

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 23, 2022**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
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Missouri Synod



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

Worship Service

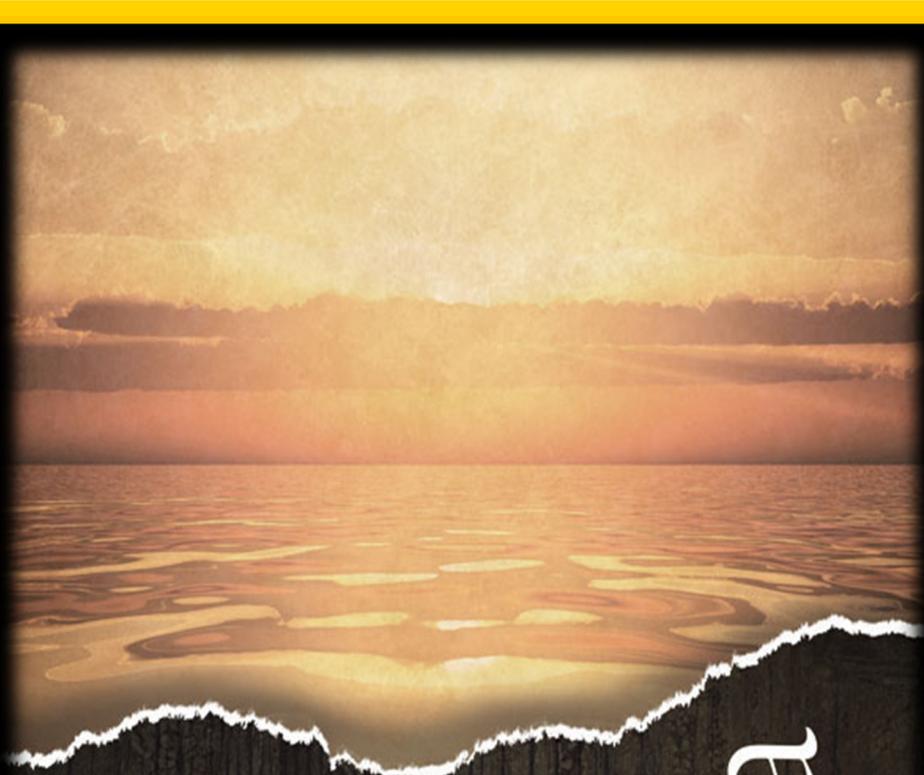
10:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

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

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8 am to 12 pm
CCLI # 2585510**



**“And the Lord will deliver me
from every evil work and
preserve me for His heavenly
kingdom. To Him be glory
forever and ever.**

Amen!”

2 Timothy 4:18

Deo Gloria

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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 and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than I to pray and always ready to give more than I either desire or deserve. Strengthen me in the certainty of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom, that I may always trust in Him who was crucified for my salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - "Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16). Take these words of Jesus to heart! No matter your age, no matter your life's journey, when you trust in the Lord Jesus as your King and Savior, our Father in heaven sees you as His precious child! "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1). Come unto Jesus this day, dear children of God! Draw close at His gracious invitation. Be comforted by the assurance of His pardon. Listen to the voice of

His living and active Word. Be filled with His presence at the feast
He has prepared. Enjoy all the benefits of being a child of God! The
Kingdom belongs to you!

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

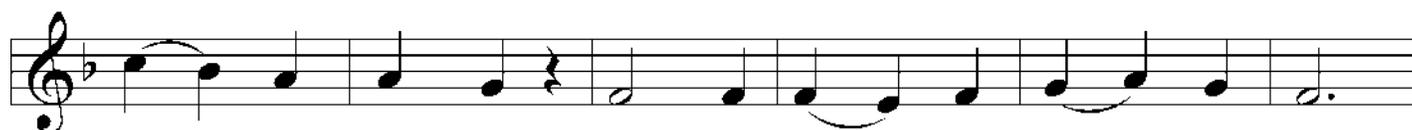
OPENING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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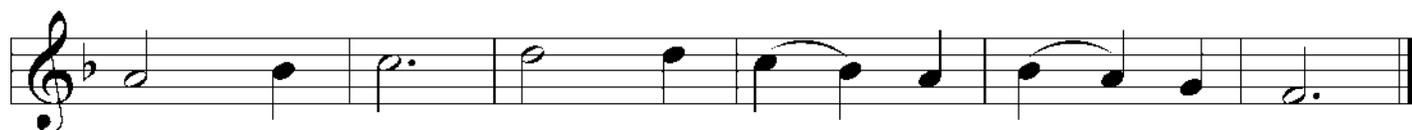
1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.

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Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

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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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 56:10–13; antiphon: v. 3*

P Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

C In God I will praise His word, in the Lord I will praise His word,

P In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

C Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You,

P For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

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 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



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,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



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—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Strengthen us in the certainty of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom, that, as Your children, we may love and trust in You all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 4:1-15*

(Cain and Abel bring their offerings to the Lord.)

1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." 2 Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." 8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. 11 So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." 13 And Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater

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than I can bear! 14 Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.” 15 And the Lord said to him, “Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 5; antiphon: v. 11a* (“Let them ever sing for joy.”)

P But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;

C Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

P Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray.

C My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up.

P For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You.

C The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.

P You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

C But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

P Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before my face.

C For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is destruction; their throat is an open tomb; they flatter with their tongue.

P Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You.

C But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You. For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.

P But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18*

(The Lord will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom.)

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.

17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-17

(The kingdom of God belongs to the children who come to Jesus.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You , O Lord.

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

15 Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

All 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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Glory Be to God on High

LSB 947



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



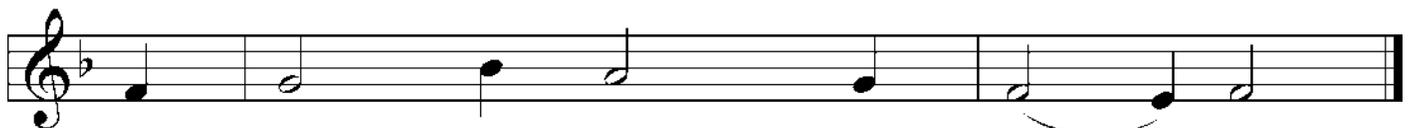
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.
Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
To this we hold for - ev - er.

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SERMON

“To God be all glory for His Salvation”

(2 Timothy 4:18)

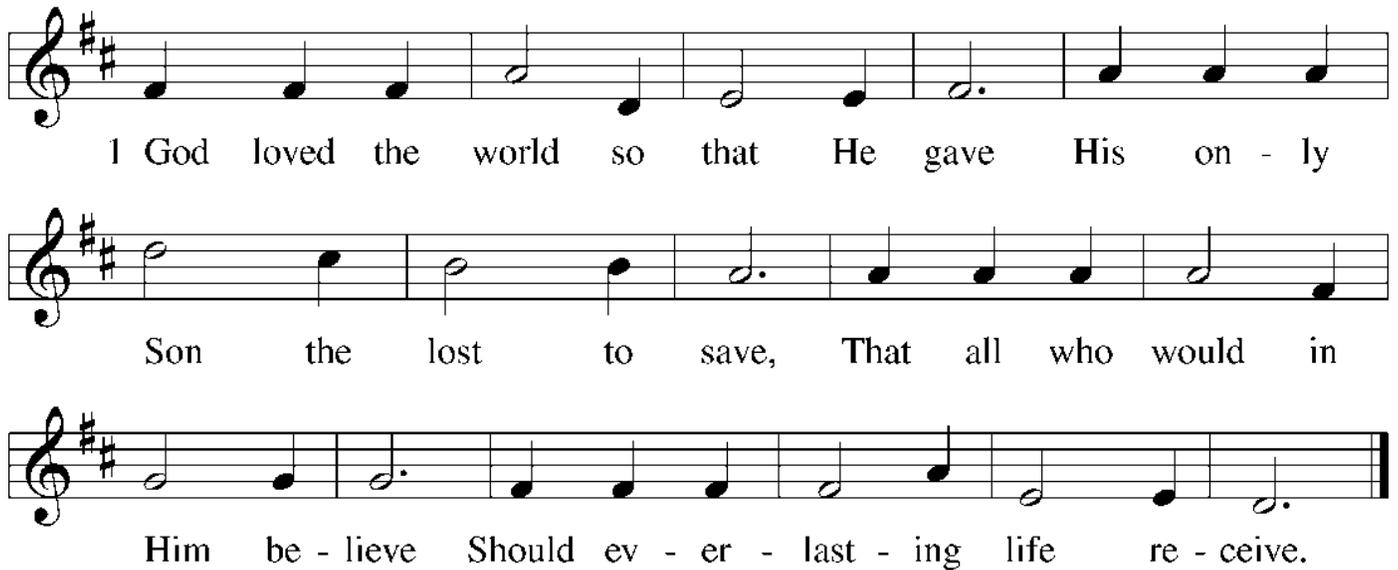
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OFFERTORY

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571 vs. 1,6



I God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
Son the lost to save, That all who would in
Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.

6  Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

(John 20:21)

[using American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for all the children of God, members of His heavenly kingdom, and also for all others whose needs are known to the Lord, that they may experience the certainty of His promises and blessings in their lives.
Gracious Father, we are richly blessed to come unto Jesus at His gracious invitation and to be assured of our identity as Your children and members of Your eternal kingdom. Inspire in us a dedication to the priorities of Your kingdom, O Lord, that we may dedicate ourselves to worshipping You
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and to making Your love known to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear Your children pray!

P Loving Savior, many things in this world distract us from Your Word and draw us away from spending time in Your presence. Renew us, dear Jesus, by the Word that we have heard this day. Remind us of Your forgiveness for our trespasses and restoration for our brokenness that, with hearts and hands lifted to You, we rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Your will for Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear Your children pray!

P Your Word instructs us, sovereign Lord, to lift before You our leaders and all those who serve in positions of authority among us. Grant Your blessing to all who make, administer, and judge our nation's laws. Protect those who lay down their lives for their fellow citizens. Uplift those who are weary and downtrodden in their daily lives that they may find joy in the roles they have in their families, communities, and congregations, knowing that their labor in the Lord is never in vain. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear Your children pray!

P Healing Savior, Your ministry on earth included bringing heaven's touch to many who were afflicted with pain and suffering. Each of us has upon our hearts and minds people in need of healing mercies this day, and, for these and for all others who are sick, hurting, and undergoing procedures, we ask for Your special care and healing touch to be extended. [Today we pray especially for . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear Your children pray!

P Into Your hands of mercy, faithful Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Him who invites us to experience the certainty of faith that belongs to members of His heavenly kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Glory Be to God the Father

LSB 506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

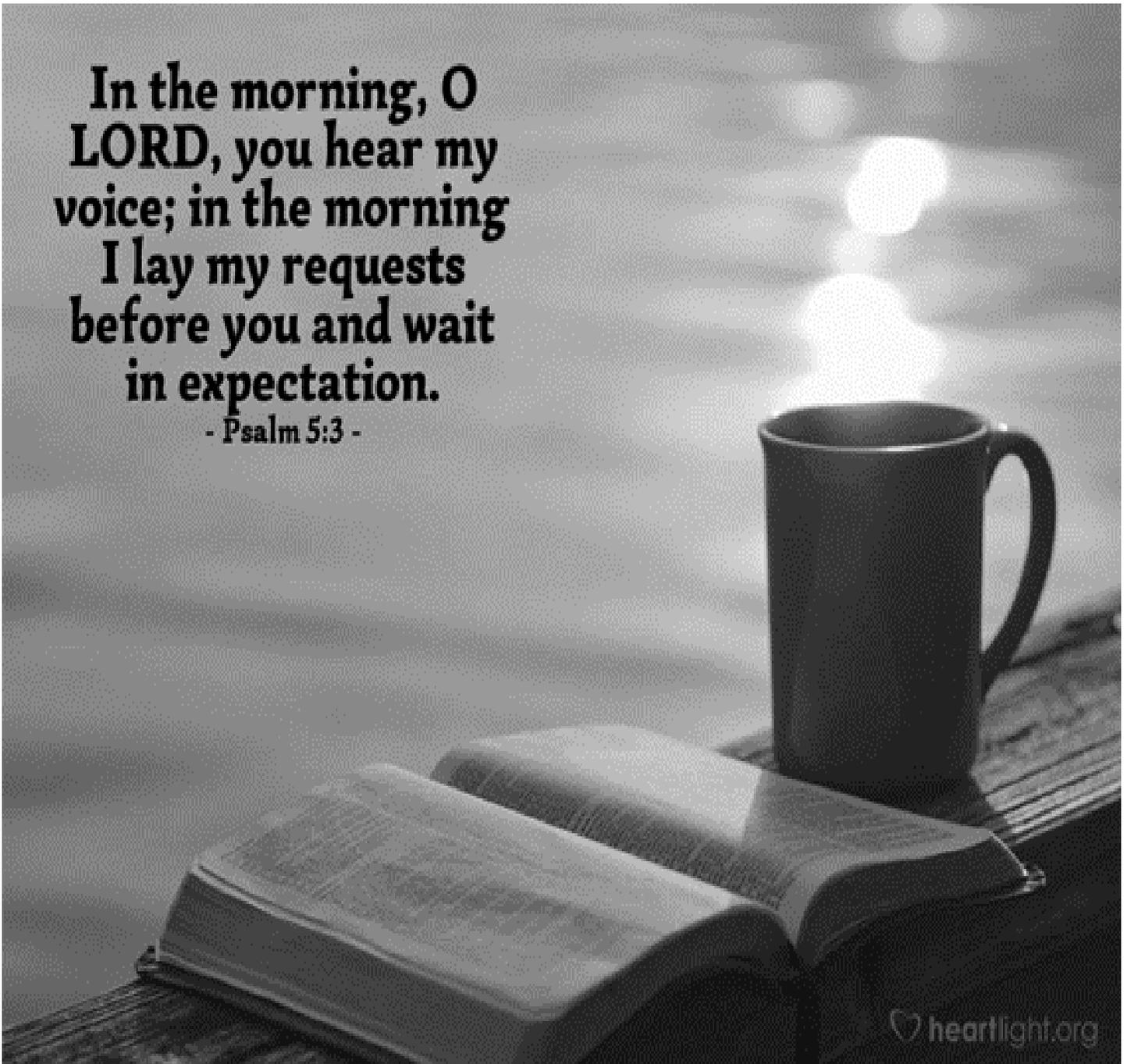
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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**In the morning, O
LORD, you hear my
voice; in the morning
I lay my requests
before you and wait
in expectation.**

- Psalm 5:3 -



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***Immanuel Lutheran School's* kettle pop corn fundraiser
should be in by Friday, Oct. 28th;
or delivered to you on Sunday, Oct. 30th.**

***On behalf of the school children and staff, a very sincere
Thank You for your support of our school.***

From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer October to December 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: ***Job 19:25-27***

*For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom
I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints
within me!*



Upcoming Events

Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, November 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Social Hall

Men's Steak Night Dinner and Presentation

Thursday, November 10, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Social Hall

(free will offering for dinner)

RGV Zone Rally

Saturday, November 12, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. at St. PAUL, Harlingen

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

followed by a Pie Social

(Bring your favorite pie to share)

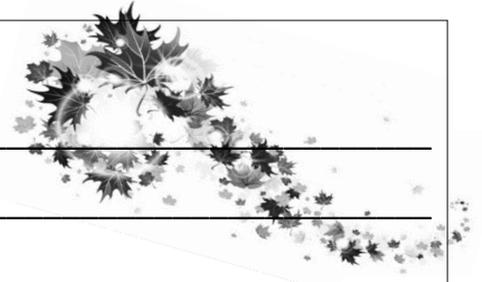
First Mid-Week Advent Service

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sermon Notes:



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Sunday Worship 27

Plate \$ 45.00

Envelopes \$ 3,255.00

Donation: \$ 20.00

Total: \$ 3,320.00

Bible Class: 12 \$ 16.00

Reformation Day (observed)

Twenty-first Sunday

after Pentecost Readings:

Revelation 14:6-7

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19

In Humble Repentance, Faith Lives by Grace and Mercy and Is Exalted by God in Christ

Jesus tells a parable “to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous” (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went “down to his house justified, rather than the other” (Luke 18:14). So do little children, “even infants,” come to Jesus with their need, and they “receive the kingdom of God” through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For “the one who humbles himself will be exalted,” but “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled” (Luke 18:14). That is why “the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul’s life, “poured out as a drink offering,” was another sacrifice like Abel’s (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that “the message might be fully proclaimed” (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we “have loved his appearing” and as repentant sinners pray to “the Lord, the righteous judge” by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	October Sunday Servants	November Servants
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	Billi Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	S. Wehling
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Reformation Day /Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am