Vacation Bible School (rescheduled from July 13-17)

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List


Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Judy Dahlin remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to chronic illness. **Jane Cowan** is receiving chemo and radiation treatment for cancer. **Bob Rust** is receiving chemo and radiation treatment for cancer. **Barb Fleischer** fell at home two weeks ago. No broken bones, but she is in severe pain and is currently in a physical rehab center. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor Naumann and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Last Week Attendance: Worship = 100

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	4,045	CLC:	550			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-1,355	CLC:	-890			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	122,165	CLC:	39,774			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	118,800	CLC:	31,680			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	3,365	CLC:	8094			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:		625	Sanctuary:
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	180	EduK8:	150
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	200	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	6,333	Sanctuary:	20,334		

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home?** Ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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