



**Stand at the crossroads and look...
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.**

Jeremiah 6:16

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 235:1-5; 245; 776; 50:2

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 18:46, 1-3, 48-49 NKJV)

The Lord lives! Blessed *be* my Rock!

Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I will call upon the Lord, *who is worthy* to be praised;

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

He delivers me from my enemies.

You also lift me up above those who rise against me;

You have delivered me from the violent man.

Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles,

And sing praises to Your name.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

The Lord issues a call to repentance for the salvation of the Lord is about to come to the world in the person of Jesus Christ (some 500 years later) and in Him the Lord's righteousness will be revealed.

The Lord makes a clear statement that he gentiles will also be included in this salvation if they join themselves to the Lord and follow His Word. The Lord will gather both the outcasts of Israel, and others, those who are called to faith from among the Gentiles.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15:21-28

In this incident Jesus almost appears heartless toward the Canaanite women as He tests her faith. However Jesus grants her petition, and a great the lesson of faith and salvation for the gentiles is to be drawn from this account. We also should humbly trust in the Lord knowing that even the crumbs of the gospel promise shall bring us life and salvation, and we have been blessed with so much more than crumbs!

THE SERMON: Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

Theme: Behold the Wonders of God's Grace!

- I. Rejection Is Turned to Reconciliation
- II. Envy Is Turned to Zeal for the Lord
- III. Disobedience Is Turned to Mercy for All

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class resume. **Church picnic** follows. Please encourage all to come. There will be fun and fellowship for all. *Sermon text: Matthew 16:13-20.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11: Pastor will be meeting with Minnesota Pastors in Inver Grove Heights.

September 13: Ladies Aid meets early this month! Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Denise Barthels is scheduled to serve as hostess.

September 18 –October 4: Pastor on vacation.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Phil Egtvedt

September Cleaning – Nelson September Lawn Mowing: Joe Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 27 worship – 26

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1339.00	
Needed for Year:	\$42,245.00	
Received for Year:	\$33,982.00	

CLC NEWS: St. Luke’s Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called the Rev. Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL. <> The Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.

500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION
GEMS FROM MARTIN LUTHER

When the article (of faith) of justification has fallen, everything has fallen. Therefore it is necessary constantly to inculcate and impress it, as Moses says of his Law (Deut.6:7): for it cannot be inculcated and urged enough or too much. Indeed, even though we learn it well and hold to it, yet there is no one who apprehends it perfectly or believes it with full affection and heart. So very trickish is our flesh, fighting as it does against the obedience of the spirit.” (What Luther Says, V.2, p.715 #2232, Ewald Plass, Concordia Publishing House c. 1959)