

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2026
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*
9:00 A.M.
Worship Service**

**10:30 A.M.
Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School**

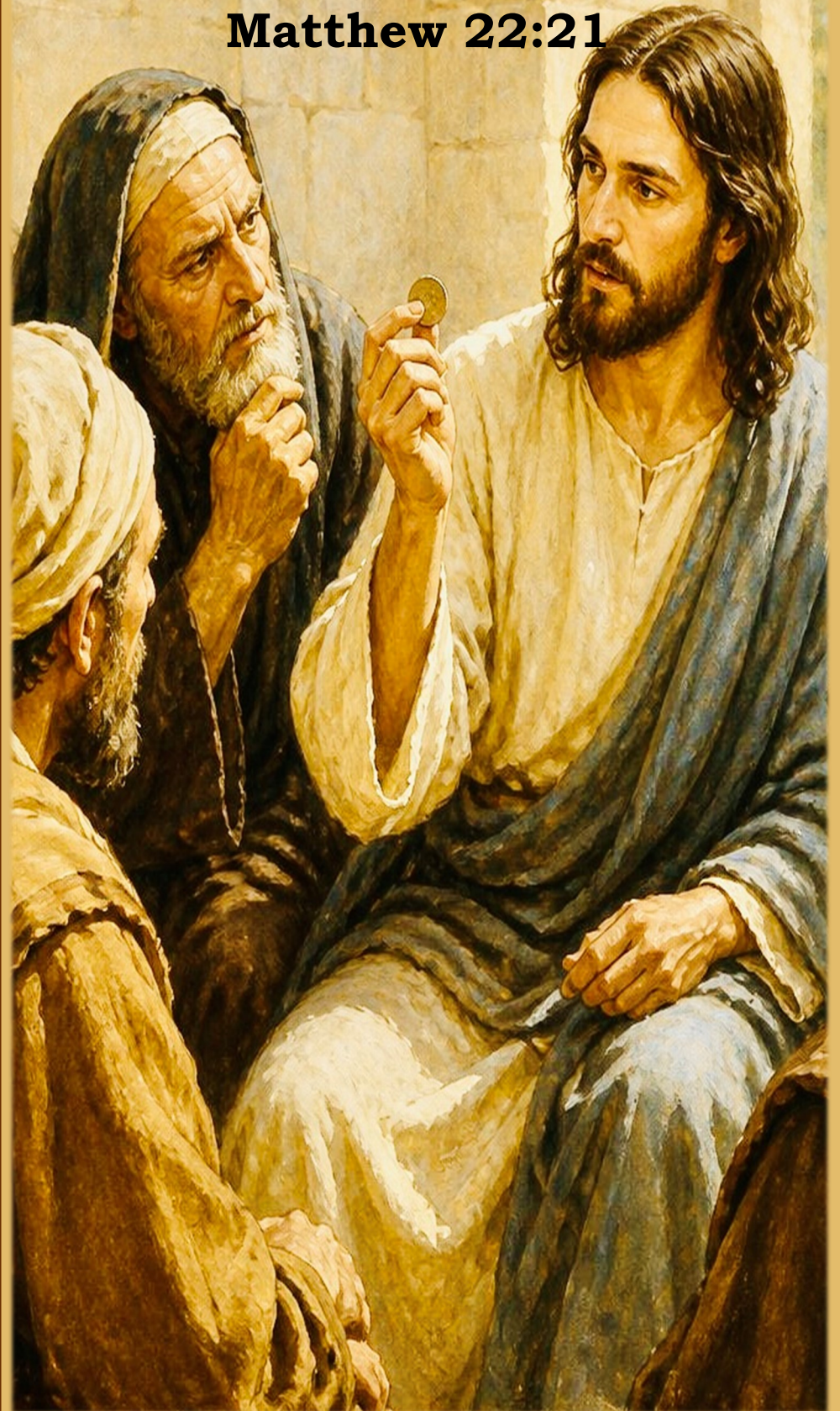
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**“Render therefore to Caesar the
things that are Caesar’s, and to
God the things that are God’s.”
Matthew 22:21**



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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10; 1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - God of time and eternity, You desire that I live to Your glory in Christ, my Lord. Help me to love You with all that I have and all that I am, to love my neighbors as myself, and to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiveness day by day. Grant me proper priorities, immovable faith, and untiring love for those around me as I await the joy of Your eternal kingdom. This I ask for
2 the sake of Jesus, my Savior and my King. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - There are certain “givens” in our earthly lives. In a letter written in 1789, American statesman Benjamin Franklin wrote: “In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes.” Paying taxes is one of those unavoidable duties we have as citizens of our nation. Paul directed the Christians at Rome to pay “taxes to whom taxes are owed” (Romans 13:7) as part of their ongoing responsibilities. Jesus and His disciples also paid taxes (Matthew 17:24–27). While paying taxes may not be a joy-filled experience, giving from what God has given us to support the work done in our Lord’s name can be a source of joy as we bring an offering and come into His courts to “worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness” (Psalm 96:8–9).

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;



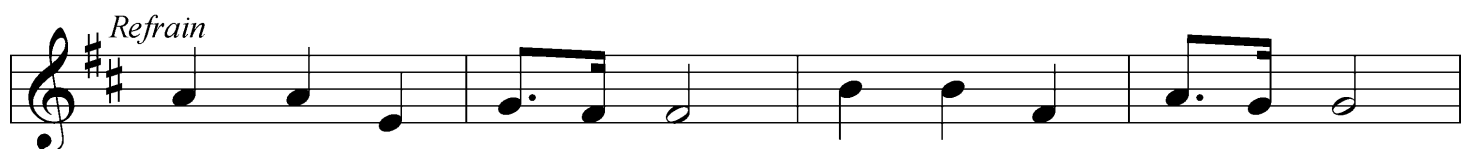
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

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2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and
 confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name
 of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the
 name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

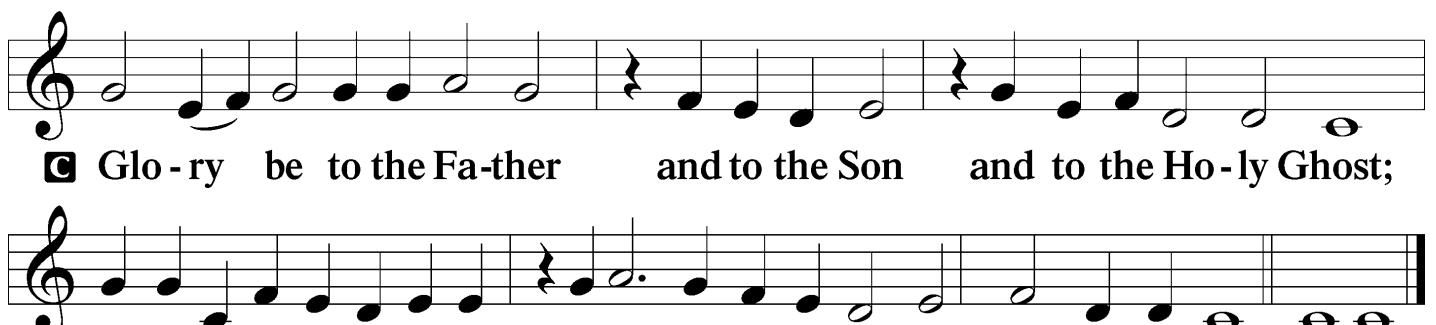
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
 C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 5*

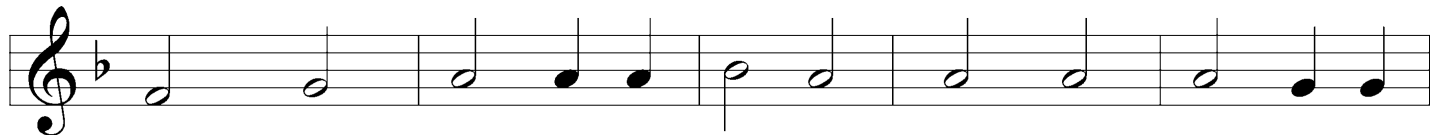
- P The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
 C **I will lift up my eyes to the hills— from whence comes my help?**
 P My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
 C **He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.**
 P Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 C **The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.**
 P The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.
 C **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



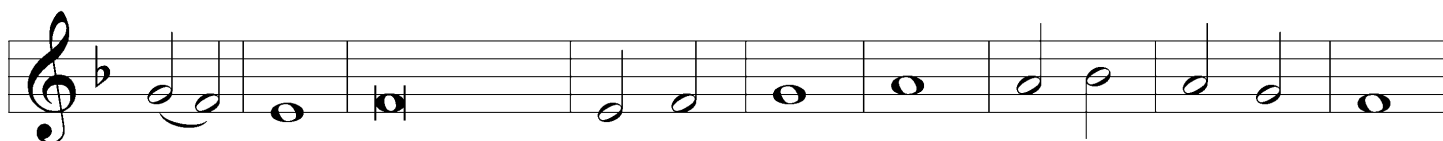
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



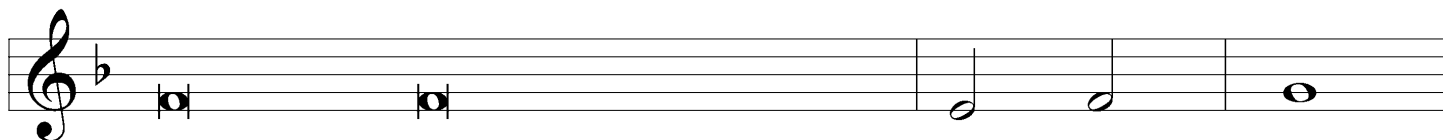
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



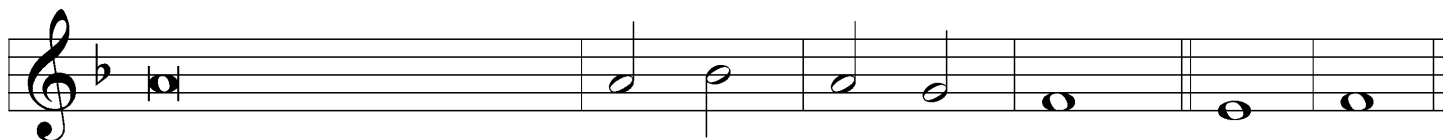
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

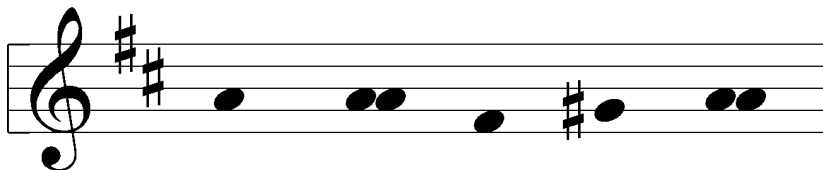


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

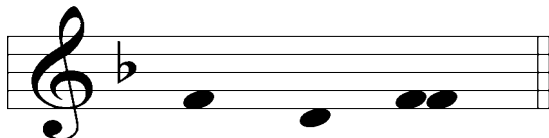
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



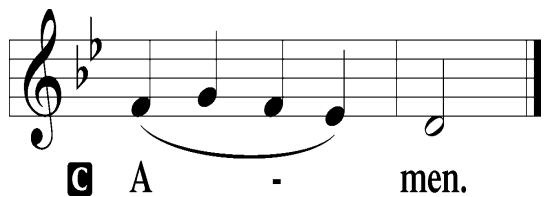
R And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1–7

(It is the Lord alone who rules the world.)

1 “Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut:

2 ‘I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron.

3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.

4 For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

5 I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me,

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other;

7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things.’

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 96:1–13

P Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

C Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

P Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

C For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

P For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

C Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

P Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, give to the Lord glory and strength.

C Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.

P Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

C Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; the world also is firmly established, it shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."

P Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

C Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice

P before the Lord.

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

(In Christ, God's people lead exemplary lives of faith.)

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, 4 knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. 5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

(Teaching about giving what is due to Caesar and to God)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money."

So they brought Him a denarius.

20 And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

21 They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C 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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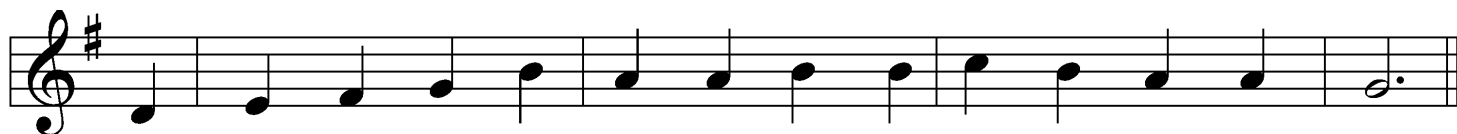
HYMN OF THE DAY

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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SERMON *“Jesus’ Harmonious Gift of His Kingdoms of Power and Grace”*

Matthew 22:15-22

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Create in Me

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* [American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church and for all gathered here together in worship, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the world in which we live and most directly for our nation, that we meet our various responsibilities and duties as citizens of our land, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the well-being of creation, for all coastlands and waters, for all fields and forests, and for our proper stewardship of the gifts given to us by our Creator as stewards of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the whole church, that it may grow and flourish even in those places where hardship or persecution is experienced by those who

bear the name of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who are injured or ill at this time, for those dealing with special challenges, for the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day, [including . . .], that they would know the comfort of Christ and the support and love of His people, let us pray to the Lord.

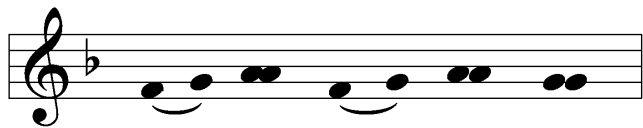
C Lord, have mercy.

P Remembering with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed and who dwell in light eternal, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, looking forward to a grand reunion in the courts of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord:

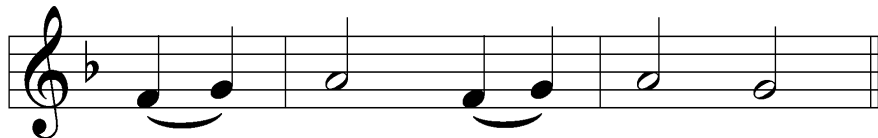
C Lord, have mercy and hear our prayer. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE



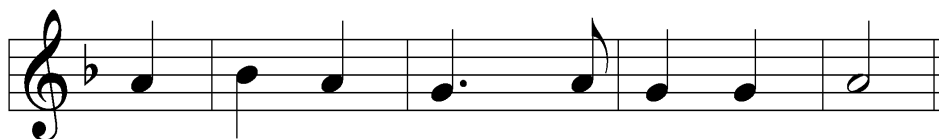
P The Lord be with you.



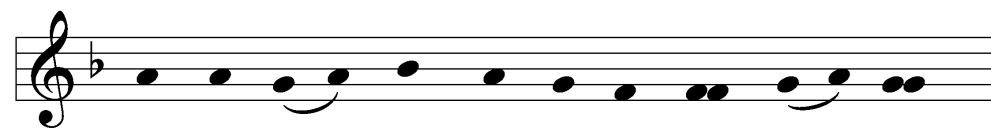
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,

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because Your mercy attends us all our days. Graciously You provide for all our wants of body and soul. Grant that Your Holy Spirit guard, guide, and comfort us throughout the days of our journey on earth as Your pilgrim people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



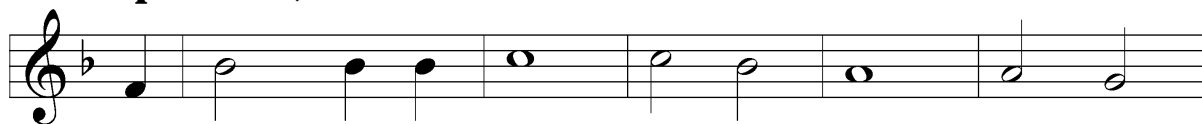
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 for give us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



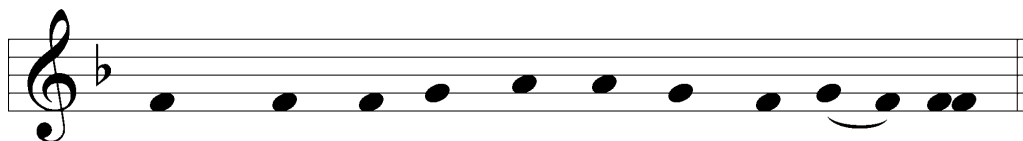
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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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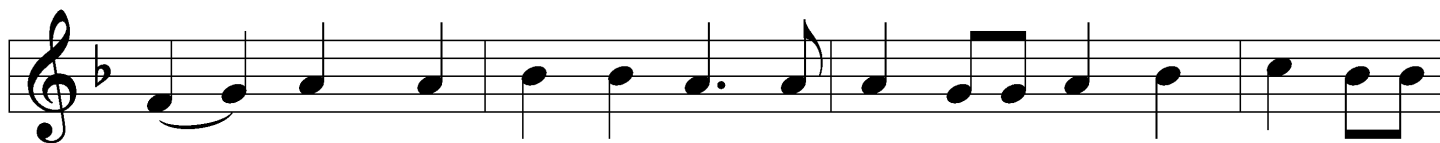


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

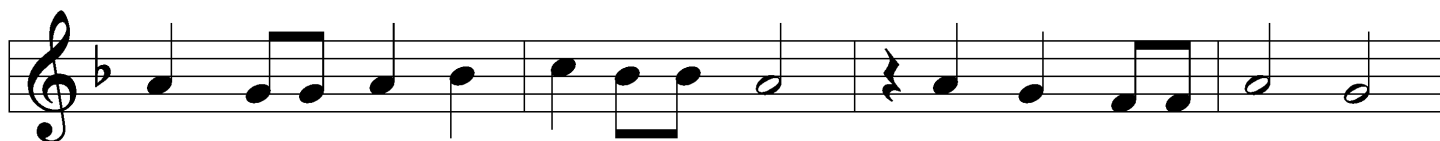
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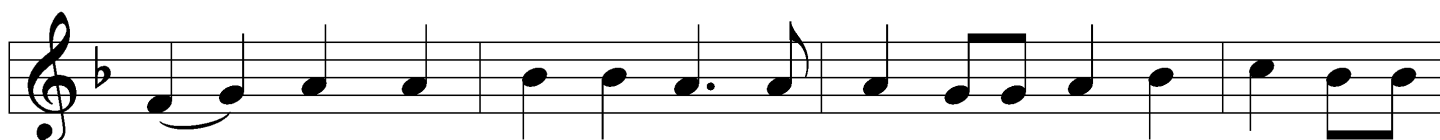
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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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.

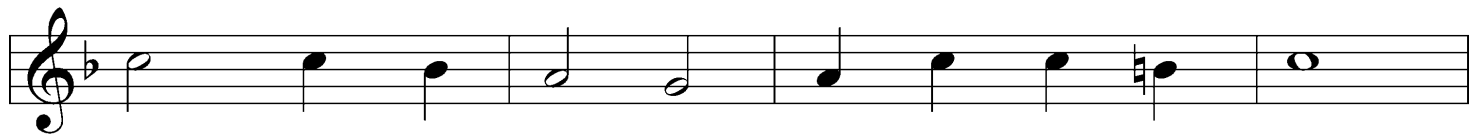
COMMUNION HYMN *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord* LSB 637



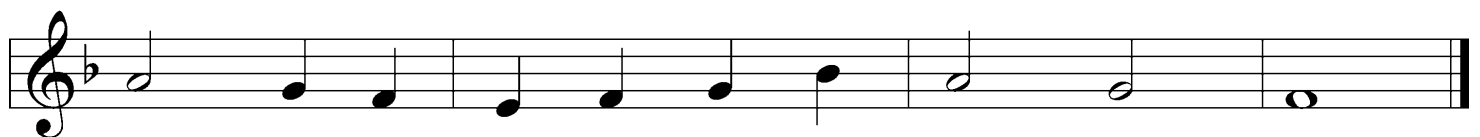
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

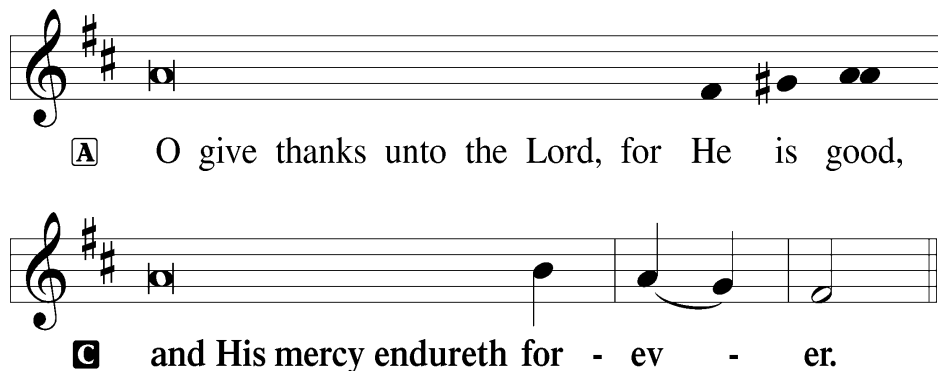
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

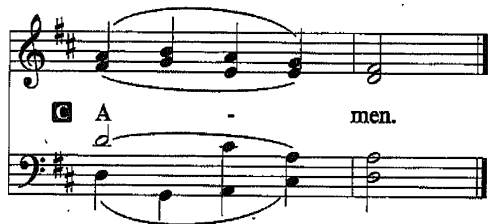
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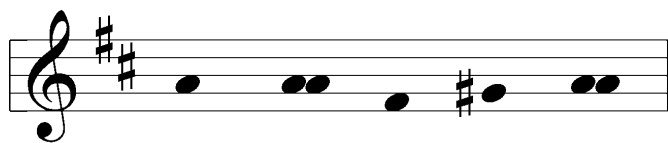
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again
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fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we live with hope and confidence, keeping the priorities of our lives in ways that show forth Your love. Support us in this life and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



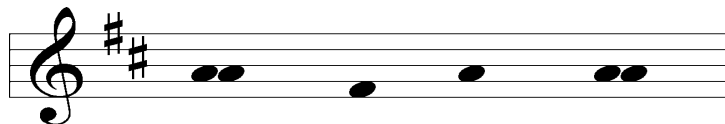
BENEDICAMUS



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

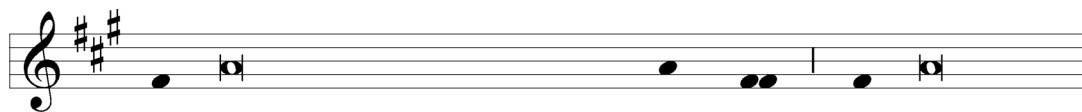


A Bless we the Lord.

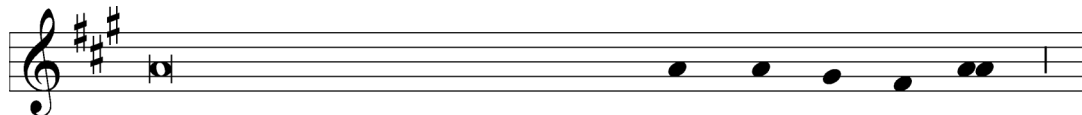


C Thanks be to God.

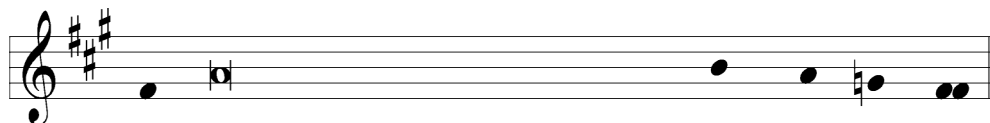
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Immanuel Lutheran School Annual Kettle Popcorn Sale

Mini Bag \$ 7.00

Small Bag 10.00

Large Bag 15.00

Call or come by the office to place your order for some delicious kettle popcorn.

Office #: 956-565-1518 or 956-648-5697

Deadline for placing order and making payment is Tuesday, October 20th.

We will call you when popcorn has been delivered to come by office and pick up order.

Thank you for your support and God Bless You.

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > *Portals of Prayer* for July to September 2026 are available in the Narthex or office.
 - > Join us for *Sunday School and Bible Study* at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Weber is leading the class.
 - > *Plastic bottle caps and can tabs* are still being collected.
 - > *Confirmation Class* - Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
 - > *Immanuel School Open House* - Monday, Oct. 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to visit.
 - > *3rd Quarterly Voters' Meeting* - Sunday, Oct. 25th, right after the Service in the Fellowship Hall; with a luncheon to follow.
 - > *Men's Steak Night/Bible Study* - Tuesday, Oct. 27th @ 6:00 p.m.
 - > *Immanuel School Trunk or Treat* - Sat., Oct. 31st from 5:00 p.m. to ???.
- Christ Corner Baseball Field (corner of Washington Ave. and 3rd Street).*

Thank you for your support to the school.

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10/11/2026		
Sunday Worship	33	
Plate:		\$ 445.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,733.33
On-line/ Tithely		
Other:		
Memorial:		
Other: Bible Class	18	\$ 13.00
TOTAL		\$ 2,191.33

Budgeted Need YTD:	\$188,177
Actual Giving YTD:	\$133,571
Over/(Shortfall) YTD:	(\$54,606)
Budgeted Need Weekly:	\$4,480
For Church Balances, see Treasurer Reports	

<i>REFORMATION DAY</i> <i>(OBSERVED)</i> <i>(PROPER 25)</i> Revelation 14:6–7 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19–28 John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

Memory Verse Challenge: *John 8:31–32*

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	October Sunday Servants	November Sunday Servants
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Don Vogel
Altar Guild:	Maggie Weber	Laurie Brown/Maggie Weber
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Reformation Sunday (Observed)	
Usher:	Jerry Frese	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am