

**OFFERTORY**  
"Bitten," Op. 48, No. 1, by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

*O God, Thy goodness reacheth so far,  
As far as clouds above us.  
Thy tender mercies crown our days and quickly  
Show that Thou dost love us.*

*O Lord, my rock, my fortress strong,  
Hear Thou my prayer which I prolong,  
As I now bow before Thee,  
As I now bow before Thee.*

**\*OFFERING SONG**  
**“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**  
**ELW Hymn 183**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**  
Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**  
**ELW Page 154**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  
*At the direction of the usher, please come forward by the center aisle  
and return by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available upon  
request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice  
(stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an  
usher. All who seek to receive Jesus in bread and cup are welcome to  
dine at this table.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**  
**“Lamb of God”**  
**“Here I am, Lord”**  
**ELW Page 154**  
**ELW Hymn 574**

**\*TABLE BLESSING**  
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**  
**\*BLESSING**  
The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

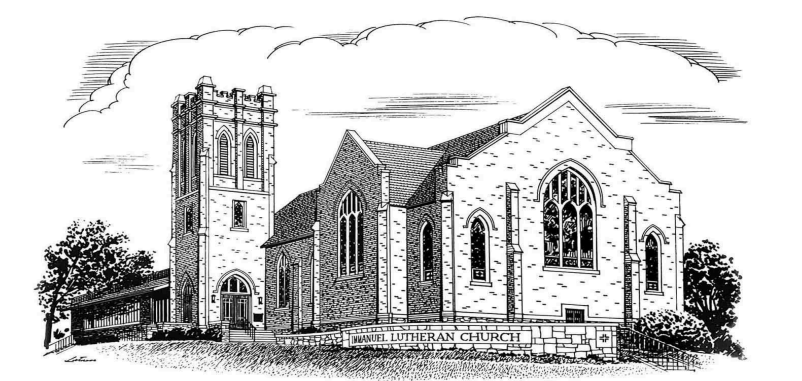
**\*SENDING HYMN**  
**“Be Thou My Vision”**  
**ELW Hymn 793**

**\*DISMISSAL**  
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**  
"Lift High the Cross," by Paul Manz (1919-2009)  
Based on ELW 660

**Welcome to Worship**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**



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**10:00 a.m**



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(red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

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\*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

"Take Up Your Cross," by Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Based on ELW 667

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**  
**You surround us with patience, kindness,**  
**and generosity,**  
**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
**Do not give up on us.**  
**Heal us, break our bonds,**  
**and show us the path of life.**  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God’s children through faith.  
In the cross of ☩ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**  
**“All My Hope on God is Founded”**

ELW Hymn 757

**\*GREETING**  
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor  
us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that,  
leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

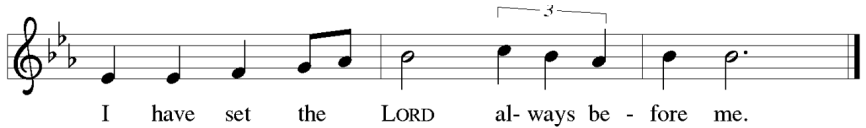
FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

15 Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the  
wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king  
over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over  
Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as  
prophet in your place.”

19 So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was  
plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with  
the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20 He  
left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my  
mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back  
again; for what have I done to you?” 21 He returned from following him,  
took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from  
the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate.  
Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALMODY: Psalm 16



1 Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all  
other.”  
**2 All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,**  
**upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**  
3 But those who run after | other gods  
shall have their troubles | multiplied.  
**4 I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,**  
**never take their names up- | on my lips. R**  
5 O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;  
it is you who up- | hold my lot.  
**6 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;**  
**indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**  
7 I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night | after night.  
**8 I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;**  
**because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. R**  
9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
my body also shall | rest in hope.  
**10 For you will not abandon me | to the grave,**  
**nor let your holy one | see the pit.**  
11 You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures for- | evermore. **R**

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not  
submit again to a yoke of slavery.

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not  
use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love  
become slaves to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a  
single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If,  
however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not  
consumed by one another.

16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.  
17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit  
desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to  
prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit,  
you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious:  
fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife,  
jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness,  
carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you  
before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There  
is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus  
have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the  
Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

51 When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to  
go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way  
they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53 but  
they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.  
54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you  
want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume  
them?” 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to  
another village.

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will  
follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have  
holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to  
lay his head.” 59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first  
let me go and bury my father.” 60 But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead  
bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of  
God.” 61 Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say  
farewell to those at my home.” 62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a  
hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**  
**“The Son of God, Our Christ”**

ELW Hymn 584

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**  
**... God of grace, hear our prayer.**

...Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**  
The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**