EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 12, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

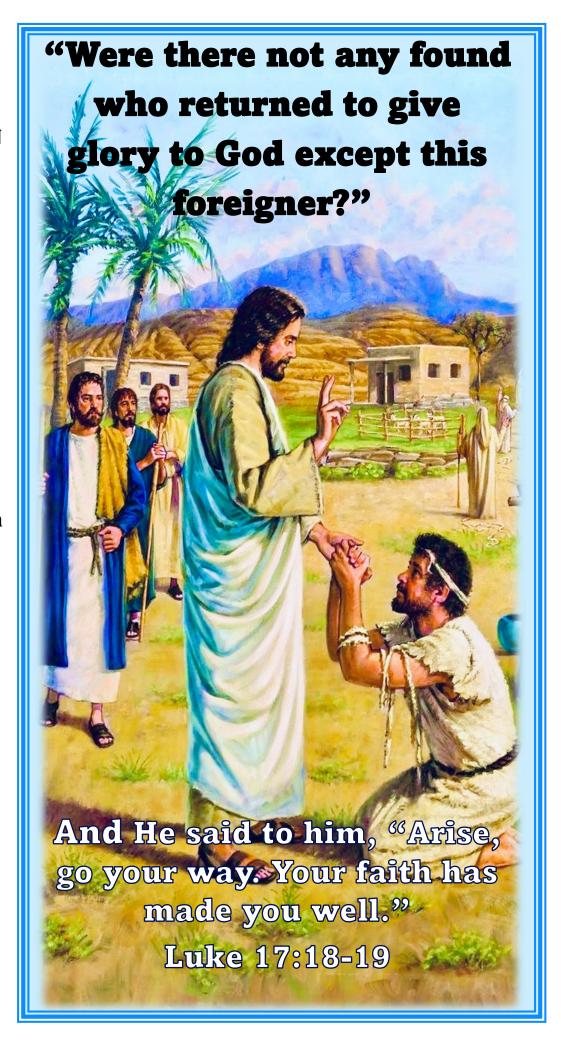
> > 10:30 A.M.

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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 - Almighty God, in times of suffering, You invite me to call upon You in the day of trouble, for You will deliver and I will glorify You. In my time of need, be with me. As I follow and bear Your name in my life and in my witness, through Your Spirit enliven my faith that I may be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, who I am called to always remember is risen from the

dead; 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** - In our Readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi's difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we worship in our prayer, our praise, and our thanksgiving for all He has done.

### **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

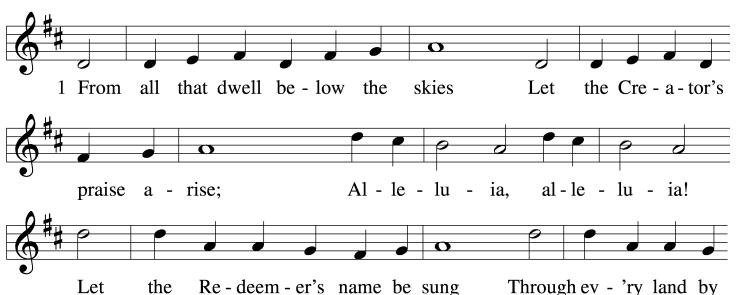
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**PRELUDE** (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship) **WELCOME** 

**OPENING HYMN** 

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LSB 816





### Please stand

### **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,
- 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 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1

- P Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.
- C My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad.
- P Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.
- C I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- P The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- C Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

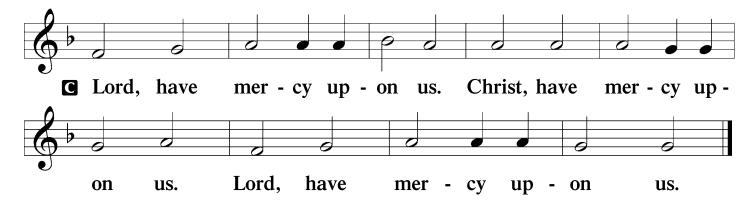
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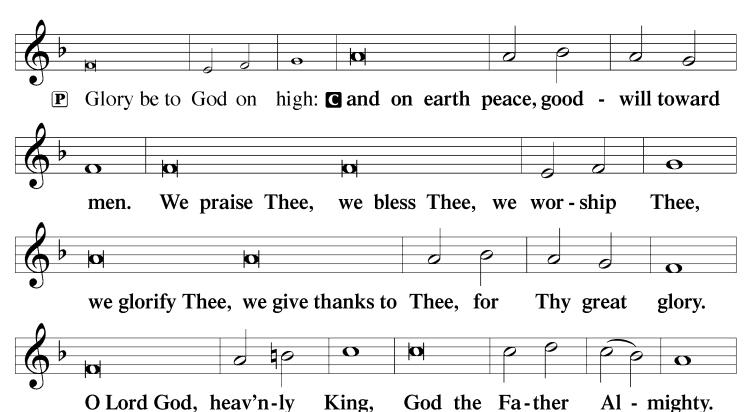


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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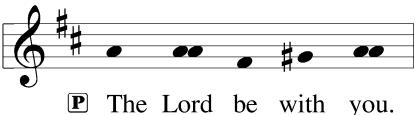


### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**



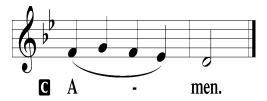


### SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY





P Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ruth 1:1–19a

(Ruth's loyalty to widow Naomi)

1 Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. 3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. 5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. 7 Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband."

So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."

11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, 13 would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me!"

14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

### 16 But Ruth said:

"Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. the Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."

18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.

- 19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM** Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 10

- P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.
- Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in  $\mathbf{C}$ the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.
- The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in P them.
- $\mathbf{C}$ His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.
- He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is P gracious and full of compassion.
- He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful  $\mathbf{C}$ of His covenant.
- He has declared to His people the power of His works, in giving them P the heritage of the nations.
- The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts  $\mathbf{C}$ are sure.
- P They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.
- He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His  $\mathbf{C}$ and awesome is His name. covenant forever: Holy
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good P understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

#### **EPISTLE** 2 Timothy 2:1–13

(A good soldier of Jesus Christ)

1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to

the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

- 11 This is a faithful saying:
  - For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.
- 12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.
- 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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### **ALLELUIA**

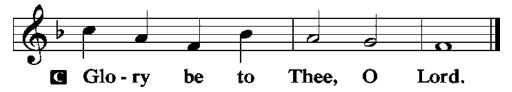


**HOLY GOSPEL** 

Luke 17:11-19

(Jesus cleanses ten lepers.)

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



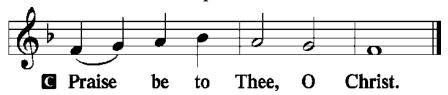
- 11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.
- 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
- 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

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15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? nine?18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **NICENE CREED**

All: 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.

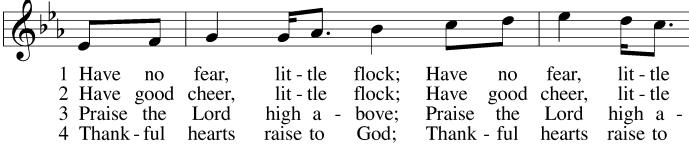
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

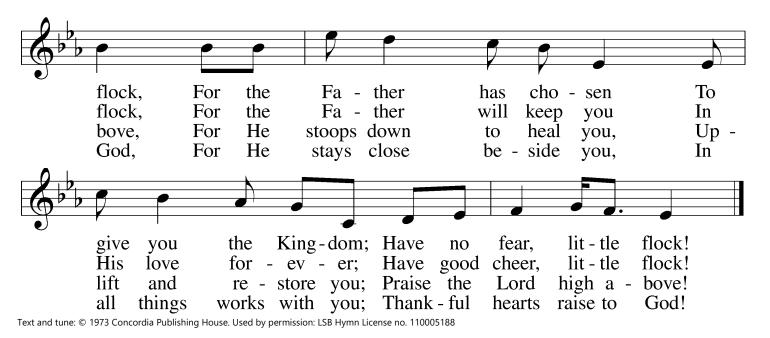
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### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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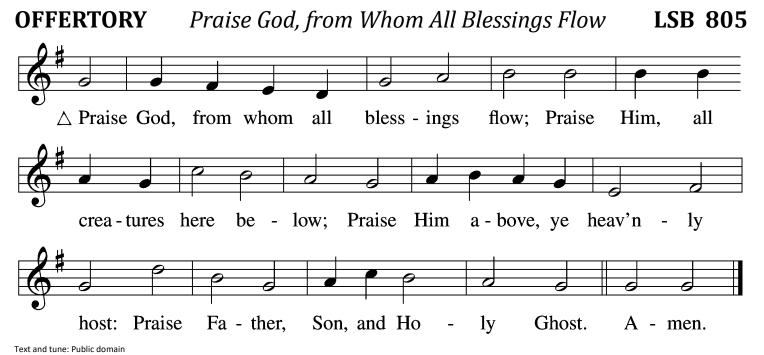


## SERMON "Glorifying God who makes both body and soul well!"

Luke 17:15

#### **OFFERING**

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [America

[American Sign Language]

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

2 Timothy 2:8, 13

P Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

God of everlasting mercy, You offer Your salvation and redemption to (Continue on next page) 13

all people with forgiveness assured through faith in Your Son. As You did for Your people of old, including Ruth and Naomi, grant us trust in Your provision and direction, even amid trials we may face. Help us to endure and to also point others to the help and hope You offer and sustain by Your grace. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

### C hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.

P Ever-sustaining Lord, who strengthens by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, encourage us by Your servant Paul. As he endured persecution and prison for the sake of Your Gospel for the salvation of the world, sustain us in our faith and in our witness. Grant strength to endure the trials and sufferings in this world, and to remain firm in faith when we bear Your name as Your baptized and redeemed people. Soften hearts of those who reject Your Word and grace and pour out Your Spirit that many more may come to know Your mercy, which is known and shown through Your Son. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

### C hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.

P Healing Lord, out of compassion, Jesus healed the ten lepers afflicted by disease. Be with those who suffer in body and mind with disease, diagnosis, and despair. We especially lift up to You those who have asked for our prayers, [including . . .]. For those afflictions and ailments known only to You, grant the comfort of Your presence and healing according to Your will. We thank You for the healing of our greatest afflictions faced against the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh. Through hardships, as we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

### C hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### C Amen.

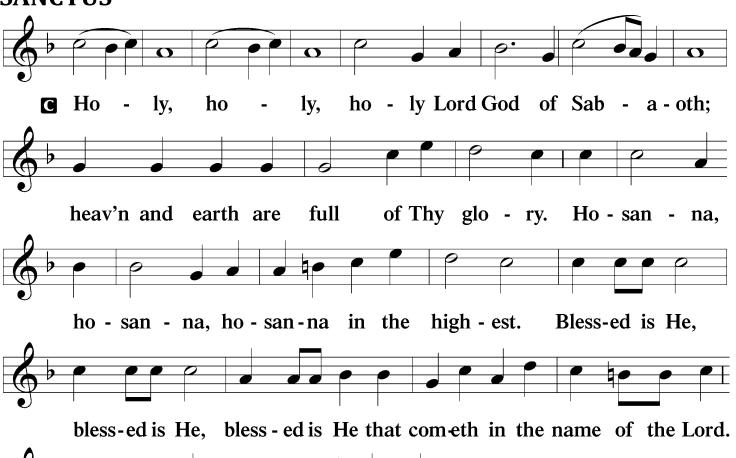
### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### **PREFACE**



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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**



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

### **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.

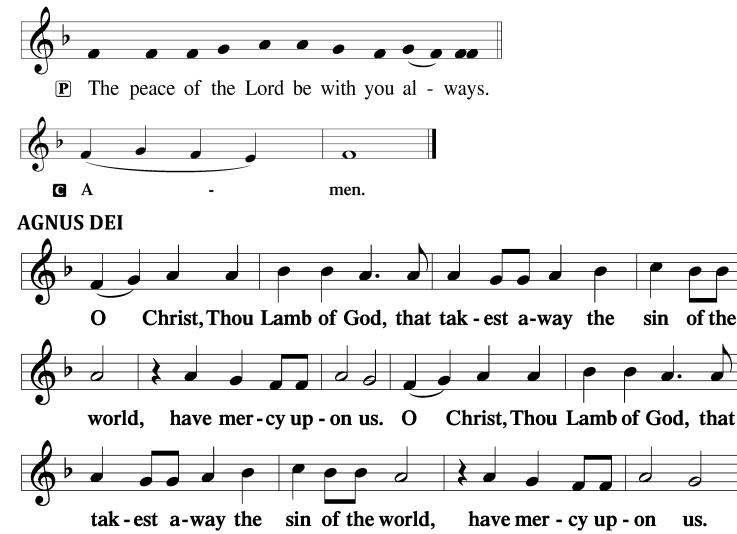


#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- 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."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He P 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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Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the

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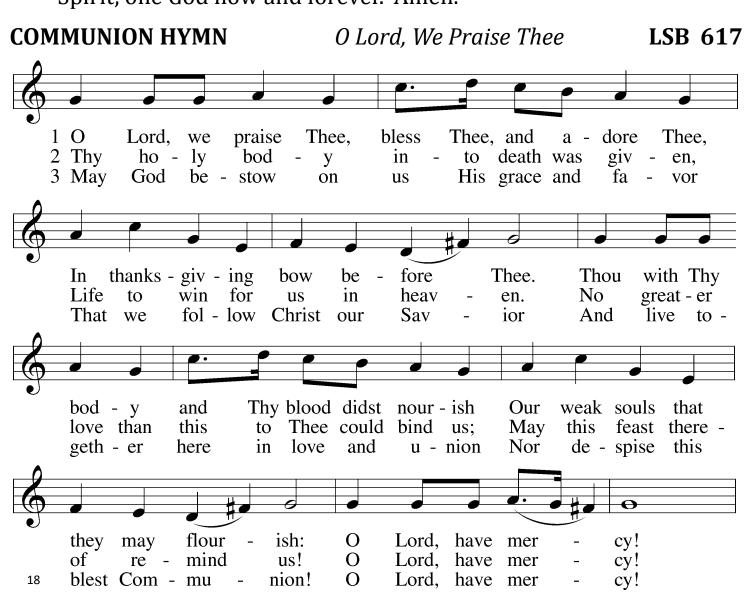


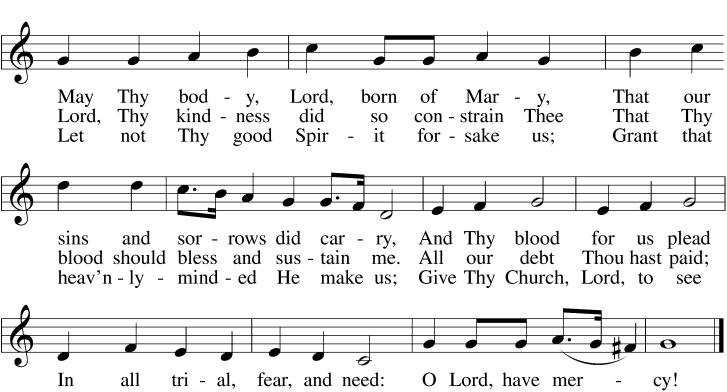
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### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

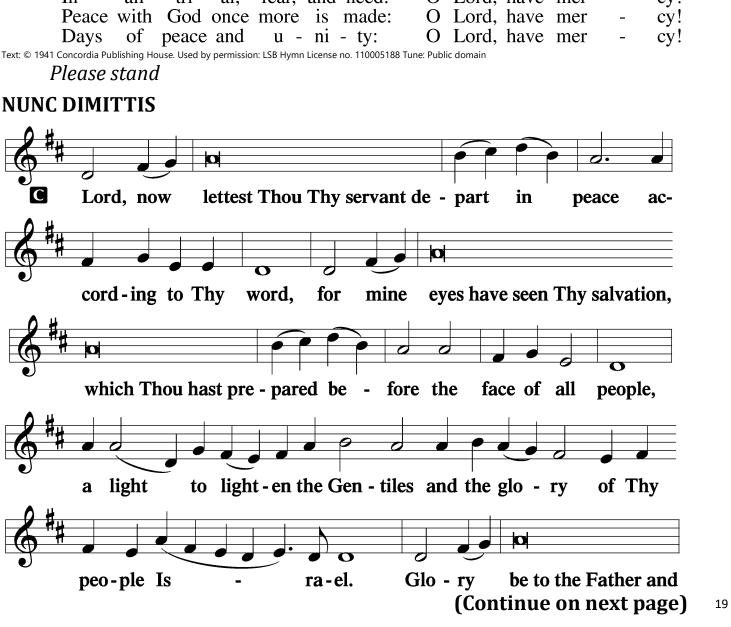
#### SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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.



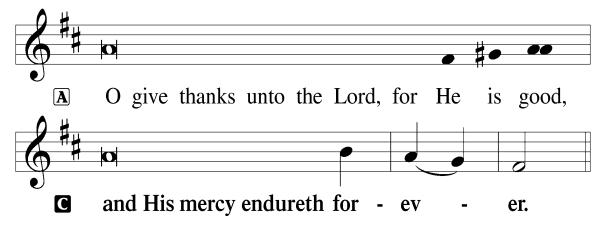


Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer cy!





### **THANKSGIVING**



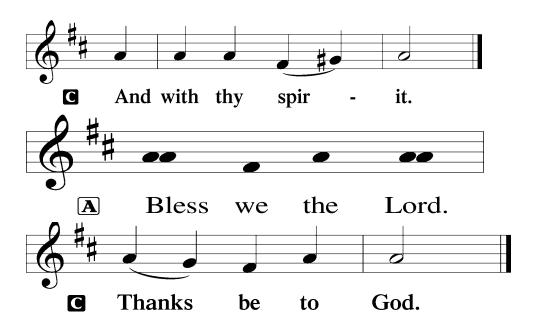
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutarygift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



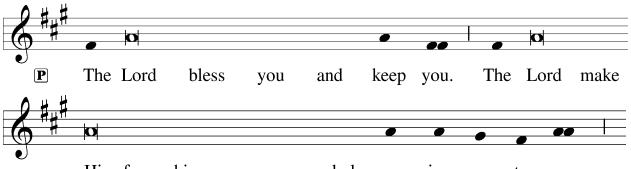
### **BENEDICAMUS**



**P** The Lord be with you.



### **BENEDICTION**



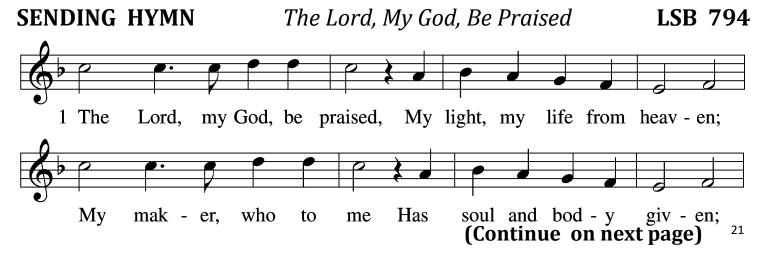
His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



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



Please sit





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#### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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#### OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > Plastic caps are no longer being collected.
- > Family Confirmation Class Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class Fridays at 12 noon.
- > 3rd Quarterly Voters' Meeting Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m.
- > Men's Bratwurst Night/Bible Study Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend!

#### Immanuel Lutheran School

> Kettle Popcorn Fundraiser- Last week to place your order; October 17th is the last day. You can place your order by calling the office or Pastor Weber.

(Bag Sizes)
Mini \$7.00
Small \$10.00

Large \$15.00

- > School will be closed- Monday, October 13th due to Columbus Day.
- > Open House Wednesday, October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to come and visit the classrooms and the newly revamped Library.

There will be light refreshments to enjoy!

> Mini Pumpkin Fest- Saturday, October 25th from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., at Christ's Corner Baseball Field. Donations of pumpkins are welcome!

**Sermon Notes** (Sorry, not much space to write your notes)



10/5/2	2025			
Sunday Worsl	hip	40		
Plate:			\$	197.00
Envelopes:			\$ 2	,758.00
Envelopes-Otl	her: <b>School</b>		\$	150.00
Donation:				
Tithely			\$	300.00
On Line			\$	750.00
	Total:		\$ 4	,155.00
Bible Class:	15			\$ 11.00

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Proper 24)

Genesis 32:22–30 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 Luke 18:1–8

### Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. "Go and show yourselves to the priests," for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is "at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks" (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you "find rest, each of you in the house of her husband" (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has "visited his people and given them food" (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead" (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely "the word of God is not bound" (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted "to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you "may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

### **Memory Verse Challenge: Exodus 31:13**

You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you."

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	1	
	October Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Dan Wehling		
Altar Guild:	Laura Estevanes/Maggie Weber		
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Ken Eilers		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	
Next Week	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
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