

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 22, 2023
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**

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

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**"Render therefore unto
Caesar the things which
are Caesar's; and unto
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.

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 - Almighty God, Your Word and will are accomplished despite the enemies of Your purpose and through the unlikely means of those indifferent to You. Encourage me when I am quick to judge and slow to believe, that I may never forget the triumph of Your saving purpose in Your Son; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - One of the most famous sayings of Jesus appears to provide a neat and tidy divide between the worldly power of government and the spiritual power of the Church. Is that really what Christ is doing? Is He marking the divide or is He commending all things and the ultimate authority to the saving purpose of our heavenly Father? The things that belong to Caesar appear to be valuable in the moment but are temporary and temporal. The things of God are everything—all things in heaven and earth. They are eternal. In reality, there is nothing that does not belong to God, although the Lord assigns different people with the different responsibilities of church and state. In this

question of who is in charge, God makes it clear that He is always in charge and always working for our salvation.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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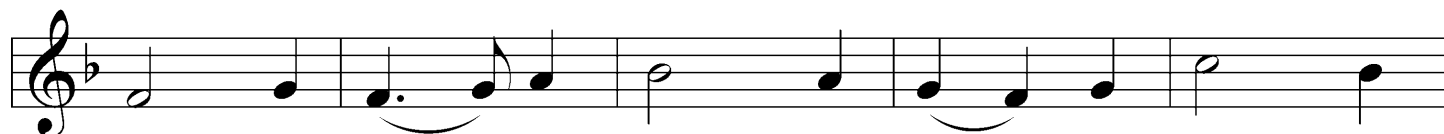
PRELUDE

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

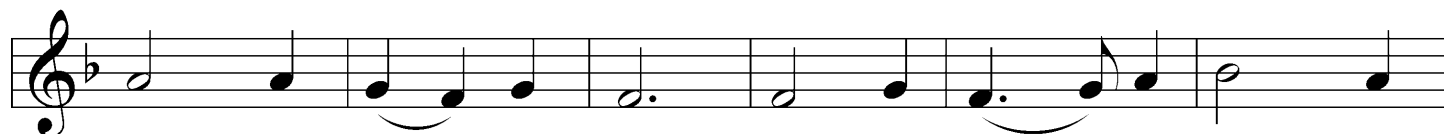
OPENING HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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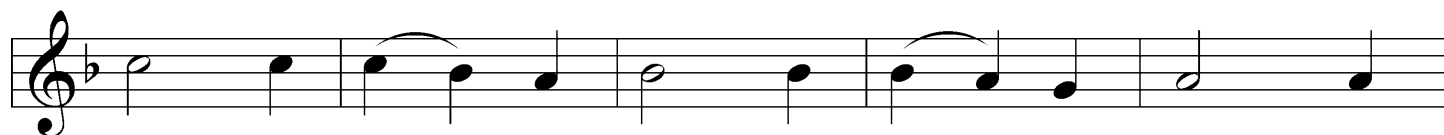
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your



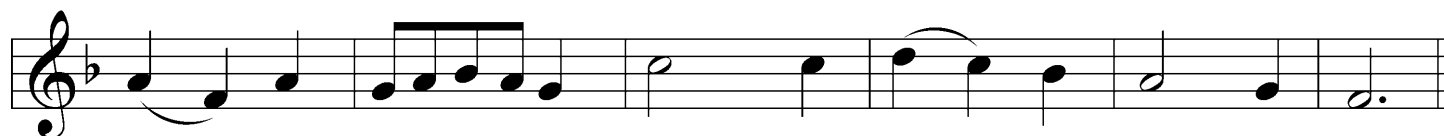
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

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- 3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

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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 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 **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 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

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;



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.



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,



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—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 45:1–7*

("I am the LORD, and there is no other.")

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 *Psalm 96; antiphon: v. 9a*

P Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

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

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

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

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

C For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made

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the heavens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C 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.

P Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

(Become imitators of us and of the Lord.)

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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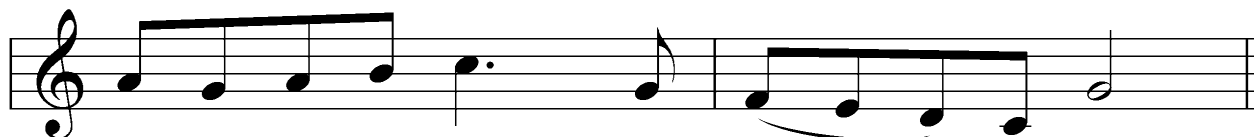
ALLELUIA and VERSE



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 22:15-22*

("Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.")

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

C Glory to You , 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

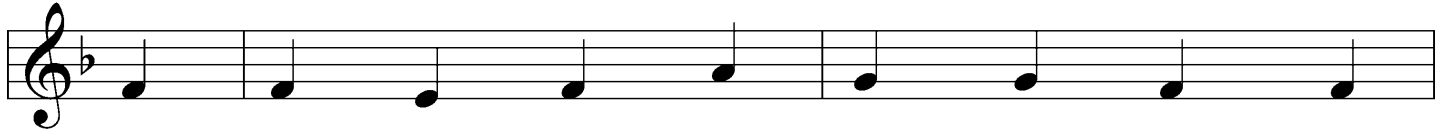
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

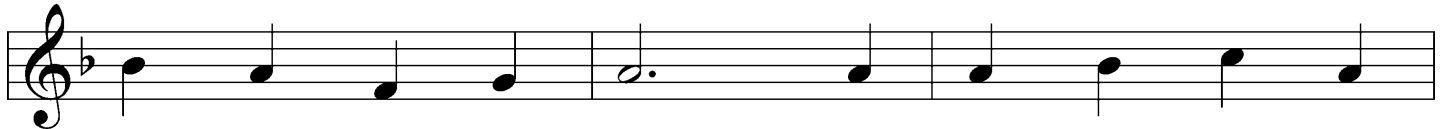
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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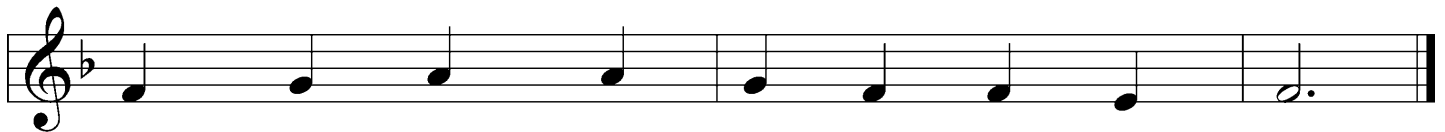
HYMN OF THE DAY *The Temple Rang with Golden Coins* **LSB 787**



1 The tem - ple rang with gold - en coins The
2 A wid - ow came with cop - per coins And
3 When Je - sus saw her cost - ly gift And
4 At last He brought His of - fer - ing And
5 Lord, help us all, with You, to yield What -



rich in bright ar - ray Con - trib - ut - ed from
of - fered them in praise. They were the last she
knew she had no more, He praised a love that
laid it on a tree; There gave Him - self, His
ev - er love de - mands And free - ly give, as



gleam - ing hoards Their scales could scarce - ly weigh.
had to give Or save for dark - er days.
spared not self And called her rich, though poor.
life, His love For all hu - man - i - ty.
You have giv'n, With o - pen hearts and hands.

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SERMON *“God’s gracious Gospel loophole given in Jesus’ name”*
(Matthew 22:15-21)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *We Give Thee But Thine Own* **LSB 781**



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. 11

- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.
- 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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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:21)
[using American Sign Language]

BAPTISM of Ryan Tyler Cantú and Raegan Rayne Estevanes

Parents: RJ & Laura Estevanes

Sponsors:(Ryan) Jason & Isela Villaseñor(Raegan) Andrew & Victoria Castañeda

PROFESSION OF FAITH of RJ & Laura Estevanes and Ryan Cantú

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and
for all people according to their needs.
Give to Your Church, O Lord, Your Word and Your Spirit,
that we hear Your voice and follow where You lead,

proclaiming Your Gospel to every corner of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to the nations good and faithful leaders who will work under the guidance of Your Word to lead the peoples with equity and justice, fostering freedom so that we may worship You and love our neighbor, living in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to homes wisdom and love, that they be places of blessing and peace, bound together by forgiveness, and nurtured by the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to all people respect for the gift of life, courage to stand against those who would disdain the child in the womb or the aged, and encourage husbands and wives, parents and children in their life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to the sick and those who suffer every blessing of Your presence and healing in accordance with Your will, that they be supported in their afflictions and granted patience until the day when perfect healing reigns. [Hear us especially for . . .] Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us eyes to see Your goodness and the gifts of Your mercy that crown all our days, and give to our hearts gratitude that we use Your gifts for Your glory, for the good of our neighbors in need, and for the support of the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things, heavenly Father, for which we pray, grant to us according to Your mercy, providing to us all things needful and beneficial and keeping from us all things as may prove harmful to our faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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,



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



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.

- 3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.
- 5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer-October to December 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.*

October Activities

Immanuel Lutheran School

*Delicious kettle popcorn fundraiser!
Thank you for your support for our school.
Popcorn will be delivered between Oct. 27th and 30th.*

Trunk-or-Treat

*Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; church parking spaces around the building.
(Church members and Winter Texans participation welcome)*

Fall Market

*Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
(Vendor space available, text Lorri Marchant for more details @ 956-472-4313).*

RECEPTION CELEBRATION

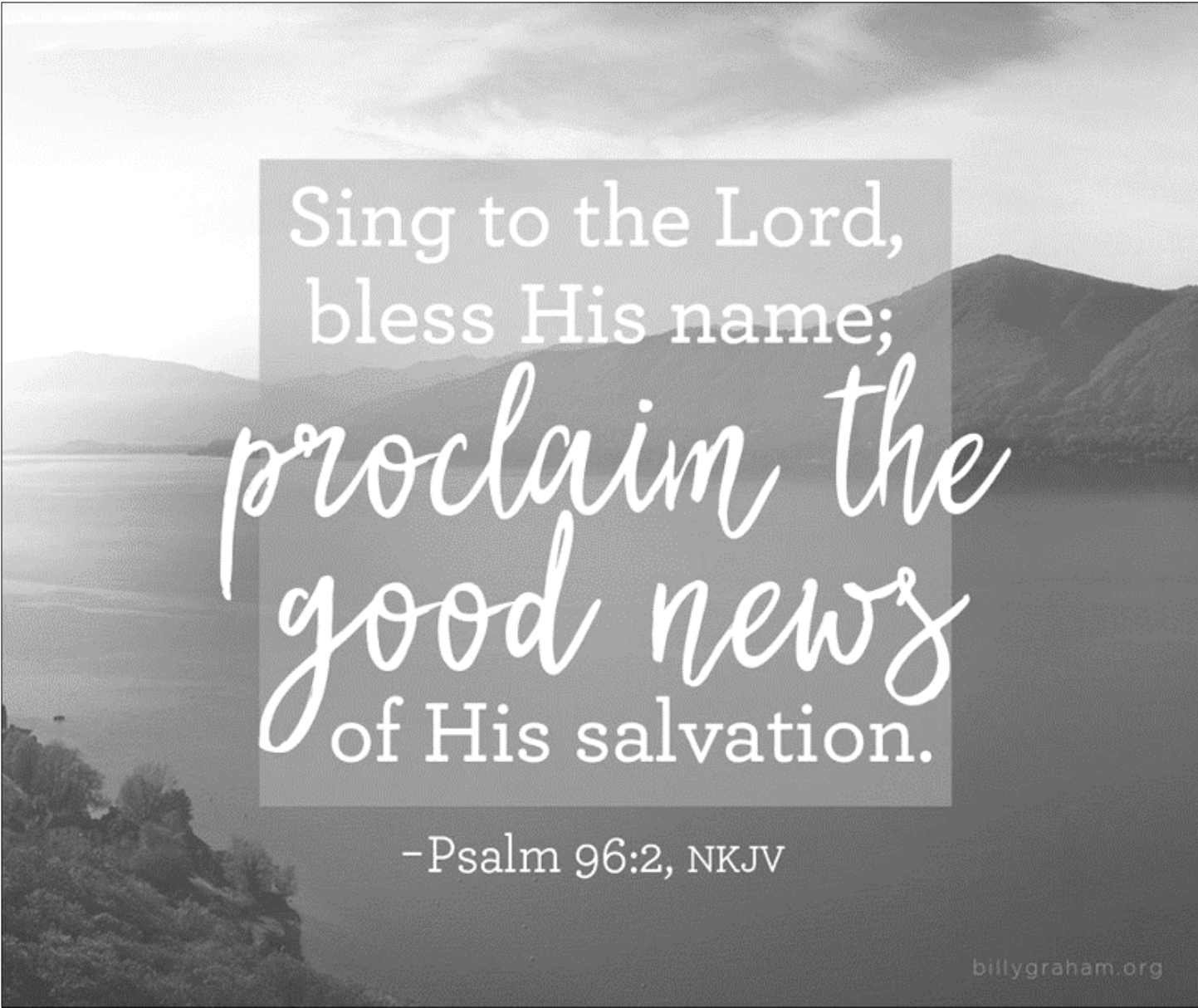
with the Estevanes Family

following the Service in the Social Hall
to welcome them into Immanuel's
church family.



Sermon Notes:

A series of horizontal lines for writing notes, with a semi-transparent image of a basket of white eggs overlaid on the bottom portion.



Sing to the Lord,
bless His name;

*proclaim the
good news*
of His salvation.

-Psalm 96:2, NKJV

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

This week's memory verse: *Matthew 11:28*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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Sunday Worship	41	
Plate:		\$ 445.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,338.00
On-line		\$ 500.00
Donation:		
Portals of Prayer		\$ 30.00
Total:		\$ 3,313.00
Bible Class:	21	\$ 25.00

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Readings:

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).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	October Sunday Servants	
Elder:	Dan Wehling	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling/Rose Ann Cisneros	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Reformation Sunday/Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am