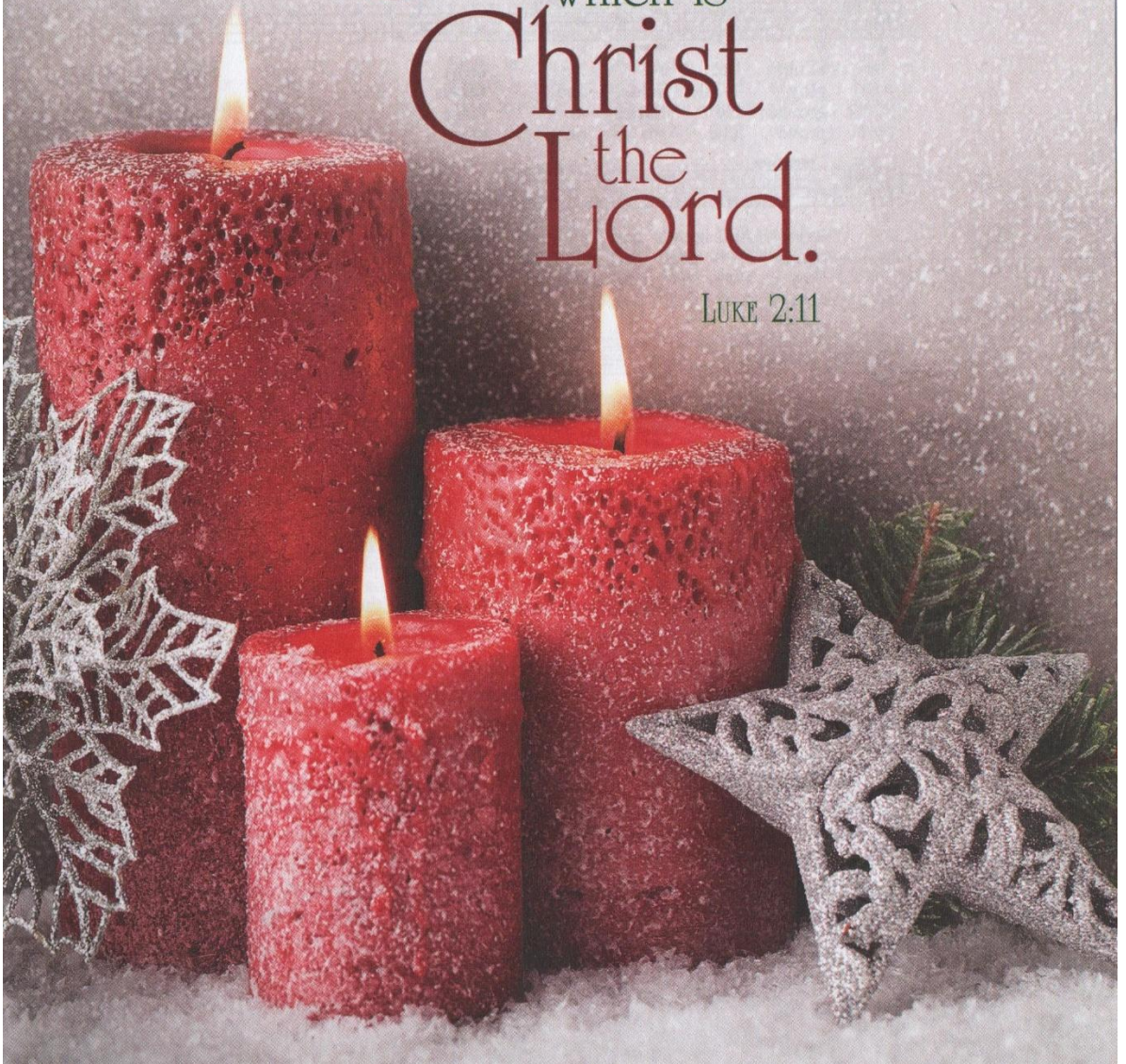


Unto you is born this day
in the city of David
a saviour,
which is
Christ
the
Lord.

LUKE 2:11



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Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

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Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

Christmas in July

July 26, 2026

Psalm 118:24

...This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVERS

...were given in loving memory of Mary Klein by her family.

L.W.M.L.

...Please note the date change for the July meeting. It doesn't work out for me or Nancy to have the meeting on July 28th. Our meeting will be on Aug. 4th at 2:00 at Nancy Brown's house. An email will come later this week with more details. Hope to see you there!!

175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

...The anniversary committee is hard-at-work organizing events and souvenirs for our 175th. Included are three services of celebration with guest speakers, a float for next year's Sugar Festival, a history booklet, bookmarks, sweatshirts, T-Shirts, and community outreach events. The community outreach focus will include a pop-up pantry/truck in the spring and a second effort which we are still working on. If you are interested in having an anniversary cap, please let Kelly Dufty know. She is working on this right now.

...We appreciate everyone who has donated money to help us with the events we are planning. Your continued support is necessary, both in prayer and with donations. Immanuel has been a part of this community for a long time, and we want the work of the Holy Spirit to continue through us as our church reaches out to the world around us. Our 175th anniversary is not only a time to give thanks, but also a time to look to the future. Please pray for Immanuel and the work of the 175th committee as we move forward. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Barbara Bleck, Anniversary Committee Chair

MUSEUMS

...Next Saturday, August first, and Sunday, August second, families and friends are invited to tour (no charge) the Old Town Hall, Carriage House, and Liken House Museums. The museums are open from 1-3 pm each day. Antique toys, furniture, home appliances, and more, are on display. The Sebewaing Area Historical Society (S.A.H.S.) hosts the three museums. The Old Town Hall is located next to the Son's Life Missionary Church. The Carriage House and Liken House are located across from the fire station.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ Our prayers and condolences to the family of **Gilbert Sprague Jr** who entered his heavenly home on July 20. A funeral service was held for Gil on Saturday, July 25 here at Immanuel.

+ **Theodore Holden Vlassis**, son born to Morgan Vermeersch and David Vlassis on July 1, 2026, who will be baptized later today. We pray for God's richest blessings over Theodore today and that his faith grows through the years.

+ **SPECIAL NEEDS**

...Vern Winter, Scott Adam, Lorraine Morey, Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers, Christine Brown, and Hank & Sandy Brandt.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, July 19, 2026; 9:00 – 11:30; Monday, 6:30 – 8:00

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Worth the Wait" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It's the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship. (Matthew 13:44)

CHICKEN BBQ

...The Chicken Barbecue is back! During the Unionville Ball Tournaments served at the Moravian Church, Sunday, August 2, from 11am-2pm. Take-out only of ½ chicken, potato, baked beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert for \$18 each.

BENEFIT CONCERT

...on August 16, 2026, at 4:30 PM come listen to pianist Michael Emshwiller at the Pigeon First United Methodist Church. Light refreshments provided. Free will offerings to benefit the Community Food Pantry of Pigeon.

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

... We are excited to share that Mrs. Christina Bedore will be teaching first grade this school year.

...Preschool will be hosting their Open House on August 5 from 6-8pm with a parent meeting at 6:30. Registration for K-8 will be August 12 from 11am-6pm.

Our Lord's Business this Week

July 26 – August 2

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP – Christmas in July**
 10:15 AM Bible Study

MONDAY: 5:00 PM Finance
 6:30 PM **WORSHIP/Communion**

THURSDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY: 7:15 AM Elders Meeting
 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion**
 10:15 AM Bible Study

SERVING NEXT WEEK (AUGUST 2)

Acolytes: 9:00-Mason Janke & Wyatt Heckroth

Greeters: 9:00-Kristi Eurich & Sarah Kemp

Scrip: 9:00-Stephanie Boyer

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 7: Larry Kuhl, Tim Irion, Andy Irion, Jim Hofmeister, David Mammel, Tim Beringer, William Harder

Online giving with Vanco



Christmas In July
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sebewaing, Michigan – July 26, 2026

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come___ ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee___ be___ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God___ In___ the___ high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

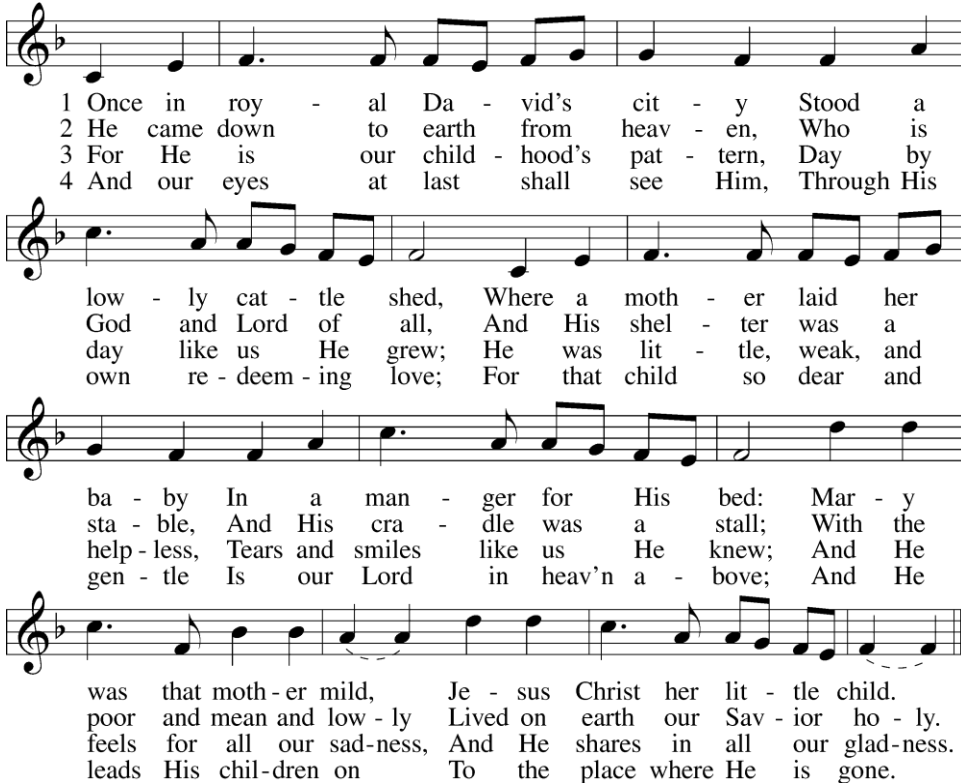
P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth

C Our God shall come He does not keep silence.

- P** Prepare the way of the Lord.
C Make His paths straight.
- P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Once in Royal David's City

LSB 376



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.

- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable
With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned,
All in white, His praise will sound!

Old Testament Reading from Isaiah 9.2-6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Epistle Reading from Titus 2.11-15

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel from Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for

behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Advent Responsory

- P** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- P** He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Away in a Manger

LSB 364

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay.

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Sermon

Offering

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Joy to the World

LSB 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.



Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Proper 13 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: Jesus has compassion on the crowd feeding them. He has compassion on you, covering you with His death and feeding you with His body and blood.

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit

Psalm 105.39-43, ant Psalm 105.1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the peoples!
He spread a cloud for a covering,
And fire to give light by night.
They asked, and he brought quail,
And gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
It flowed through the desert like a river.
For he remembered his holy promise,
And Abraham, his servant.
So he brought his people out with joy,
His chosen ones with singing.

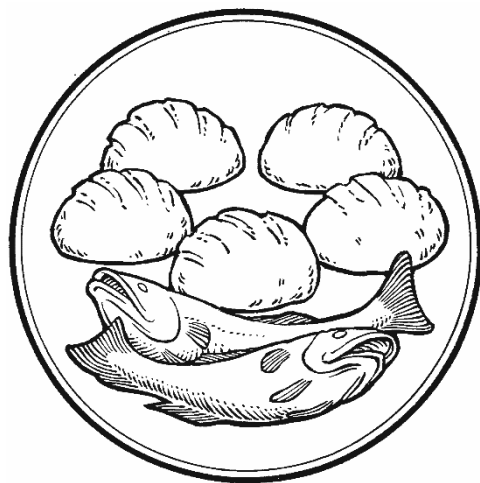
Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the peoples!



Collect

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual

Romans 11.33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Psalm for Proper 13 A may be read (Psalm 136.1-9(23-26)) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103	5	42	89.1-18	97	51	104
Evening	117; 139	84; 29	102; 133	1; 33	16; 62	142; 65	118; 111

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	1 Samuel 15.10-35	Acts 24.24-25.12
Monday	1 Samuel 16.1-23	Acts 25.13-27
Tuesday	1 Samuel 17.1-19	Acts 26.1-23
Wednesday	1 Samuel 17.20-47	Acts 26.24-27.8
Thursday	1 Samuel 17.48-18.9	Acts 27.9-26
Friday	1 Samuel 18.10-30	Acts 27.27-44
Saturday	1 Samuel 19.1-24	Acts 28.1-15

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55.1-5

How will life be when the Messiah comes?

What is this everlasting covenant, this sure love for David?

How will Israel be glorified?

Talk About Next Sunday's Second Reading: Romans 9.1-5(6-13)

What is Paul's desire for the Israelites?

Has God's Word failed that all the Israelites do not believe in the Christ?

What does Paul have confidence in regardless of who believes and who does not?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.13-21

What does Jesus' compassion move Him to do?

Why would Jesus feed all these people?

What was He teaching the disciples?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

The Lord's Prayer Continued

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

'Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these' " ~Matthew 19:14

Since COVID our Sunday School program has seen a significant decline in attendance. We would love to get your feedback as to why your child comes, or does not come, to Sunday School and what we can do better.

We appreciate your honest feedback and appreciate your time to complete and return this survey. Please return survey to:

- Church Office
- Box in Narthex

Age group of your child at end of 2025-2026 school year? (If more than one child, please check all that apply)

- _____ 3 year old - Grade 1
- _____ Grade 2 - Grade 5
- _____ Grade 6 - Grade 8

Does your child attend Sunday School?

- If no, please let us know why: _____

- If yes:

- What does your child like about Sunday School? _____

- What would your child like to see differently? _____

What do you think we need to do to attract/keep children coming to Sunday School?

What can we do to make Sunday School a better experience for children? _____

Additional Comments: _____



Benefit Concert

PERFORMANCE BY PIANIST

MICHAEL EMSHWILLER

**FREE
CONCERT**

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 16
4:30 PM**

**LIGHT
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