

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

**MAY 21, 2023**

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Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*  
9:00 AM  
Worship Service**

**10:30 AM  
Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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**"But may the God of all  
grace, who called us to  
His eternal glory by  
Christ Jesus, after you  
have suffered a while,  
perfect, establish,  
strengthen, and settle  
you"**

**I Peter 5:10**

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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.

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** - O God of glory and Lord of love, You called the Twelve to follow You. When Judas fell, Matthias was called to take His place. In my time, You call pastors to shepherd Your flock. Guide all pastors, by Your Spirit, to walk according to Your will and Your ways; for You are my Savior and Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - We don't like to suffer. In fact, there are times when we feel the slightest pain and we start feeling like we are being persecuted. We would much rather have God shatter those we perceive to be our enemies than deal with anything resembling suffering. When God deals with our "enemies," then, we will sing God's praises. But sometimes life is hard and sometimes it is hard because we are Christians, and our adversary, "the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus once said, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds

of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:11–12). This same Jesus prayed for us, that our holy Father would keep us in His name. He knew suffering and is now experiencing glory. When we suffer because of our Christian faith, we share Christ’s suffering and because He suffered, died, and rose again, we, too, will share that experience and join Him in His glory.

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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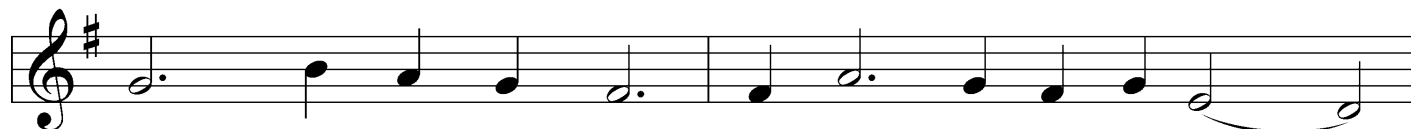
**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)*

**OPENING HYMN** *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe* **LSB 666**



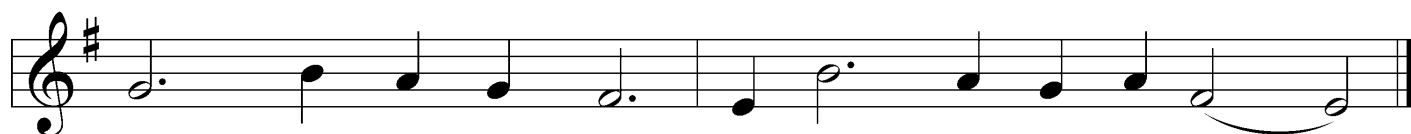
1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.

3 As true as God's own Word is true,  
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew  
Against us shall prevail.

Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
God is with us and we with God—  
Our vict'ry cannot fail.

- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
Fight for us once again!  
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
Forevermore. Amen.

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*Please stand*

## **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 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 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

P I will sing of mercy and justice; to You, O Lord, I will sing praises.

**C Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!**

P Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

**C Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

P Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

**C For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.**

P I will sing of mercy and justice; to You, O Lord, I will sing praises.

## 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-shiped 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. O King of glory, Lord of Your Church, You suffered on the cross and defeated death and the devil for us. Keep us one with You as You and the Father are one. Establish, strengthen and settle us, Your Body, the Church, in our suffering and rejoicing, that the world may be drawn to You and the power of the resurrection; for You are risen and reign eternally with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**<sub>6</sub> **Amen.**

*Please sit*

**FIRST READING**      *Acts 1:12–26*

(The Apostles find a replacement for Judas.)

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; 17 for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, and let no one live in it’;  
and,

‘Let another take his office.’

21 "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." 23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen 25 to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell,

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that he might go to his own place.” 26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 68:1–10; antiphon: v. 32*

P Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; oh, sing praises to the Lord,

**C Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him.**

P As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

**C But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.**

P Sing to God, sing praises to His name; extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name Yah, and rejoice before Him.

**C A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation.**

P God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

**C O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness,**

P The earth shook; the heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**C You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, when it was weary.**

P Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

P Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; oh, sing praises to the Lord,

**EPISTLE** *1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

(Jesus suffered. As people connected to Jesus, we can expect to suffer also.)

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is



to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now

“If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUA and VERSE



**C** 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.



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

*Please stand*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**     *John 17:1-11*

(Jesus prays for Himself and for us.)

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

C     Glory to You, O Lord.

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours,

and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**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.**

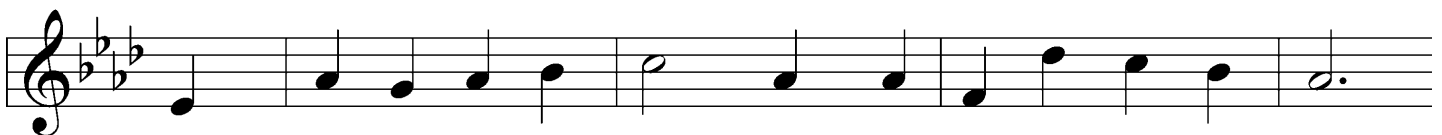
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

**LSB 684**

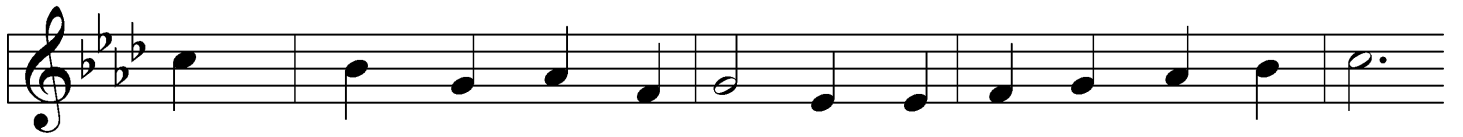


1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."

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O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.

2 “Come unto Me, ye wand’ers,  
And I will give you light.”  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.

3 “Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life.”  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.

4 “And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners

To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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**SERMON** *“Your precious calling to eternal glory by Christ Jesus”*  
(1 Peter 5:10-11)

**OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY** *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* **LSB 765**



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But  
3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -  
4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And  
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing  
fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a  
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -  
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.  
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.  
ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.  
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

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**SHARING OF THE PEACE** *“Peace be with you”* (John 20:21)  
*(Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray with boldness and confidence because we know He hears our prayers because

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Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church. Watch over all who lead Your people. Shape them to be men and women after God's own heart, fuel them with Your Word and Sacraments, and guide them to walk in Your ways. We pray for our Synod president, [Rev. Matthew Harrison]; for our district president, [Rev. Mike Newman]; our circuit visitor, [Rev. Greg Lorenz]; and the servants of our congregation. Lead them as they lead us, because Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P O Jesus, we pray for all who are suffering trials because of their Christian faith. Comfort them and lead them to rejoice as they share in Your sufferings, that Your glory is revealed, because Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Holy Father, we grieve the divisions in our families, communities, world, and especially in Your Church. Keep all Your people in Your name, which You have given in the waters of Baptism, and lead us to the unity we will experience fully with You in Your kingdom, because Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P O Great Physician, bind up the broken hearted and heal those who are suffering in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We pray this day for those who are grieving, [especially . . .], and ask You to give them comfort as they mourn. We pray this day for those are who are suffering from illnesses, [especially . . .], and ask that You heal them according to Your good and gracious will, because Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at every time in every place thank You, our God, who is our Creator and has given Your one and only Son to suffer and die for the sins of the world before rising victorious on the third day, appearing before His disciples before ascending to heaven to lead us to Your glory that awaits us. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Father of the fatherless and protector of widows. As You marched before the people of Israel, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to march before us, suffering and dying for the sins of the world. Bring us together at our Lord's Table today as we eat this bread and drink this cup, proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **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."

**P** 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."

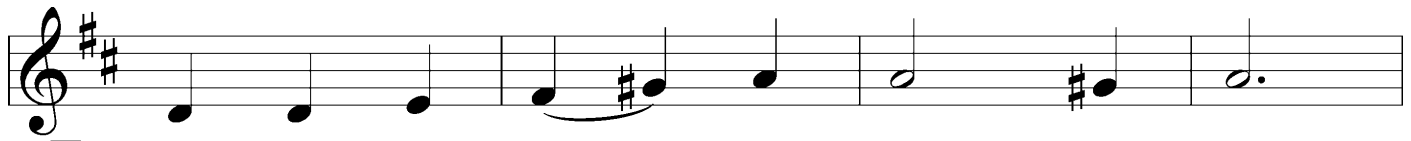
## **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**



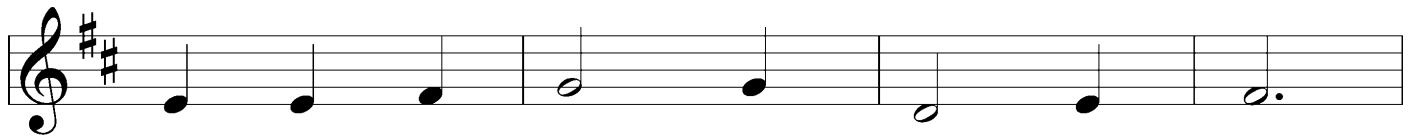
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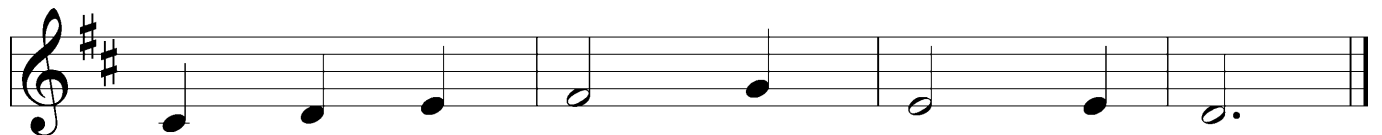
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*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.

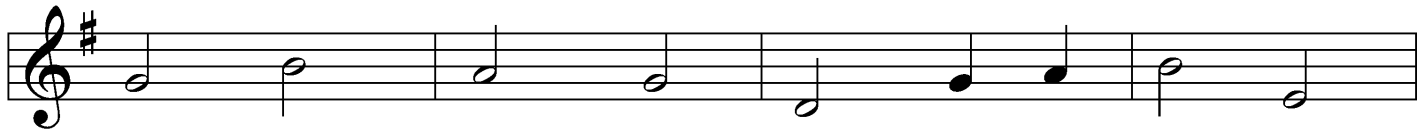
# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared*

**LSB 622**



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for  
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel  
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y  
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



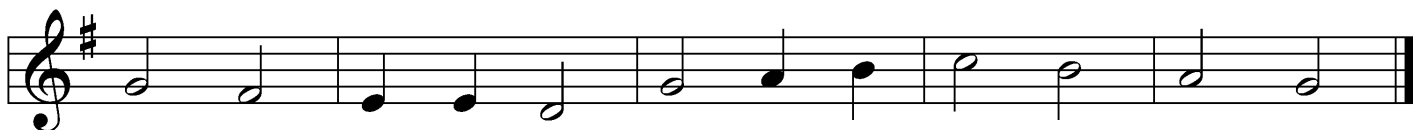
our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y  
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence  
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent  
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion  
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.  
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by  
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.  
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,  
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.  
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
At once in many places.

I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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*Please stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. We thank You, Jesus, for gathering us at Your Table as an oasis for our parched and weary souls. Strengthen us as we face fiery trials and suffering so that Your glory may be revealed; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** 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.**

*Please sit*

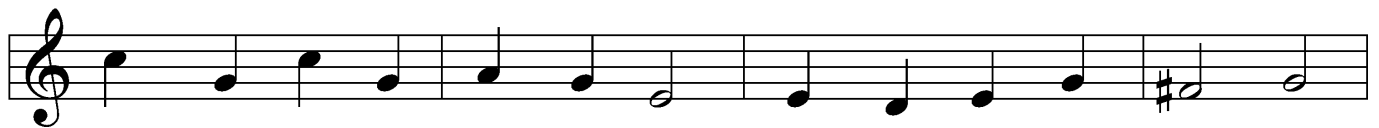
## SENDING HYMN

*With the Lord Begin Your Task*

**LSB 869**



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.  
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.  
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;  
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,  
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.  
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.  
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.  
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.  
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,  
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,  
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,  
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;  
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.  
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.  
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.  
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.  
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

# DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

# POSTLUDE

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## *From Pastor's Desk*

**Portals of Prayer** for April to June 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.*

*Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

## *May Activities*

### *Immanuel Lutheran School Activities*

*Wednesday, May 24th - Graduation/Promotion Ceremony*

*6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall*

*Thursday, May 25th - Last Day of School - Reverse Day*

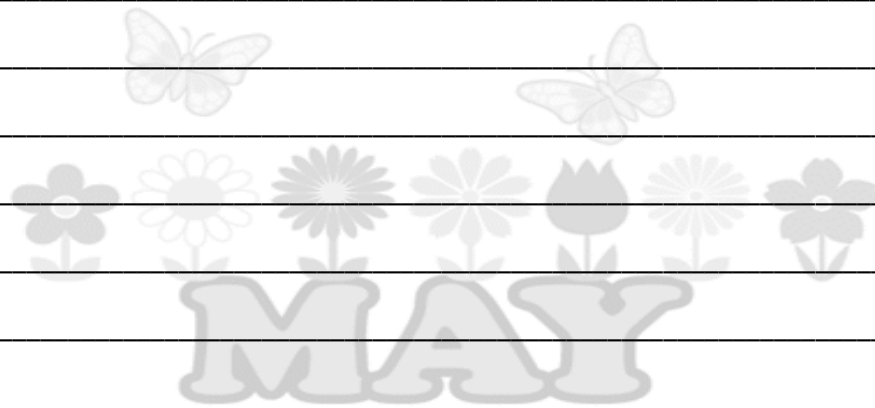
*(Lock-down from 4 to 10 p.m.)*

**UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION**

The remodeling of  
classrooms  
is underway

<b>5/7/2023</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>34</b>
Plate:	\$ 133.00
Envelopes:	\$ 2,045.00
Donations:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,178.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>11</b>
	<b>\$ 11.00</b>

## *Sermon Notes*



### *Memory Verse Challenge*

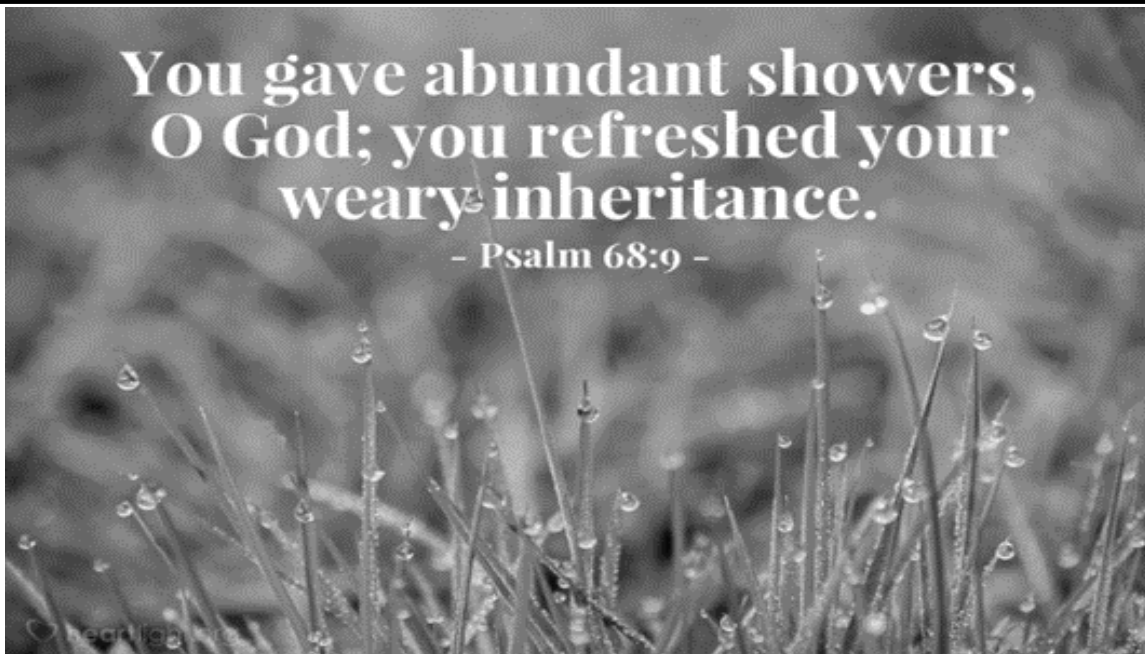
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*This week's memory verse: **Philippians 1:6***

*I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

**You gave abundant showers,  
O God; you refreshed your  
weary inheritance.**

- Psalm 68:9 -



## Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. "The hour" had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father "that they may be one" with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21-22) gathers disciples together "with one accord" into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). "Devoting themselves to prayer," they wait upon the Lord in "the upper room" (Acts 1:13-14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they "may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13).

<b>5/14/2023</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>26</b>
Plate:	\$ 141.00
Envelopes:	\$ 403.00
Donations: <b>Cemetery</b>	\$ 300.00
On-line	\$ 500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,344.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>11</b> \$ 7.00

***The Day of Pentecost***  
***Readings:***  
*Numbers 11:24-30*  
*Psalms 25:1-15*  
*Acts 2:1-21*  
*John 7:37-39*

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
	May Sunday Servants:	June Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Don Vogel	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	BJ Neuhaus & M. Perez
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	The Day of Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am