



I set *My*
rainbow in the
cloud, and it shall
be for the sign of
the covenant
between *Me* and
the earth.

Genesis 9:13, NKJV

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As We Gather

The rainbow stands as a powerful symbol of God's enduring covenant. In Genesis, God established this covenant with Noah, promising never again to destroy the earth by flood. This promise, initiated and guaranteed by God alone, extends to all creation and generations. The rainbow serves as a golden thread connecting God's promise to never destroy the world again through a flood to His gracious plan of salvation through Christ. Just as the rainbow appears after the storm, Jesus emerged victorious over sin and death, fulfilling God's ultimate covenant of grace. As we gather for worship, may the rainbow remind us of God's faithfulness, His unmerited favor, and the assurance we have in His unchanging promises, regardless of life's storms.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

19 (1-4) – All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us, therefore, confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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


Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

1 Glory be to God in heav - en, Peace to those He
2 On-ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our
loves so well. On the earth let all His peo - ple
sin a-way, Now with Him in tri-umph seat - ed
Speak His grace, His won - ders tell:
For Your mer - cy, Lord, we pray:
Lord, we praise You for Your glo - ry,
Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,
Might - y Fa - ther, heav-en's King; Hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior You are God a - lone In the glo - ry
ad - o - ra - tion And ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 136:1-9

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

C For His mercy endures forever.

P Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!

C For His mercy endures forever.

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!

C For His mercy endures forever:

P To Him who alone does great wonders,

C For His mercy endures forever;

P To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,

C For His mercy endures forever;

P To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,

C For His mercy endures forever;

P To Him who made great lights,

C For His mercy endures forever—

P The sun to rule by day,

C For His mercy endures forever;

P The moon and stars to rule by night,

C For His mercy endures forever.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. ⁴⁶ And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on

the sea, and would have passed them by. ⁴⁹ And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; ⁵⁰ for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. ⁵² For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, ⁵⁵ ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. ⁵⁶ Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

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!

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

320 – Lord Jesus, Think on Me

⁸ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: ⁹ “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. ¹¹ Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³ I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵ and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”



Sermon

The Rainbow Seals God’s Covenant

- I. The Rainbow Assurance
- II. The Rainbow Connection

I have set
my bow
 in the clouds,
 and it shall be a
sign of the
covenant
 between me and the earth.



GENESIS 9:13, NRSV

Offertory



Create 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, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Hymn

370 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Offering

Offering Hymn

443 (1, 8)



1 O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, To
2 To Thee, from whom we all de - rive Our
Thee all praise and glo - ry be. How
life, our gifts, our pow'r to give. Oh,
shall we show our love to Thee, Who giv - est all?
may we ev - er with Thee live, Who giv - est all!

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

123 – Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule

July 28	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
August 4	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Education/Board of Trustees
	1:00 pm	Outreach Meeting
August 9	6:00 pm	School Parents' Meeting and Party
August 11	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
August 12	8:15 am	First Day of School (Half Day)

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

- **August 4** – Board of Education/Board of Trustees
- **September 1** – Board of Elders
- **October 6** – Church Council

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 (<http://www.manup.clclutheran.org>) and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

Women's Retreat West: This year's Women's Retreat West is scheduled to be hosted by the Women's Fellowship of St Paul in Bismarck, ND. The dates are September 13-15 (registration closes August 13th.) This year's theme is: "Be Encouraged, to Excel Still More." (1 Thessalonians 4:1) "Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you may excel still more." The retreat will begin with a dinner cruise on the Missouri River and include presentations on hospitality, witnessing, mentoring (for all ages), Bible study strategies, creative ideas for journaling, prayer, and memorization, a variety of mini sessions, and optional excursions to the ND Heritage Center and Annual Bismarck Street Fair. To register, or for more information, go to:

<https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/> or contact Sandy Roehl at sroehl@bis.midco.net

CLC News: Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen West, Mountain View, CA and St. Stephen East, Hayward, CA has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI following Pastor Michael Eichstadt's retirement in September. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd in Rapid City, SD has returned the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. Grace has now extended the call to Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN has announced that he will be retiring from the ministry at the end of this year.

Fruits of Faith		July 21, 2024	Attendance: WH – 32	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$869.25	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
-\$553.75	-Under / +Over	-\$57.69	-Under / +Over	
\$43,457.55	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,515.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$41,267.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,673.01	Year to Date Need	
+\$2,190.55	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$158.01	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund	\$25.00	Spokesman/Daily Rest	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

July 29 – August 3

Monday: Matthew 14:22-34 – Not even stormy waves or contrary winds can keep the Lord Jesus from coming to His disciples in their time of need. He will patiently rescue even one of little faith.

Tuesday: Acts 24:22-26 – Although Felix did not have the best reasons for sending for Paul (hoping Paul would give him money, verse 26), it gave Paul opportunities to speak about things Felix needed to hear before the coming judgment.

Wednesday: Exodus 17:1-7 – The Lord has been feeding His people miraculously with manna and quail, but when there is no water, they do not look to Him, but quarrel with Him, testing Him. Still His patience is so great that He supplies water from a rock for them.

Thursday: Romans 13:8-10 – The sum of all the commandments is: love. Love God. Love neighbor. God has already shown His love toward us in Christ Jesus. When we show love to our neighbor we are showing them how God feels about them.

Friday: 2 Timothy 1:7-10 – A spirit of power and love and sound judgment is a great gift from God. Even when we suffer for the Gospel, we can rely on the power of God, who revealed immortality through the Gospel.

Saturday: John 6:66-69 – Jesus would walk through a storm on Galilee to be with His disciples (Matthew 14). Many of his disciples, however, turned away from Him. But Peter speaks for the Twelve: recognizing immortality in His words inspires their continued following of Him.

