

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

CONGR. (sing) Amen. *(congregation is seated)*

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: How lovely are your worship places, O Lord of all:

C: I yearn for, yes, I faint with longing for the courts of the Lord.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in your house:

C: They are always praising You.

P: The Lord will give grace and glory:

C: No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

CONGR. (sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world. Receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Psalms 127 Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep. 3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

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CONGR. (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of
Heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and
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Anthem by our Students - "God's Word is our Great Heritage"

Hymn by the Congregation (*sung to the tune of 352*)

"DEAR LORD WE BOW BEFORE THEE" -- by Beata Werner

1. Dear Lord, we bow before Thee, Our grateful thanks we pay,
And from our hearts implore Thee, Be in our midst today;
For with Thy gracious favor Thou grantest us this school.
Now, precious King and Savior, Establish here Thy rule.
2. We ask Thy daily blessing On those who labor here,
That they may teach, possessing A wisdom sure and clear.
For here, with prayerful training, The children that we send
Above all knowledge gaining May learn of Thee, blest Friend.
3. And bless the young we send here, Each child who will enroll
Through all the years engender In every precious soul
A faith that will not falter, That constantly will be
A guide to heaven's altar For all the world to see. Amen.

THE SERMON

**Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in
favor with God and men.**

Theme:

"Grow with Jesus in Wisdom and Stature,
and in Favor with God and Men

THE OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 438:4-5:

**We Lord would lay at Thy behest The costliest offerings on Thy shrine
But when we give, and give our best, We give Thee only what is Thine.
O Father, whence all blessings come; O Son, Dispenser of God's store;
O Spirit, bear our offerings home: Lord, make them Thine forevermore.**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

Congregation sings Hymn 629

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

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

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.

CONGR. (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Closing Hymn (standing) 628:1, 4-5

***** Silent Prayer *****

Verbal Announcements --- Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

THANK YOU! The congregation extends it's appreciation to Prof. Paul Sullivan for bringing us the Gospel message of our Savior Jesus in Bible Class and the regular service this morning. Prof. Sullivan teaches English, History, Religion, and serves as the Dean of Students at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. May we all carry home his message about Christian Education, centered on God's Word, for our own personal edification, for the benefit of our homes and families, for the ongoing blessing that is our Christian School, and for God's glory!

EDUCATION SUNDAY & OPEN HOUSE

Following our Education Sunday service this morning, we ask everyone to take a few minutes and tour the classrooms of the school. Come and meet our teachers, have a few refreshments, and see what's happening in your school! Teachers and students will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions. Come and see the good things God is doing in our school!

BACK HOME Early this week, LORD willing, I'll be home from a visit to my ailing Father in Tacoma, WA. Thank you all for your kind words and prayers.
--Pastor Dave Naumann

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

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