

And what does the
LORD require of you



To act justly
& to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your

GOD.

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As We Gather

In today's Old Testament Reading the LORD asks, "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you?" We know that, like God's ancient people, it is we who have wearied the LORD. In terms of the Epistle, we reflect the world around us in its false wisdom, rather than rejoicing in God's great folly in sacrificing His Son for us. And so, we pay more attention to the beginning of each Beatitude rather than finding solace in the reason for the blessing coming with that circumstance or action. But the Law-filled "do" in that list is covered by the "done" in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. He is the only One who fulfilled all our heavenly Father's will. And the Good News is that He did it in our place! He took all the Father's reproaches, all our worldliness, and all our failures to the cross. The great epiphany there was our Lord's showing the world God's boundless love for us. How shall we respond?

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 9-12 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 4 – God Himself is Present

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

1 Corinthians 1:18, 30

- P** The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
C but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- P** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
C whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us go to the throne of God's grace, confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a called servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.


Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Hymn of Praise TLH 442 (1, 5) – Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us



Lord of Glo-ry, who hast bo't us With Thy life - blood
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as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones
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That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice. And with that hast
That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to
free - ly giv - en Bless - ings count - less as the
trust Thee bold - ly, Hope, to stay our souls on
sand To th' un - thank - ful and the e - vil
Thee; But, oh! best of all Thy grac - es,
With Thine own un - spar - ing hand;
Give us Thine own char - i - ty.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 15

- P** O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
- C** **Who shall dwell on your holy hill?**
- P** He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
- C** **and speaks truth in his heart;**
- P** who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,
- C** **nor takes up a reproach against his friend;**
- P** in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;
- C** **who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**
- P** who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
- C** **He who does these things shall never be moved.**

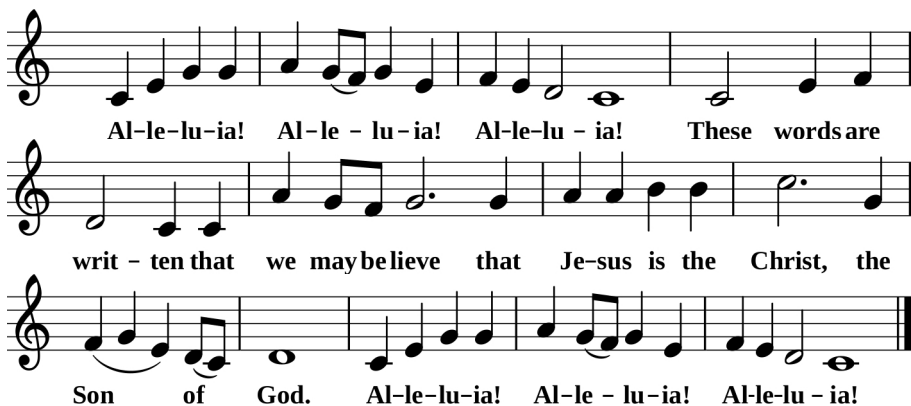
Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Apostles' Creed

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 is seated 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

TLH 389 – Not What These Hands have Done

Sermon Text

Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.” ⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



Sermon

What Does the Lord Require of You?



DO JUSTICE ...

love kindness ...

WALK HUMBLY

with our God.

MICAH 6:8



Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
God. 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 me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

TLH 439 – O God of Mercy, God of Might

Offering Hymn

TLH 441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

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.

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.

Closing Hymn

TLH 376 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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TLH 4 – God Himself is Present

Hab. 2: 20

Gott ist gegenwärtig

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729, cento

Tr., Frederick W. Foster, c. 1826, alt.

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Wunderbarer König

Joachim Neander, 1680

1 God Him-self is pres-ent: Let us now a-dore Him
2 God Him-self is pres-ent: Hear the harps re-sound-ing;
3 O Thou Fount of bless-ing, Pu-ri-fy my spir-it,

And with awe ap-pear be-fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur-round-ing! "Ho-ly, ho-ly,
Trust-ing on-ly in Thy mer--it. Like the ho-ly

tem-ple— All with-in keep si-lence, Pros-trate lie with
ho-ly"—Hear the hymn as-cend-ing, Songs of saints and
an-gels, Who be-hold Thy glo-ry, May I cease-less-

deep-est rev-'rence. Him a-lone God we own,
an-gels blend-ing. Bow Thine ear To us here:
ly a-dore Thee. Let Thy will Ev-er still

Him, our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er.
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Thy Church now rais - es.
 Rule Thy Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial. A - men.

TLH 389 – Not What These Hands have Done

Eph. 2: 8, 9

Horatius Bonar, 1861, cento

S. M.

St. Bride

Samuel Howard, 1762

1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;
 2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;
 3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;
 4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,

Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole.
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my awe - full load.
 Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free. A - men.

5 Thy grace alone, O God,
 To me can pardon speak;
 Thy power alone, O Son of God,
 Can this sore bondage break.

6 I bless the Christ of God,
 I rest on love divine,
 And with unfaltering lip and heart
 I call this Savior mine.

TLH 439 – O God of Mercy, God of Might

Luke 10: 36, 37
Godfrey Thring, 1877, alt.

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Isleworth
Samuel Howard, †1782



1 O God of mer-cy, God of might, In love and pit-y in-fi-nite,
2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That fall-en man might live there-by,
3 Teach us the les-son Thou hast taught, To feel for those Thy blood hath bo't,
4 All are re-deemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.



Teach us, as ev-er in Thy sight, To live our life to Thee.
Oh, hear us; for to Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.
That ev-'ry word and deed and tho't May work a work for Thee.
Oh, teach us, what-so-e'er be-tide, To love them all in Thee! A-men.



5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
Whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till Thou shalt greet in heaven above
All those who live to Thee.

TLH 376 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

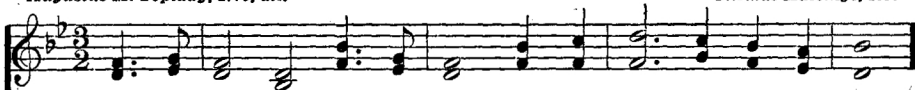
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1 Cor. 10 : 4

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.

Toplady

Thomas Hastings, 1830



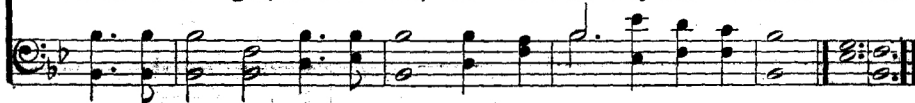
1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fil Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood From Thy riv - en side which flowed
Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judg-ment-throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a-lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly, — Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee! A-men.



✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ FDLlutheran.com/calendar

January 29	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
January 31	6:30 pm	Elders
February 5	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Pastor Sauers Farewell
February 7	6:30 pm	School Committee
February 10	6:30 pm	Fellowship Gathering
February 11	6:30 pm	Worship Service
	7:45 pm	Sunday School/Bible Class

New Church Council: The new church council is Dave Bernthal, President; Mike Sippert, Vice President and Treasurer; Kevin Kern, Financial Secretary; Mike Schwersinske, Missions; and Chris Sabel, Buildings & Grounds. We have three vacant positions on council. Please speak with Pastor if you might be willing to consider serving on council.

Moving Help: Pastor Sauers and family will be loading their moving truck on Saturday, February 4th. Loading will begin at approximately 8:30 am. Help is needed not just with loading but with cleaning rooms. If you are able to help out for any amount of time, it will be greatly appreciated.

Pastor's Farewell: On February 5, there will be a farewell meal after the service for Pastor Sauers and family. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad and/or dessert to share. A green box is available for cards and gifts.

Parsonage Punch List: You will find a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for some maintenance items in the parsonage that need to be done before our next pastor arrives. Please sign up for what you are able to do. We hope not to have to hire these items out. Work will begin February 6. Thank you - Mike Schierenbeck

2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip: The application deadline for the 2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is tomorrow, January 16th. There are still a few open slots available. Find more information and apply at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2023-nepal>.

Ministry by Mail Podcast: The CLC's weekly sermon publication "Ministry by Mail" provides print sermons by postal mail, email, and online (www.LutheranSermons.org and on Facebook). Beginning with Advent, we have added audio publication of our sermons with the current sermon uploaded each Saturday. Audio is available on most major podcast providers – Google Podcasts, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Spotify, and Anchor.FM. Search "CLC Ministry by Mail" in these services to find us and subscribe to follow. For more information contact Editor Nathan Pfeiffer at editor@lutheransermons.org.

ILC Building Project: The ILC Building Committee has produced promotional materials for the new ILC Fieldhouse and Fine Arts Center project, which was approved by the 2022 CLC Convention. The Building Committee presentation and brochure are available in our narthex. The PDF presentation can be seen at www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres. An impressive video "walk-through" of the future facilities can be seen at www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru. Additional publicity materials will follow, including an online presence and progress reports. Contributions toward this project should be identified as "ILC Building Project."

CLC News: Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, has accepted the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran Church and School, Lynnwood, WA. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WI, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Michael Eichstadt of Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI has stepped down as CLC President. CLC Vice President Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Luther Church, Saginaw, MI will complete Pastor Eichstadt's term as President.

Fruits of Faith – January 15, 2023		Attendance: 64	
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$1,883.00	LM General Budget	\$425.00	CLC General Budget
\$2,754.72	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$871.72	-Under / +Over	+\$40.38	-Under / +Over
\$4,732.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$9,700.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$8,264.16	Year to Date Need	\$11,153.98	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$3,532.16	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$1,453.98	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>	
	LM School	\$10.00	ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$50.00	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)
\$5.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$10.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

Fruits of Faith – January 22, 2023		Attendance: 69	
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$1,523.00	LM General Budget	\$180.00	CLC General Budget
\$2,754.72	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$1,231.72	-Under / +Over	-\$204.62	-Under / +Over
\$6,255.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$9,880.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$11,018.88	Year to Date Need	\$11,538.60	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$4,763.88	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$1,658.60	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
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