

**REFORMATION DAY
(OBSERVED)**

OCTOBER 29, 2023

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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**“For all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of
God, being justified freely
by His grace
through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus”
(Romans 3:23-24)**

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life for mine on the cross that I now stand righteous before You by faith. Grant me to trust not in my own righteous actions but always in Jesus alone, that I may live now and forever in the peace of God, which surpasses human understanding, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Reformation is a day to remember and celebrate that the Church founded by Jesus Christ is a living entity. Through the centuries, God has shaped the Church and then reshaped it, again and again, so that every generation may experience the Gospel in language it can understand. Throughout these changes, God has preserved His Word and Sacraments. Like the Church, we as individuals are in the process of being shaped by God. We are

the clay. God is the potter. And just as He created us and all things, so one day in Christ will we and all things be re-created, and all that is now misshapen or broken will be restored.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted

P By works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight.

C **God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

P Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

C **The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.**

P As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

C **reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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 Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

P I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

C I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad.

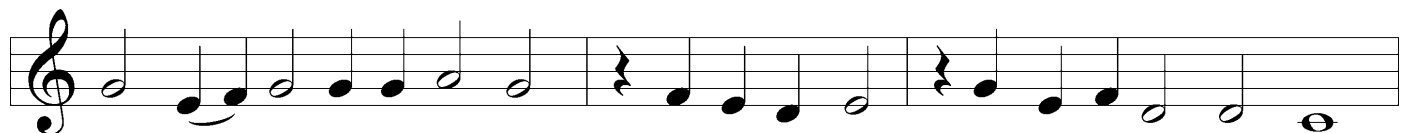
C Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

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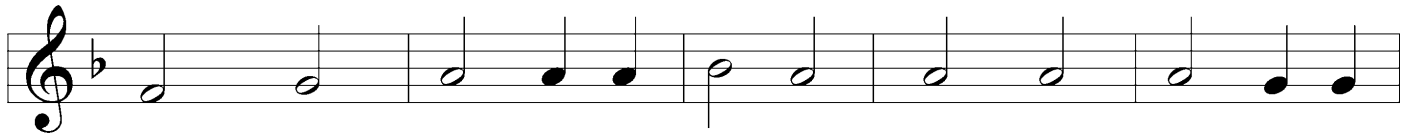


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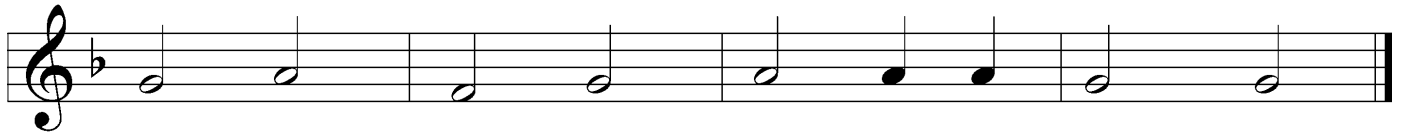


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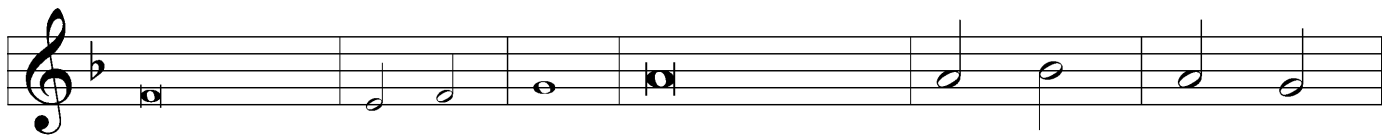


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

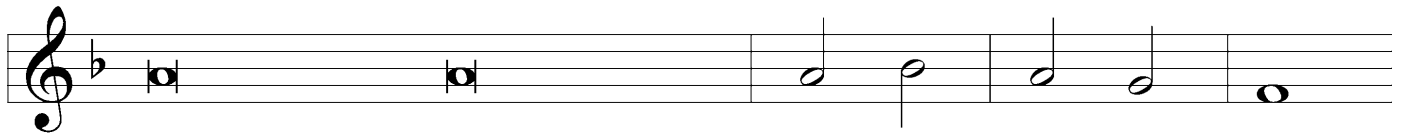
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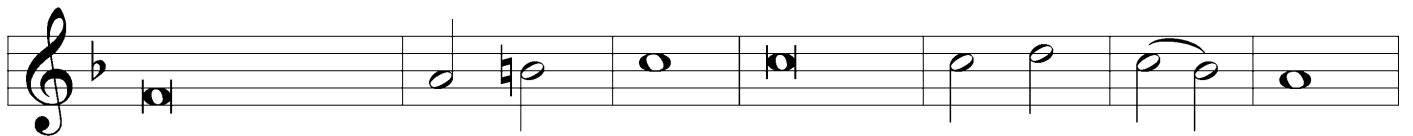
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



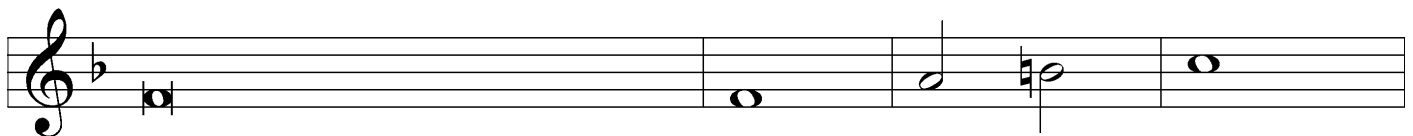
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



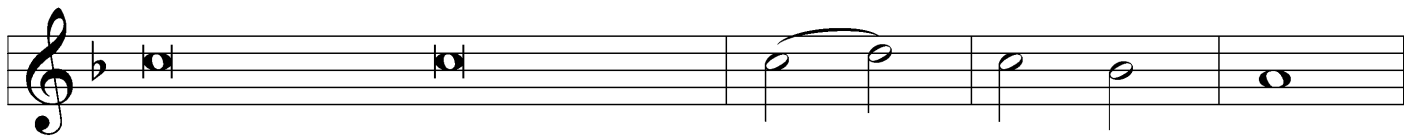
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



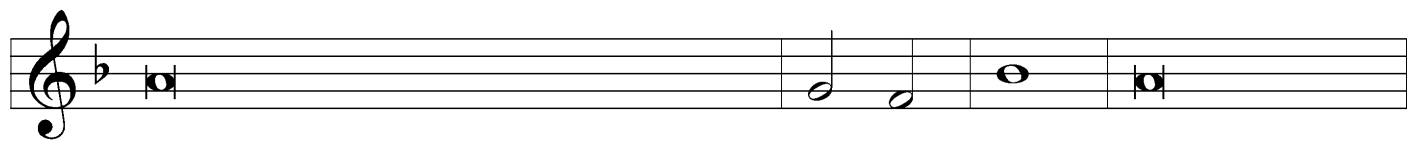
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



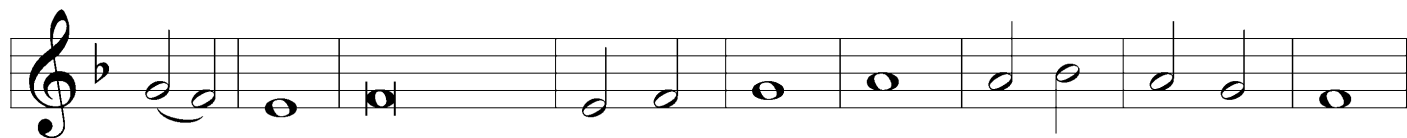
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



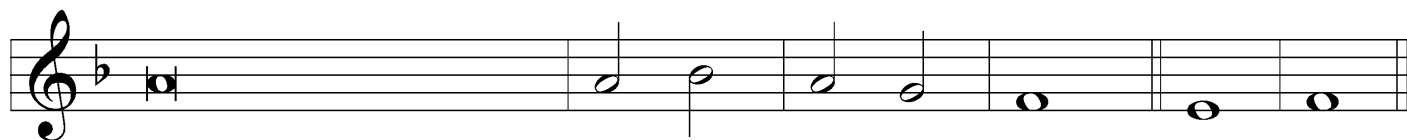
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

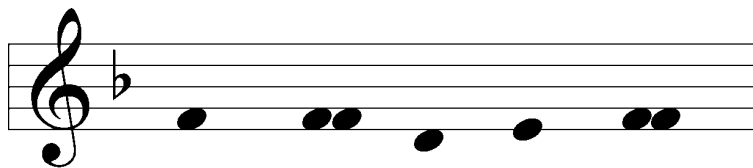


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

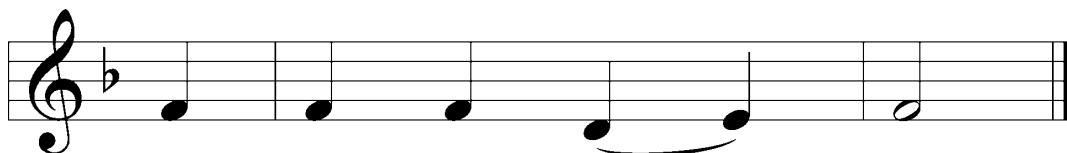


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

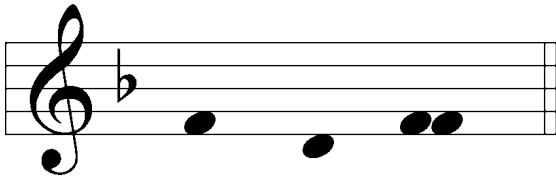
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

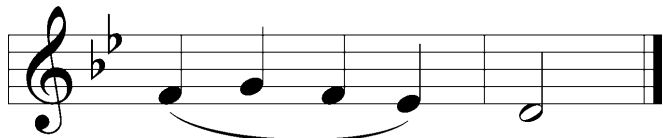


C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P Gracious God, we are the clay, You are the potter. Form the Church as the place where Your gracious gifts find full expression. Form us into people who receive Your gracious gifts by faith. Let Your mercy flow to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please sit

FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6-7*

(In a vision, John sees an angel who declares to all peoples and nations, "Fear God and give Him glory.")

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 46; antiphon: v. 7*

P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

P Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be

removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

C Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.

P There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

C God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

P The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

P Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has made desolations in the earth.

C He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

P Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28*

(“We are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”)

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the

righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

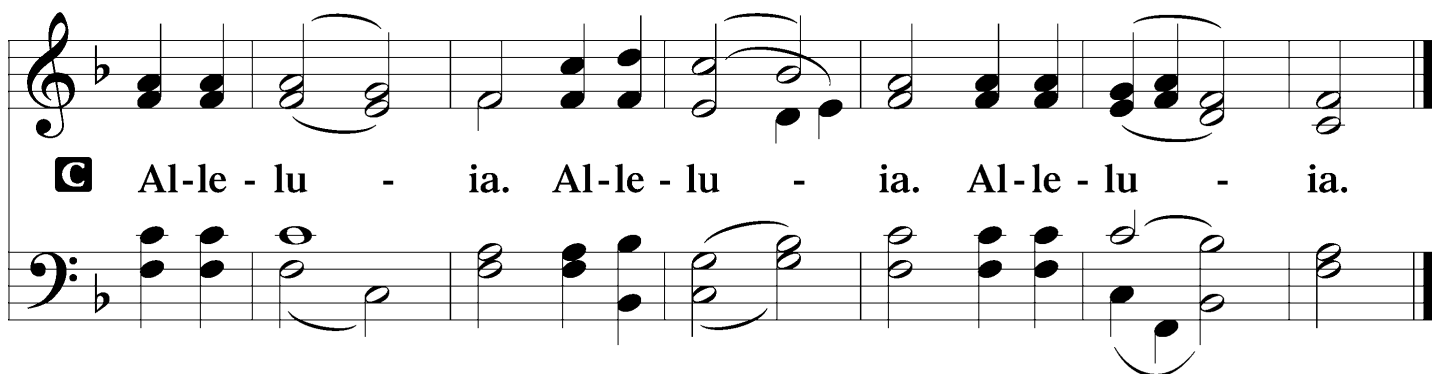
27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA



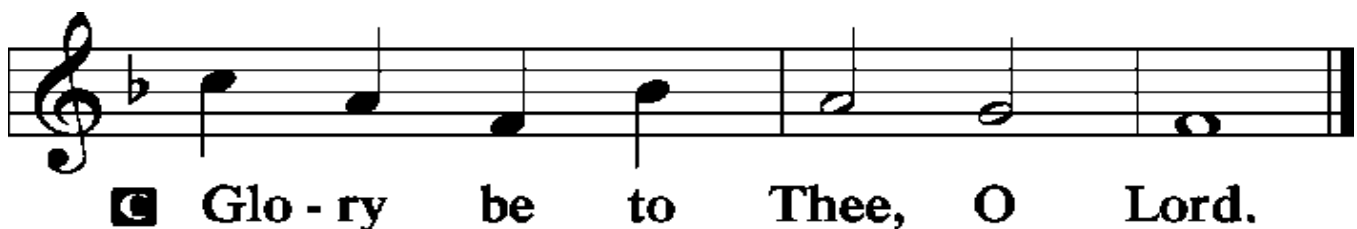
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HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

(Jesus declares that to believe in Him is to be truly free.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know

the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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All: *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I

look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

If Your Beloved Son, O God

LSB 568 vs.1-4



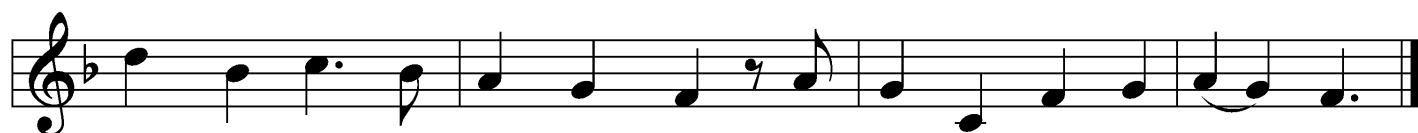
1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row
4 All righ-teous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -



scend - ed And in our mor-tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
o'er me. No more am I by sin op-pressed, For Christ has
ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from
na - tion. True righ-teous - ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch-ed soul of mine In
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans-gres - sion.
rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
wash-es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.

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SERMON

"Justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus!" (Romans 3:24)

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830 vs. 1-4



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Filled with God's grace, founded in faith, and nourished by the Word, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, that we faithfully use our freedom in the Gospel to love and to serve both God and neighbor. Preserve the Church from discord and strife. Let the world see that we are Yours, O Lord, by our love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For those entrusted to govern our nation, state, and local community: Guide them and help them to care justly and mercifully for all the people they serve. For the members of our armed forces, for victims of warfare and violence, and for our enemies, we pray that peace may prevail for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those who are suffering, those we have named and

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those we name silently in our hearts. [Time of silence]. We pray that their pain and anxiety be relieved according to God's will. For those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray that God calm their troubled hearts and give them peace to face the days ahead in the confidence that He will never forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Let us pray for those who visit this congregation, that they may find here a hospitality that bears witness to the kingdom of heaven. For all who travel, we pray that they arrive safely at their destinations. For all the households of this congregation, grant that they be havens of peace and places where Christ is proclaimed and lived. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Additional bids may be added.

P Let us pray for this holy assembly, that together we use our Gospel freedom responsibly. By the Holy Spirit, grant that we all undergo ongoing reformation of our hearts and minds and in the proper stewardship of our time, talents, and money, continuing to be faithful partners in ministry. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us and are with the Lord, especially Martin Luther and all reformers of the Church. Sustain us in this earthly journey so that, trusting in the promises of Jesus, we, too, will know the joy of all those who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

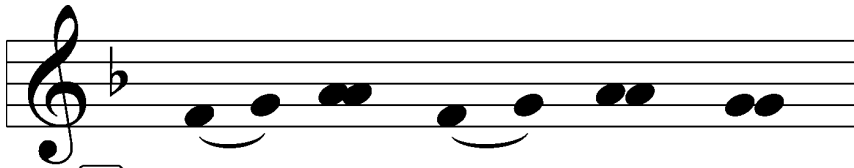
C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, hear these prayers of Your faithful people. By Your grace, grant us those things You see that we need for the sake of our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ.

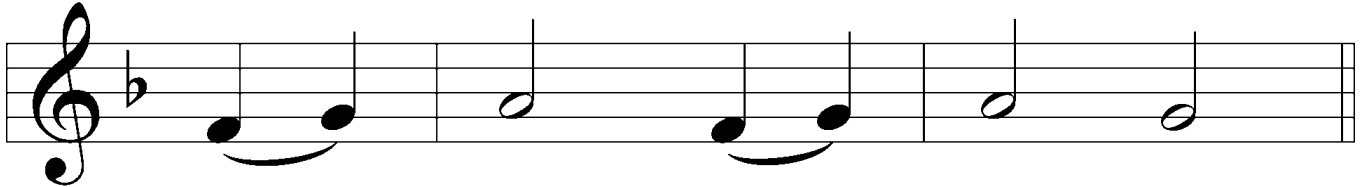
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE



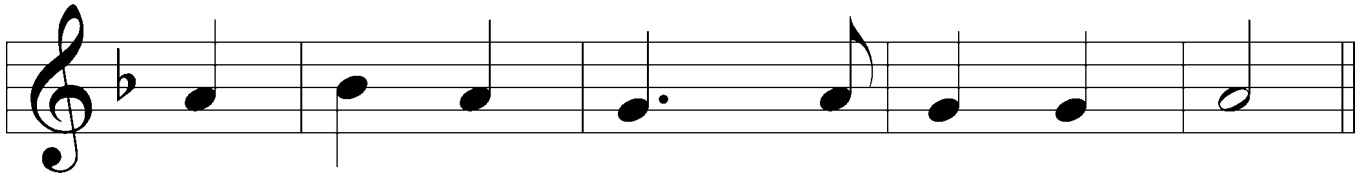
P The Lord be with you.



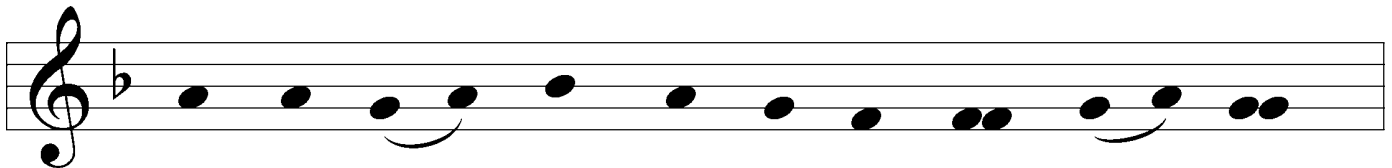
C And with thy spir - it.



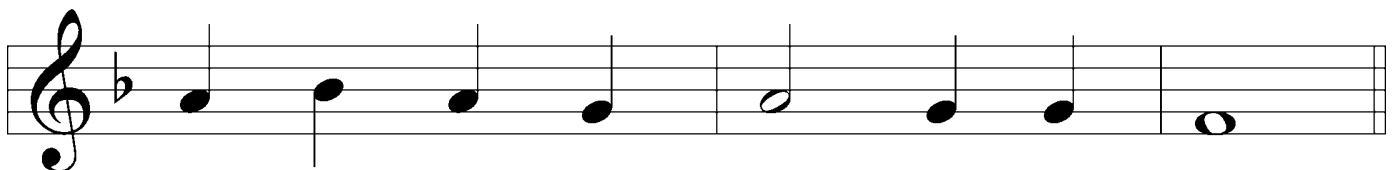
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life

on the cross in order that our hearts may be reshaped to reflect not our own goodness but God's. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and

Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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.



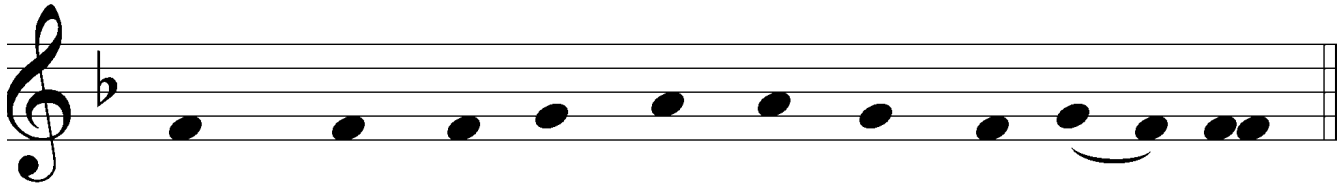
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

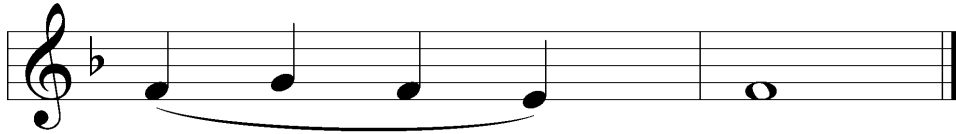
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

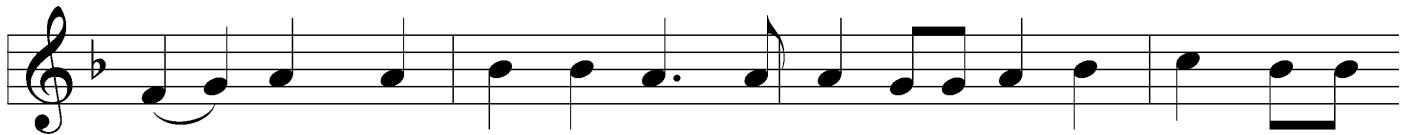


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

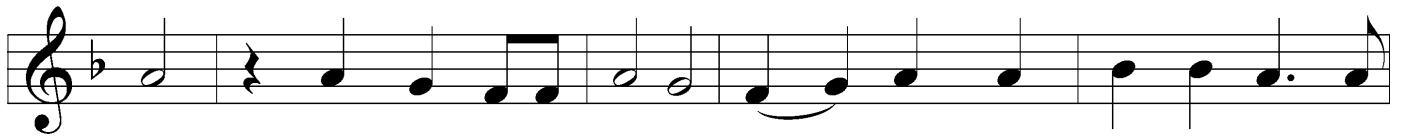


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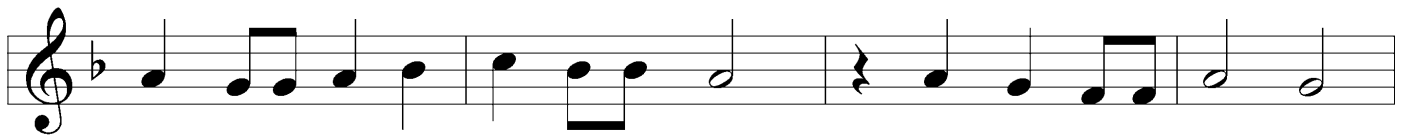
AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please sit

SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and some rests. There are several slurs and ties used to connect notes across measures.

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead



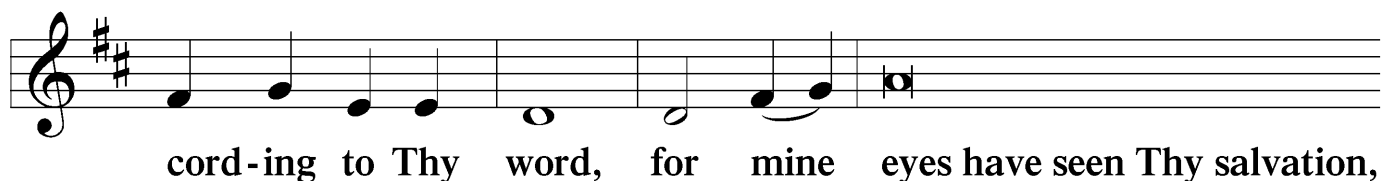
2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

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Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. You, O Lord, are the potter; we the clay. By Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament, You shape us to be the Body of Christ. Send us out from this Table forgiven and restored, that we may freely bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

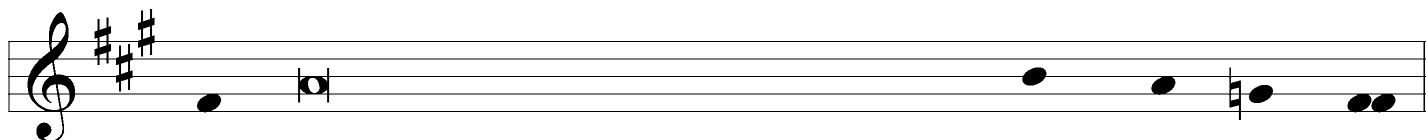
A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571 vs. 1-4,6



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all
△ 6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

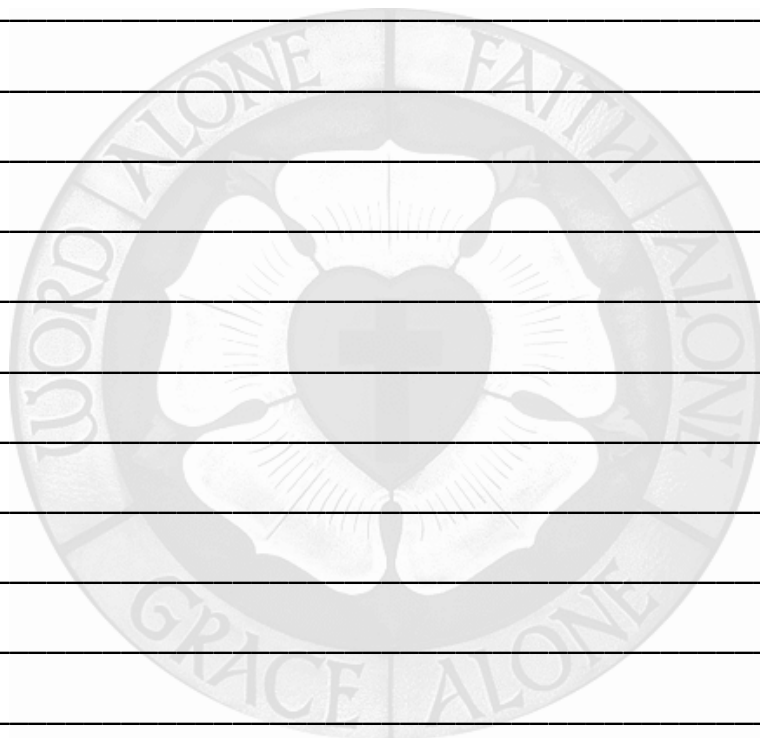
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Sermon Notes



From the Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for October to December 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

*Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study
at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Rev. Weber leading the class.*

November Upcoming Events

*Immanuel Lutheran School Fall Market
Saturday, November 4th, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Playground*

*Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 5th, 2023
(Fall back one (1) hour Saturday night)*

*Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall*

*Winter Texan Potluck Luncheon
after Bible Study in the Social Hall
Sunday, November 19th, 2023*

*Church Council Budget/Nominating Meeting
Tuesday, November 21st, 2023
7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall*

*Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m.
Followed by Pie Social*

*Office Closed, for Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 23, 2023*

Be Still

and know that I am God.

-Psalm 46:10



Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	October Sunday Servants:	November Servants:
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	S. Wehling & R. Cisneros	S. Wehling/R. Cisneros
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Reformation Sunday (Observed)	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	All Saints' Day (Observed)	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31–32).

Memory Verse Challenge

This week’s memory verse: Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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