NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod

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> *Sunday* 9:00 AM Worship Service

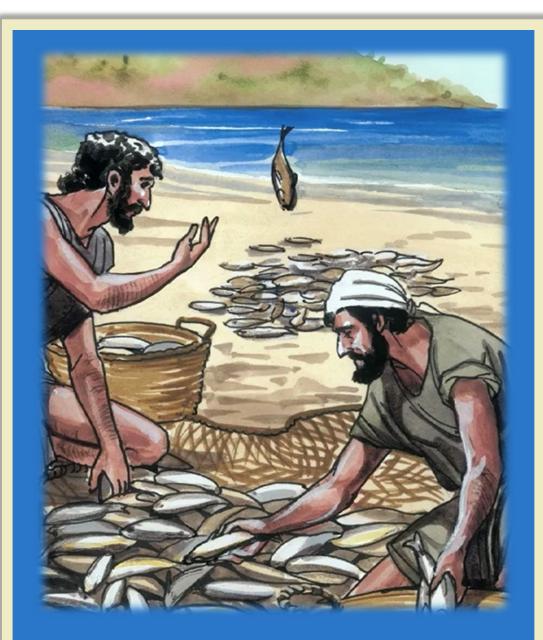
10:30 am Adult Bible Class Sunday School

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

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> Office Hrs, M-F 8 am to 12 pm



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away." (Matthew 13:47-48)

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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 Eternal Lord over all, open my eyes to see Your hidden, costly, yet universal kingdom, that I may see my value in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **AS WE GATHER -** "All things work together for good," today's Epistle proclaims, "for those who love God" (Romans 8:28). That means us! But how does it happen that we love God? God predestined, called, justified, and glorified us, all because He loves us. He loved us so much that He "did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all" (Romans 8:32). By faith we are part of God's people. By the grace of God, the Kingdom has been revealed to us like discovered treasure in

a field or a pearl of great price, as Jesus teaches in two parables in the Gospel. Although as sinner-saints we may not perfectly endure tribulation, distress, and persecution, on the Last Day, by grace we shall be considered righteous because of all that God has done for us.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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WELCOME

PRELUDE (A quiet time for prayer and meditation) **OPENING HYMN** I Love Your Kingdom, Lord LSB 651 king - dom, Lord, love Your The place of Your Т a bode. 2 Be - yond my high - est joy Ι prize its heav'n - ly ways, Your saints 3 I love Your Church, O God, in 'ry land, ev -4 For them my shall fall; For them tears my prayers as cend; Zi - on 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To shall be giv'n The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood. sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love Its and praise. of Your eye And grav - en ap - ple the Your hand. Dear as on them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end. For The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n. Text and tune: Public domain

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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,

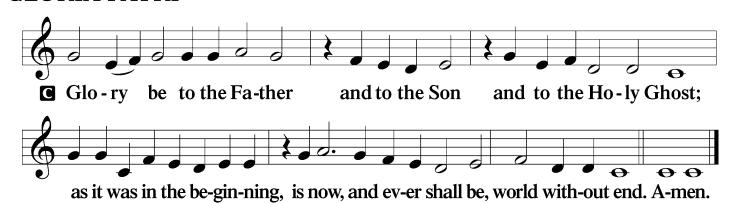
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, 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 +

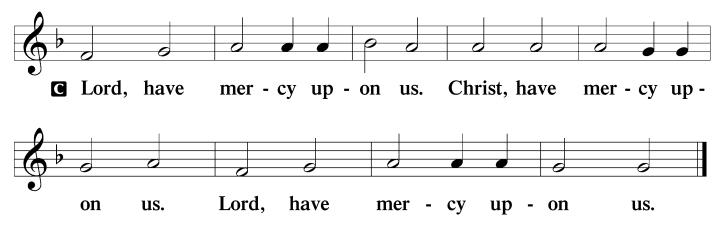
INTROIT *Psalm 86:11-13; antiphon 119:105*

- P Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- C Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore.
- C For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

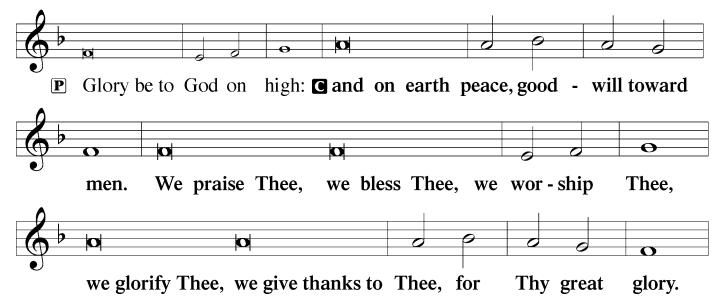
P Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **GLORIA PATRI**

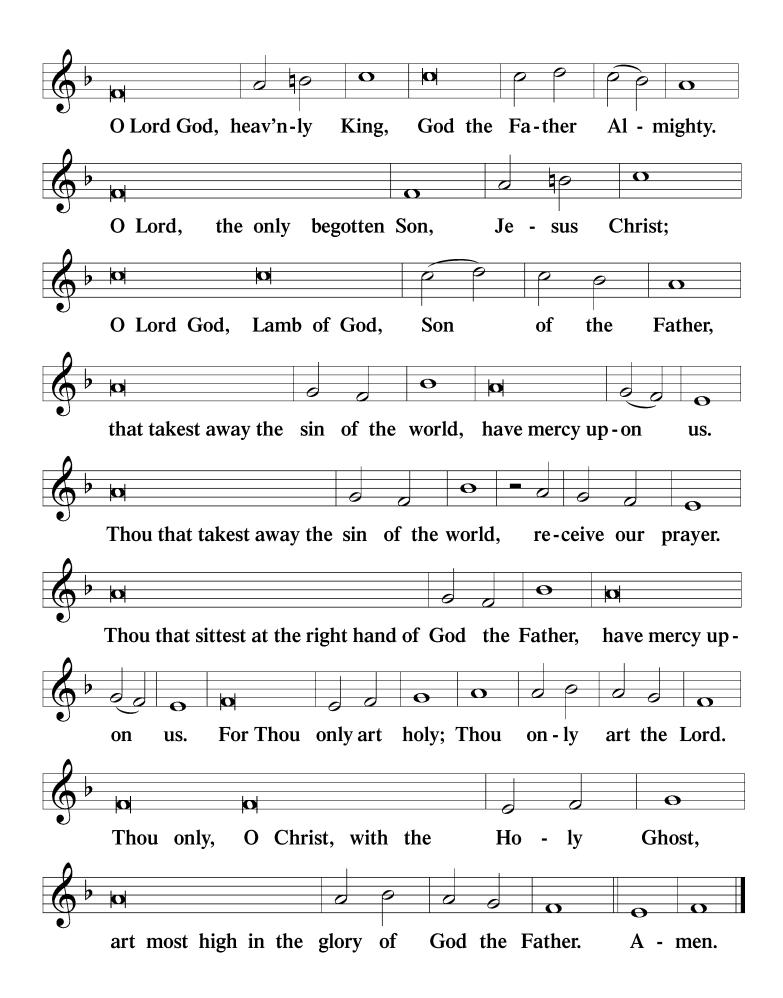


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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 7:6–9 (In His steadfast love, God keeps His promises.)
6 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Him-

self, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. 7 The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you

because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8 but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 125*

- P Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- C As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.
- P For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.
- C Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.
- P As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them away with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel!

EPISTLE Romans 8:28–39

(All things work together for those who love God.)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

"For Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

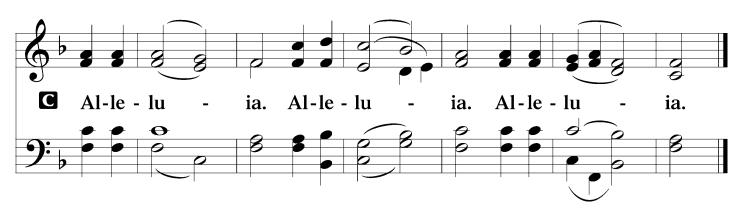
37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44–52

(The parables of the hidden treasure, pearl of great price, and catch of fish)

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



44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

51 Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

52 Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

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

From God Can Nothing Move Me LSB 713, vs. 1-5



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SERMON OFFERING

by Pastor Richardson

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Create in Me



[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P God has chosen us to be His treasured possession and has given His Son to die for us. Let us go to Him with all our concerns.

For the Church around the world, that lay and clergy members alike seek to reveal the invisible treasure of God's love in Christ; for all who seek value in themselves, that they discover God's great love for them, and for all those who will face God's judgment at the end of the age, that they realize the forgiveness He offers in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- P For the leaders of the world's nations, that they seek to relieve conflict and ensure justice; for farmers and ranchers that they look for ways that feed us all while caring for God's good earth; for all who go into harm's way in our communities and across the globe; and for all who work to meet the needs of those who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Guide, strengthen, and protect them all, heavenly Father.
- P For those near and dear to us in their various crises of health and long-term ills, [including . . .]; the victims of flood, fire, or quake; and those who do not know where to turn, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Visit, sustain, and open doors of healing and peace according to Your gracious will, O God.
- P For ourselves, parents and children, singles and couples, young and old, that we strengthen one another in faith and love, in strength and confidence amid the conflicts and turmoil of this world, that God's love and grace be evident in how we care for one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we call to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

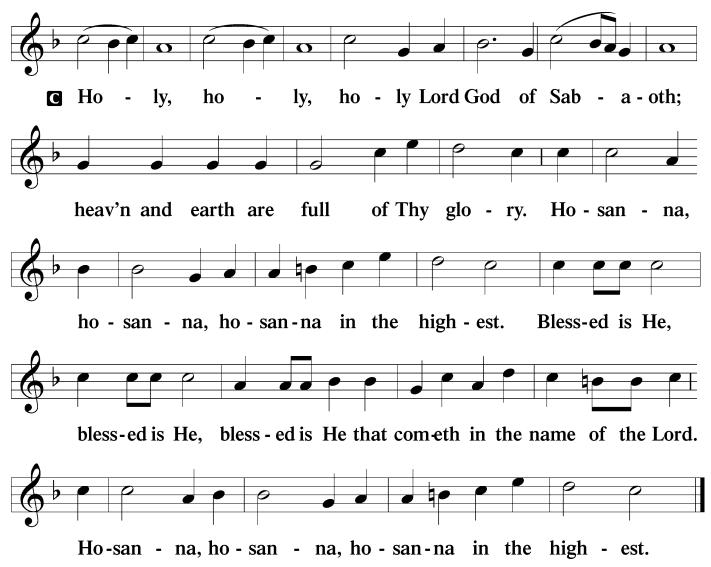
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the Continue on next page 15

sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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:

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

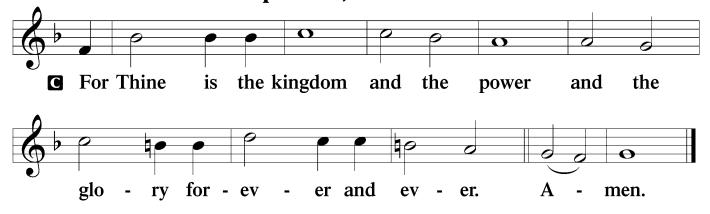
P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the 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.

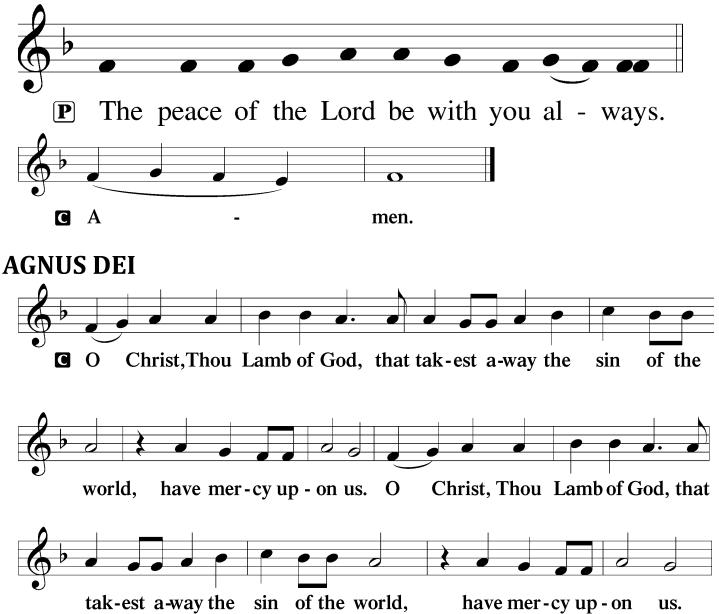


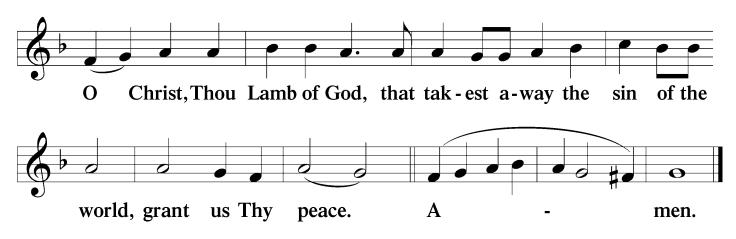
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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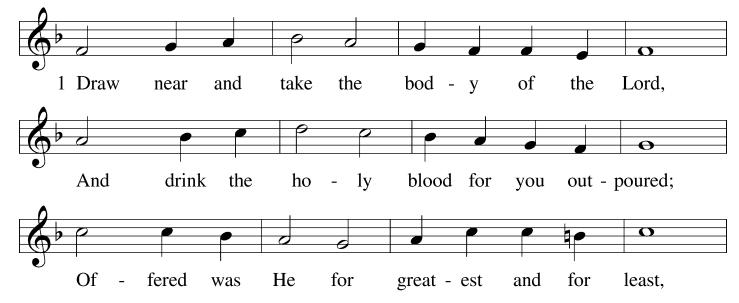
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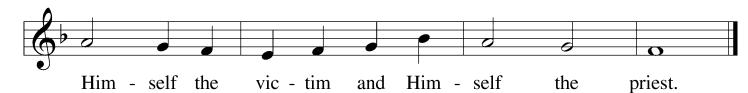
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord LSB 637



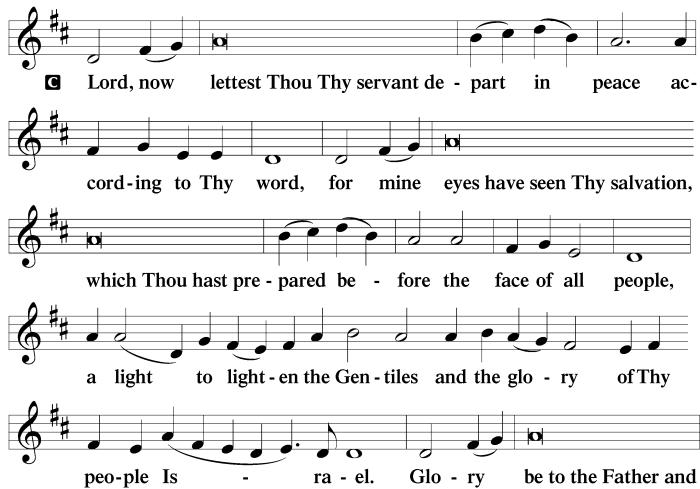


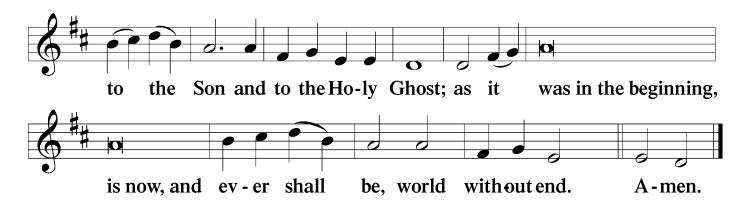
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
 With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
 0 Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
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As in this feast of love You bless us now. Text: Public domain

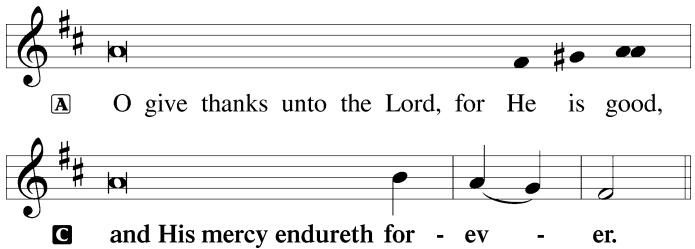
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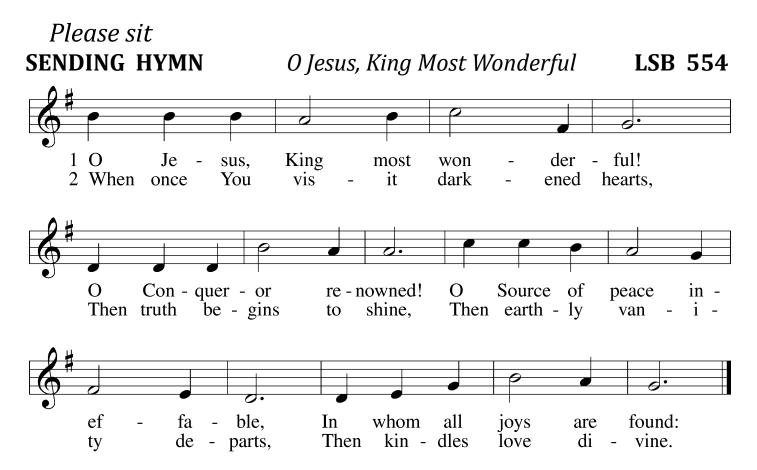


P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.









- 3 O Jesus, light of all below,The fount of life and fire,Surpassing all the joys we know,All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore, And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

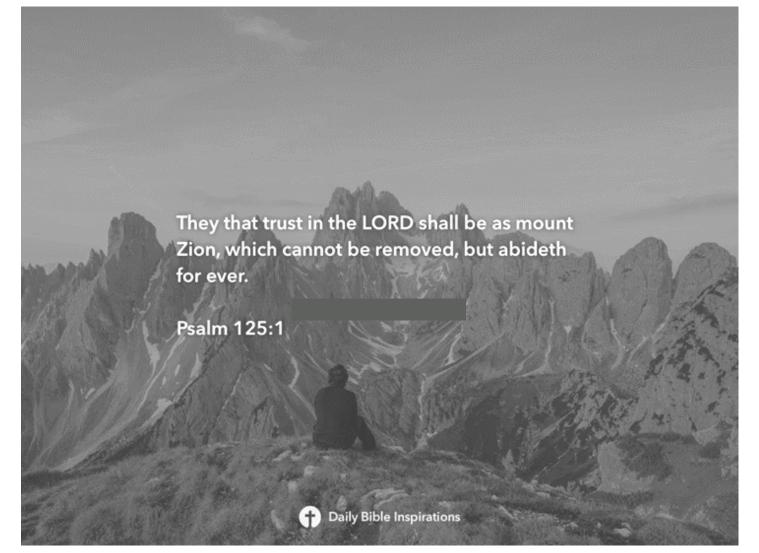
DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes				
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From the Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for July to September 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. Tim Sorenson is leading the class while Weber Family on vacation.

> **Elders' Meeting** Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall

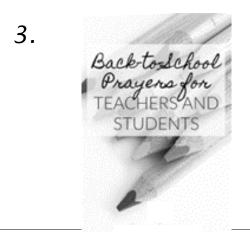
Immanuel Lutheran School



 Meet the Teacher (bring in school supplies)
 Sunday, August 27th, 2023
 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

 Fírst Day of School Monday, August 28th, 2023 Class begins at 8:00 a.m.





Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: 1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule			
	July Sunday Servants:	August Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Ken Eilers		
Altar Guild:	S. Wehling & R. Cisneros Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant			
Music:	Doris Pickering			
This Week	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost			
Usher:	Don Vogel			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am			
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am			
Next Week	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost			
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship	Service 9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bib	le Study 10:30 am		

The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be "his treasured possession," not because of any strength in us, but solely "because the Lord loves" us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He "keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments" (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us "great value" by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are "hidden in a field," covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but "to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29). Since we "are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us "at the right hand of God" (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:39).

7/23/2023			
Sunday Worship	32		Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Plate:		\$ 115.00	Readings :
Envelopes:		\$ 463.00	
On-line:			Isaiah 55:1-5
Donations:		\$ 30.00	Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26)
Total:		\$ 608.00	Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)
			Matthew 14:13-21
Bible Class: 10		\$ 6.00	

