

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 9, 2022
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
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***Sunday*
9:00 A.M.**

Worship Service

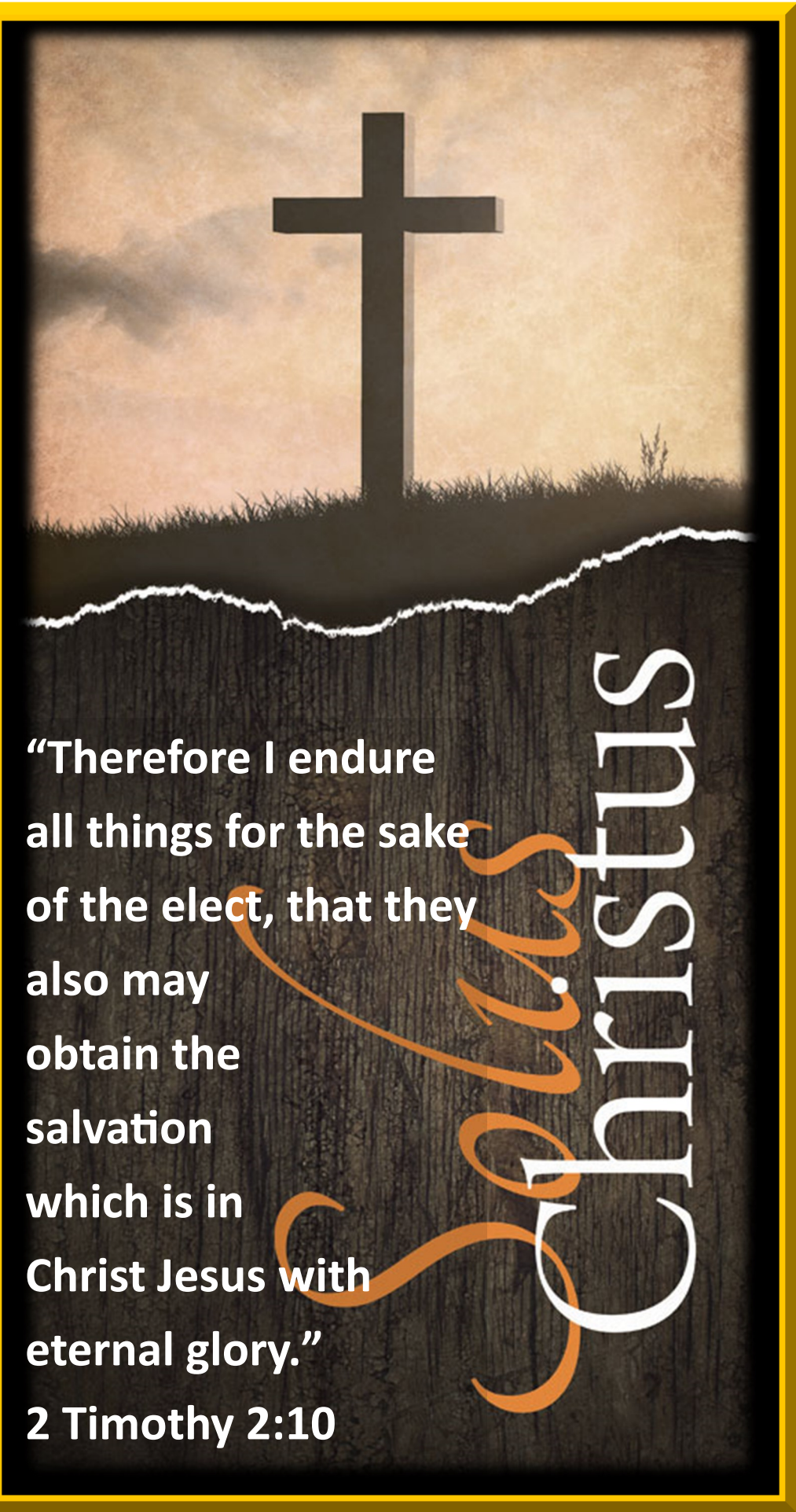
10:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday**

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8 am to 12 pm
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A large graphic featuring a black cross on a grassy hill against a sunset sky. The bottom half of the image is a dark, textured area with a white, torn-paper edge separating it from the top half. The word 'CHRISTUS' is written vertically in white, serif font on the right side of the dark area, with a large, stylized orange 'IHS' monogram overlapping it.

**“Therefore I endure
all things for the sake
of the elect, that they
also may
obtain the
salvation
which is in
Christ Jesus with
eternal glory.”**

2 Timothy 2:10

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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.

Next 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 - Almighty God, You showed mercy by sending Your Son to become me and to die for me. Grant me always to see my coming to faith in Him as the beginning of my life, lived in communion with You in time and to eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - What was so different in one leper's life in today's Gospel? All ten hoped they could be cured, but only he believed in Jesus personally. He lived out that faith in his thanksgiving, and he heard Jesus tell him, "Your faith has made you well" (Luke 17:19). In the Old Testament Reading, faith moved Ruth to decide to stay with Naomi and to announce, "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16). What a change in her life, including becoming Jesus' ancestor! In the Epistle, Paul encourages Timothy to live out his faith even amid opposition. Today, God's Word asks us to review the faith the Holy Spirit has given us. How shall we live out that faith? In churchly words and

music, in caring for people around us, in using our unique gifts to God's glory? The day is open for lively faith.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

OPENING HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a*

P Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

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

P Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

C I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

P The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ruth 1:1–19a*

(Widowed Ruth stays with Naomi and moves to Bethlehem with her.)

1 Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. 3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. 5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. 7 Therefore she went out from the place where

she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband."

So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."

11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, 13 would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me!"

14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

16 But Ruth said:

"Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."

18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she

stopped speaking to her.

19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 111*

P Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

C The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

P His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

C He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

P He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

C He has declared to His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

P The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts are sure.

C They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

P He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

C The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 2:1–13*

(Paul encourages Timothy to be a good soldier for Christ.)

1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of

Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 This is a faithful saying:

For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. 12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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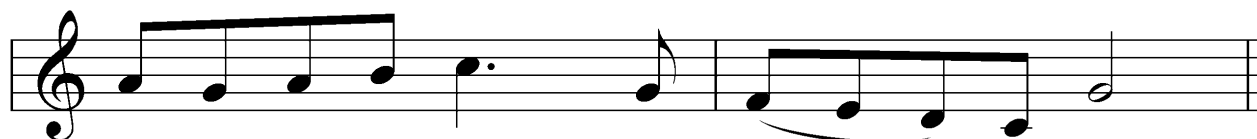
ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

(Only one leper thanks Jesus for his healing.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You , O Lord.

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

All 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
 But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath
 When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
 Jesus is my confidence!

SERMON *“Sure Confidence in the Gospel of Jesus Christ”*
(2 Timothy 2:8-10)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy* **LSB 590**



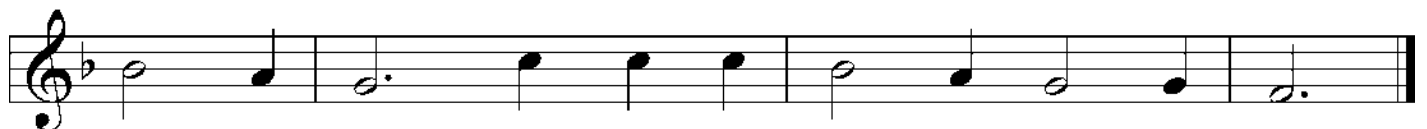
1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *“Peace be with you”* *(John 20:21)*
[using American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P The story of our lives has meaning only as God has entered it to give us faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Each day is lived under His grace. Let us pray for ourselves and all people, guided by the words of Hymn #738, “Lord of All Hopefulness”.

**C Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

P We pray, gracious God, for all who have recently come to faith. Protect each individual, guide new brothers and sisters in the Church wherever it is found, and lead young pastors like Timothy to proclaim Your Word confidently. Nurture them all with Your Word and Sacraments so that they grow in grace and knowledge of our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.
Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

P Lord Jesus, be with all who labor to grow crops and transport food, build homes and provide shelter, and open local stores and provide clothing. Give them wisdom to meet the needs of the people around them and joy in their service. As Ruth accompanied Naomi to Bethlehem, so open the hearts of Your people that they may become families of faith, sharing Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

P Loving Lord, we pray for those who struggle with long-term
ills and sudden emergencies, [including . . .]. Strengthen
them in their faith and hear their prayers for help even as
You healed the lepers. Be with first responders, emergency
technicians, doctors and nurses, and all who use their gifts
to relieve pain and restore health. Use us all with our
various abilities to work for the common good. Lord, in
Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

P Lord our God, raise up leaders who seek peace across
national borders and justice within them. Provide wisdom
for trained counselors and direction for friends and
neighbors that they may calm troubled hearts and ease
strained nerves. Into Your hands we commend all for whom
we pray for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

Christ Be My Leader

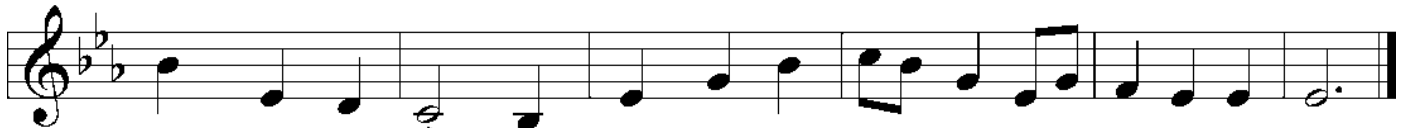
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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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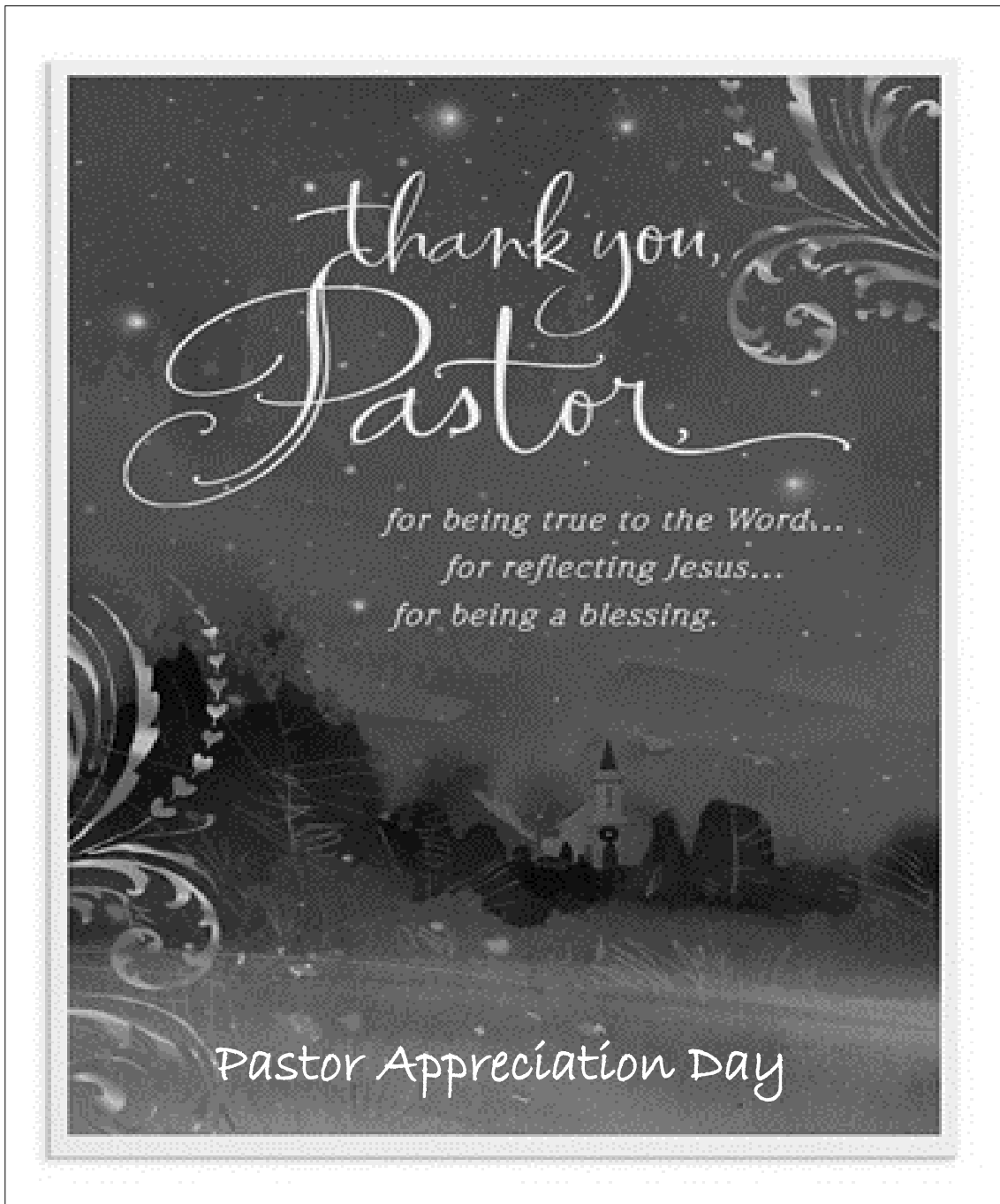
DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer October to December 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: *Micah 7:7*

But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

Save the Date

RGV Zone Rally

**November 12, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. at St. PAUL, Harlingen
Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.**

Immanuel Lutheran School students will be picking up orders for delicious kettle pop corn between **October 11th** through the **21st**.

<u>Bag Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>Mini Bag</u>	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
<u>Small Bag</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
<u>Large Bag</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
<u>Giant Bag</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>



Note: orders and money due , Friday, October 21st

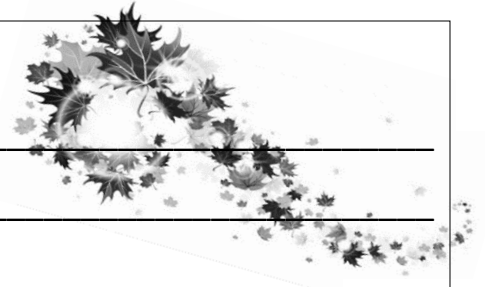


Reminders

- * 15th -- **Circuit Forum @ 10:00 a.m. Via Zoom**
- * 18th—**3rd Quarterly Voters' Meeting @ 7:30 P.M.**

*The fear of the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom; a
good understanding have
all those who do His
commandments.
His praise endures forever.
Psalms 111:10*

Sermon Notes:



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Sunday Worship 20

Plate \$ 60.00

Envelopes \$ 934.00

Donation: Cemetery \$ 300.06

Total: \$ 1,294.06

Bible Class: 8 N/A \$.00

***Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost***

Readings:

Genesis 32:22-30

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. “Go and show yourselves to the priests,” for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. It is “at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks” (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you “find rest, each of you in the house of her husband” (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has “visited his people and given them food” (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead” (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely “the word of God is not bound” (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted “to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you “may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	October Sunday Servants	
Elder:	Dan Wehling	
Altar Guild:	Billi Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am