

*For the Son of Man did not
come to destroy men's lives
but to save them.*

Luke 9:56



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As We Gather

In today's world, patience is a rare commodity. We live in a fast-forward society, demanding instant gratification and convenience at every turn. But the account we find in today's sermon text offers a powerful contrast. Here, we see Jesus – the very embodiment of patience – encountering an impatient world. The Samaritans rejected Him, the disciples wanted quick vengeance, yet Jesus didn't succumb to the pressure to react in haste. Instead, He extended His message of salvation with unwavering patience. We, too, are recipients of God's incredible patience. Despite our shortcomings, our stumbles, and our moments of rebellion, He remains steadfast in His patience and love toward us.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

367 – Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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 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.**

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. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 116:1-4, 8

- P** I love the LORD, because He has heard
C **My voice and my supplications.**
P Because He has inclined His ear to me,
C **Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.**
P The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
C **I found trouble and sorrow.**
P Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
C **“O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!”**
P For You have delivered my soul from death,
C **My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.**
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C **And to the Holy Spirit**
P As it was in the beginning
C **Is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.


Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At



heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the



You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took

them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:9-16

- P** How can a young man cleanse his way?
- C** **By taking heed according to Your word.**
- P** With my whole heart I have sought You;
- C** **Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!**
- P** Your word I have hidden in my heart,
- C** **That I might not sin against You.**
- P** Blessed are You, O LORD!
- C** **Teach me Your statutes.**
- P** With my lips I have declared
- C** **All the judgments of Your mouth.**
- P** I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
- C** **As much as in all riches.**
- P** I will meditate on Your precepts,
- C** **And contemplate Your ways.**
- P** I will delight myself in Your statutes;
- C** **I will not forget Your word.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹ For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. ³ Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. ⁴ And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.” ⁶ As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”; ⁷ who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Response

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

C Amen.

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

LSB 430 – My Song is Love Unknown

Sermon Text

Luke 9:51-56

⁵¹ Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, ⁵² and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. ⁵³ But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?” ⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. ⁵⁶ For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.” And they went to another village.

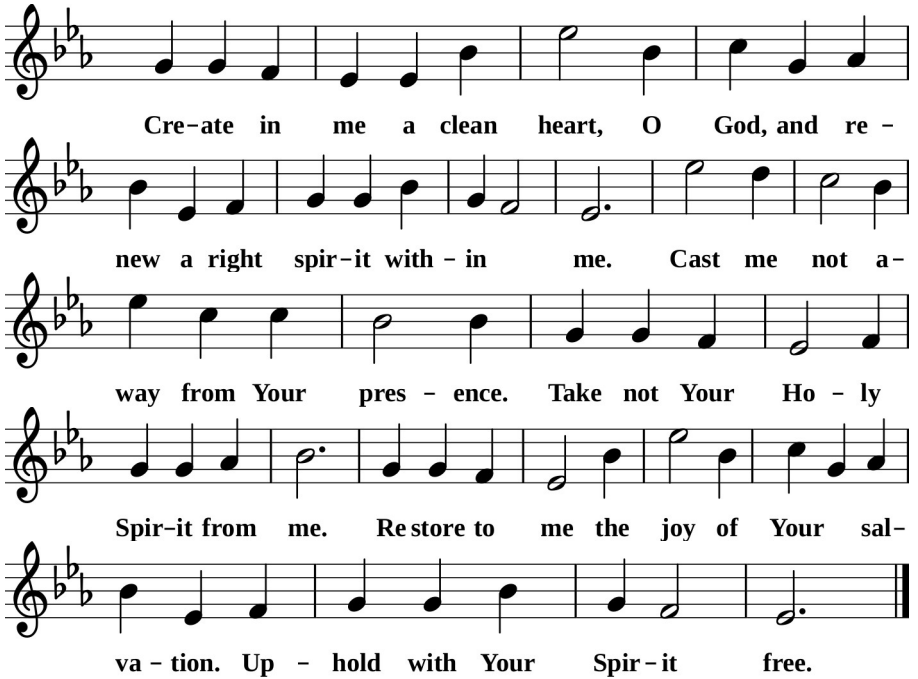


Sermon

A Patient Savior for an Impatient World

- I. The Samaritans were impatient to be rid of Jesus.
- II. The disciples were impatient to be rid of the Samaritans.
- III. Jesus patiently offers salvation to one and all.

Offertory



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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

417 (1-5) – How Can I Thank Thee, Lord

Offering



Deo Gratias
THANKS BE TO GOD

Offering Hymn

442 (2)

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

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.

Hymn

50 – Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule		
March 17	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
March 20	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 24	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
March 28	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
March 29	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
March 31	9:00 am	Easter Brunch
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Thank You: Thank you to Professor Paul Naumann of ILC for bringing us the Word of God this morning.

Tour Choir: This past week, our congregation was blessed by the beautiful music and fellowship of the ILC Tour Choir. Thank you to everyone who donated food and provided financial support, to those who opened their homes to provide lodging for the choir members, and to those who were otherwise involved in preparations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **April 7** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **May 5** – Board of Education/Board of Elders
- **June 2** – Board of Trustees/Church Council

Midweek Lenten Worship: Midweek worship services continue throughout the Lenten season on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. These services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. We do so through the eyes of the Holy Evangelist, Saint John, as we hear, in John 18–19, of Jesus’ betrayal and arrest, Jesus

facing Annas and Caiaphas, Jesus before Pilate, Jesus delivered, Jesus crucified, and Jesus' death and burial.

Easter Lilies: Celebrate the joy and beauty of Easter by signing up for Easter lilies! These lovely flowers will enhance the splendor of our Easter worship service, and are available for just \$10 each. This year, there are only eight available, so don't miss out on this opportunity to contribute to our Easter celebration. Sign up before March 24th on the sign-up sheet on the organ.

Retirement Gift: Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend 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 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

CLC News: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. has received a call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, has accepted the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th-6th grade teacher and assistant principal. Messiah Lutheran has now called Caleb Noeldner for that position. <> Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC is still considering the call to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

March 18-23

Monday: John 12:23-26 – Jesus recognizes that His time has come. Just as a seed must be buried in order to produce grain, so it is necessary for Him to die in order that many might have life. Those following Jesus will be the beneficiaries of that life.

Tuesday: John 12:27-33 – A preview of Gethsemane, when Jesus' soul was also troubled, and He prayed that the Father's will be done. The Father lets the crowd know that He hears Jesus' prayer, and Jesus points to His being lifted up on the cross.

Wednesday: Hebrews 4:14-16 – Having Jesus as our great high priest is a source of great confidence to us, for He understands our weaknesses and in His great mercy stands ready to help us.

Thursday: Hebrews 7:24-27 – Although Jesus understands our weakness, He Himself is without sin. What's more, unlike the Levitical priests, He is our permanent priest. No other is needed. Through Him we have life forever!

Friday: Numbers 21:4-9 – God's answer to His people's well-deserved affliction was to have them trust His Word and look to the bronze snake lifted up on the pole. Whoever was bitten and looked to the bronze snake lived.

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:20-25 – Christ lifted up on a cross seems weaker than a bronze snake, and not a wise thing to depend on for overcoming death. Nevertheless, He is the very power and wisdom of God forever!