

**FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

JUNE 25, 2023

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

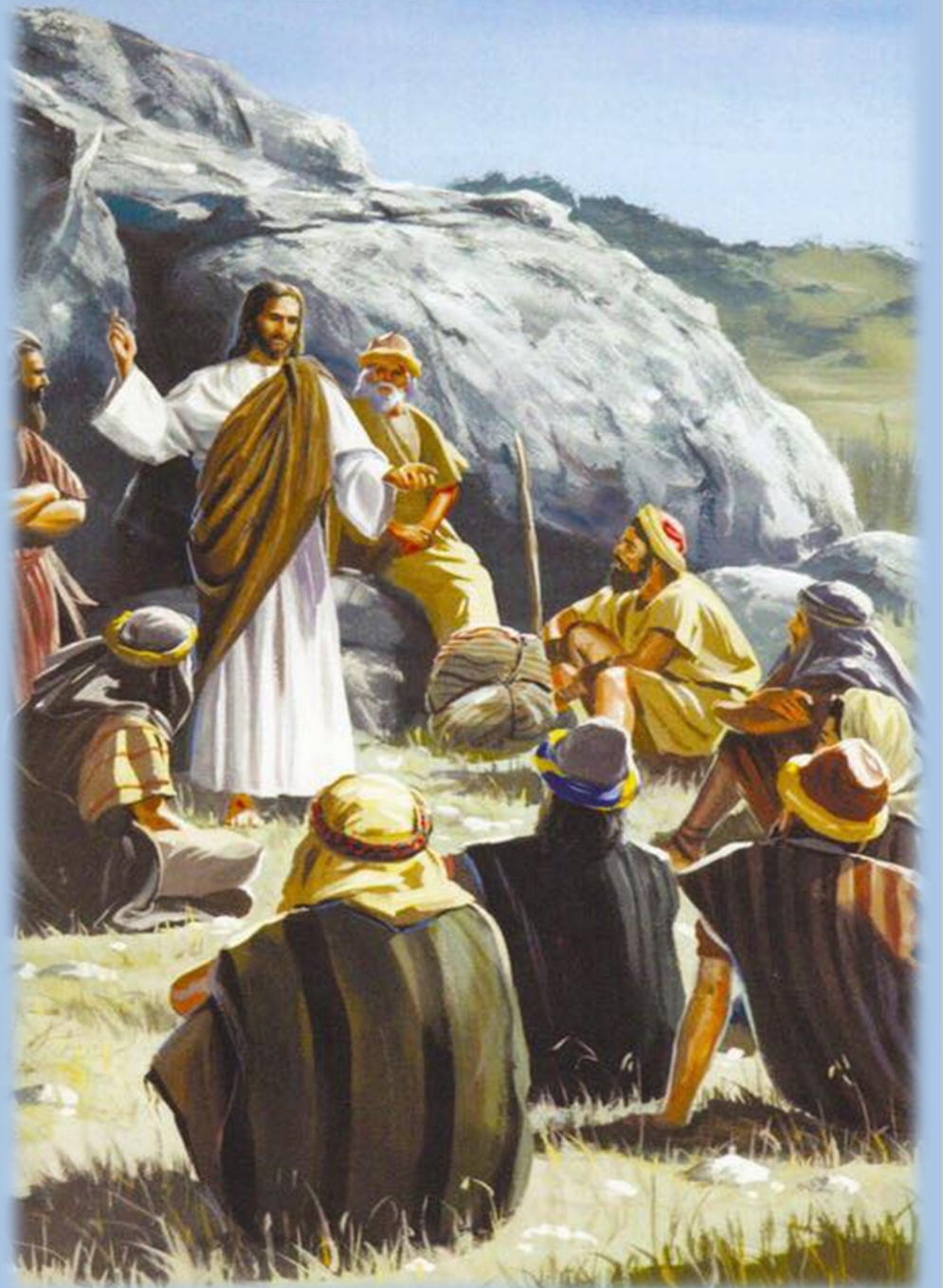
**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

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

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8 am to 12 pm
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**“And do not fear those who kill
the body but cannot kill the soul.
But rather fear Him who is able
to destroy both soul and body
in hell.” Matthew 10:28**



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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 - Lord Jesus Christ, my refuge and my strength and ever-present hope in times of need, grant Your abiding presence as I walk through this wayward world that, as You come to me still today, I walk in faith following You until the Last Day when the Son of Man comes and makes all things new; 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 - It is not easy to live in this world as a believer in the one true God. Faith is challenged, truth is questioned, and persecution is faced. Though hardships and challenges are there and will continue, we are reminded this is nothing new since the fall into sin. The Lord doesn't leave us though in midst of doubt and despair as we deal with division and even danger. He gives His presence and assures His lasting promises. In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah and his people faced hardships, yet they modeled how our witness and testimony can be ones of boldness and confidence as we sing to and praise the Lord, for He "delivered the life of the needy from the hand of

evildoers” (Jeremiah 20:13). As Paul would face countless challenges in his Gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth, he reminds us that, even amid the battle of sin, we have received grace and that the “free gift of God is eternal life” (Romans 6:23). Jesus also reminds us that as divisiveness and persecution can be expected even from those closest to us, because of His everlasting promises we are able to “fear not.” The psalmist also assures that the Lord remains our refuge and our fortress. The world around us won’t change until Christ returns, but the Lord doesn’t change either. In and through Him, with faith and confidence we keep our trust.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

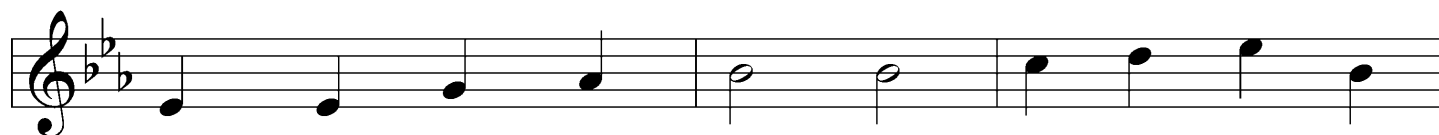
PRELUDE

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

OPENING HYMN

Once He Came in Blessing

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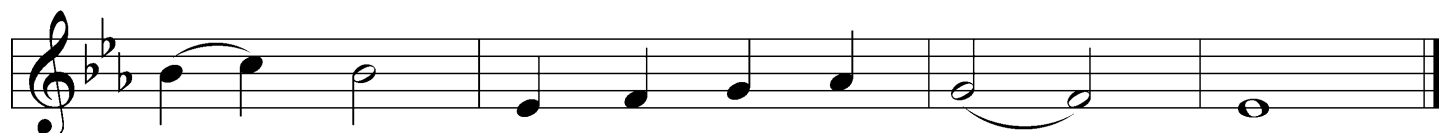
1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.

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3 Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You.

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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 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 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: v. 13*

P For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

C **Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.**

P In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

C **In God (I will praise His word), in the Lord (I will praise His word),**

P In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

All 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 For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

KYRIE



☐ 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 God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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 *Jeremiah 20:7–13*

(Jeremiah's complaint and God's assurance)

7 O Lord, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; everyone mocks me. 8 For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the Lord was made to me a reproach and a derision daily. 9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name." but His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not. 10 For I heard many mocking: "Fear on every side!" "Report," they say, "and we will report it!" All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying, "Perhaps he can be induced; then we will prevail against him, and we will take our revenge on him." 11 But the Lord is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten. 12 But, O Lord of hosts, You who test the righteous, and see the mind and heart, let me see Your vengeance on them; for I have pleaded my cause before You. 13 Sing to the Lord! Praise the Lord! For He has delivered the life of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 91:1–10 (11–16); antiphon: v. 1*

P He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

C I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."

P Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

C He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

P You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the

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arrow that flies by day,

C Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

P A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.

C Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.

P Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,

C No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

P He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:12–23*

(Alive in Christ)

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? 17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. 19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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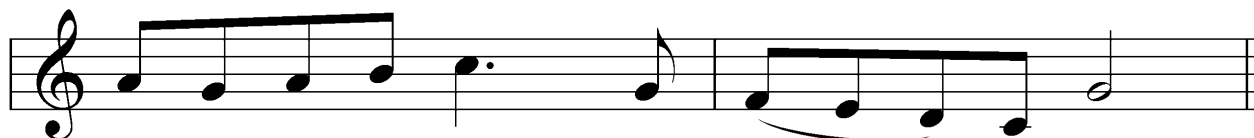
ALLELUIA and VERSE



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.



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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

(Warnings and promises as Jesus sends out the Twelve)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying:

21 "Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause

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them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! 26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

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HYMN OF THE DAY *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe* **LSB 666**



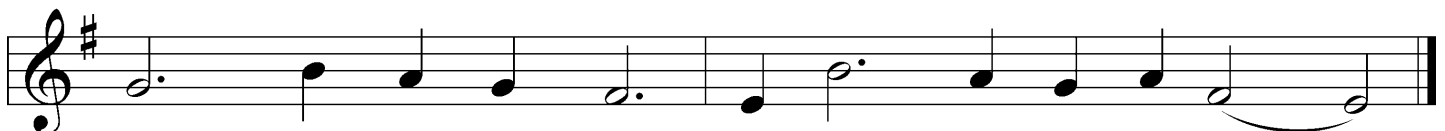
1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

SERMON*"No fear in serving Jesus!"*

(Matthew 10:27-28)

OFFERING*Please stand***OFFERTORY***O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright***LSB 395**

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Revelation 22:20

P We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

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people according to their needs.

Lord our God, You are our refuge and fortress, in whom we make our dwelling place. Strengthen our faith in Your Word, as done through Jeremiah, the apostle Paul, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to dispel our doubts and unbelief that we be Your witnesses of truth, life, and light. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P When we face the many trials and temptations living as Your people, give us strength to show Your mercy and forgiveness. With so many things fleeting and temporary, help us hold to what lasts, which is Your Word, Your promises, and life with You. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P As we remain in this world, You have given us authorities for our good. Enable us to keep Your commands to honor our fathers and mothers and to be faithful citizens to authorities placed over us in our nation, state, and communities. Grant Your wisdom, truth, compassion, and care upon all those who lead that in this world we and others may in confidence and joy await Your kingdom to come when the Son of Man comes. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P For all who are weighed down by sin and shame, point them to the life-giving and forgiving cross of Christ. For those who are weighed down by ailments in this life spiritually, emotionally, or physically, [especially . . .], grant Your presence of comfort and peace in times of need. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through 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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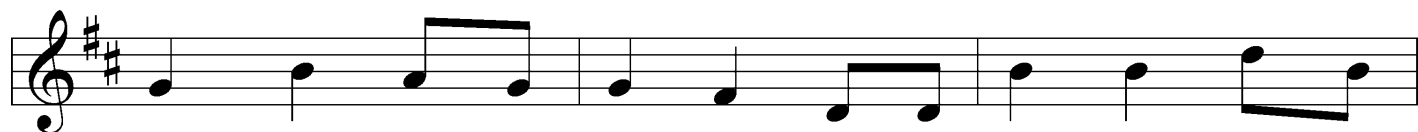
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Children of the Heavenly Father

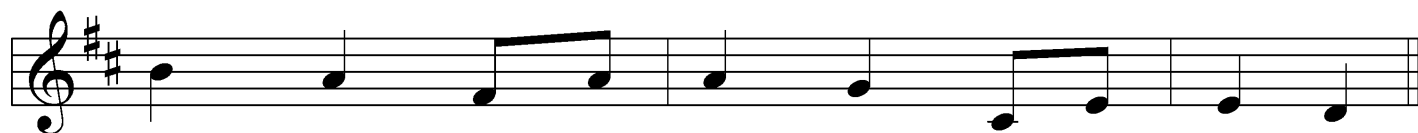
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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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From the Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer July to September 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.*

June Activities

*Immanuel Lutheran School
Summer Camp (free)
June 26 thru 30, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Grades: Kinder thru 6th
Children will experience science and art.*

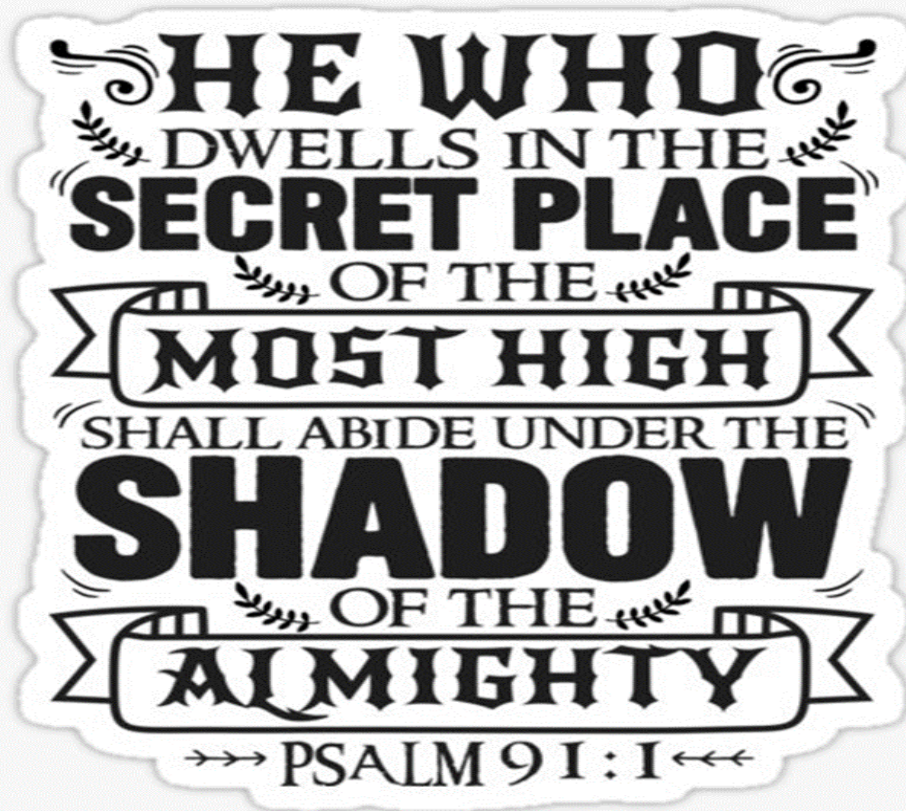
July Activities

*Pastor Weber will be in Port Isabel at
Fishers of Men
July 10th thru 14th
for Vacation Bible School.*

*While Pastor Weber and family are on vacation,
Pastor Richardson from San Benito
will be leading the services on the following
Sundays - July 23rd and 30th.*

Sermon Notes:





MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

This week's memory verse: *Colossians 3:12*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

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Sunday Worship	48	
Plate:		\$ 160.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,728.00
Memorial: LeeRoy Veland		\$ 100.00
Donation:		\$ 80.00
	Total:	\$ 2,068.00
Bible Class:	15	\$ 11.00

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST READINGS:**

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalms 119:153-160
Romans 7:1-13
Matthew 10:34-42

Delivered from Sin and Death, You Now Live before God in the Righteousness of Christ

The outcome of sin is death, “but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you “from death to life” (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live “under grace” (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of “those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul” (Matt. 10:28). For though “you will be hated by all” and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers “even the hairs of your head” and values you more “than many sparrows” (Matt. 10:30–31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and “will be saved” (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you “as a dread warrior,” who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life “from the hand of evildoers,” and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12–13).

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	June Sunday Servants	July Sunday Servants
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	BJ Neuhaus & M. Perez	S. Wehling & R. Cisneros
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	<i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am