TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 6, 2024
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

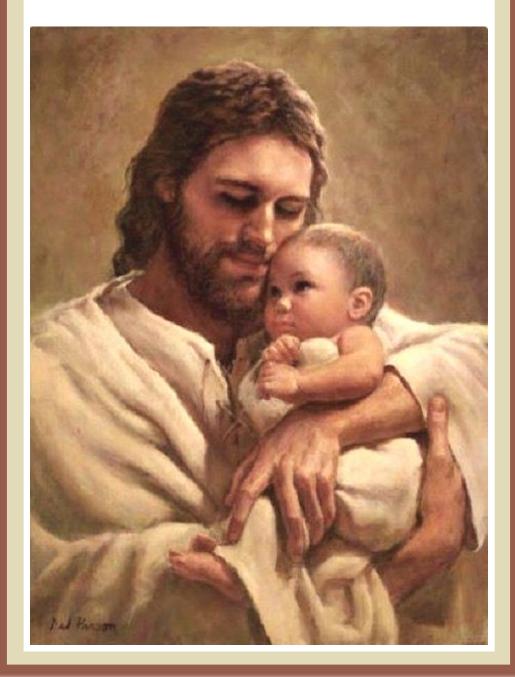
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"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14-15.



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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, You created man and woman and joined them together in holy marriage, thereby reflecting the mystical union between Christ and His Bride, the church. By Your infinite goodness, let Your blessing rest upon all husbands and wives, that they may rejoice in Your beautiful design and so live together to Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The wisdom of the world suggests that God has given us the idea, and we are to design this thing called marriage and family. Yet for all our best intentions, sin has left us struggling not only to fulfill but to even accept the wisdom of God's design. Jesus is not apologetic of the shape of marriage and family, and He calls us to join Him in rejoicing over God's gift and to work to fulfill His holy purpose in our own homes and families. Even the child does not get overlooked by our Lord's hand of mercy and blessing.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

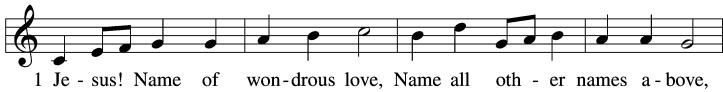
(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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- 2 Je sus! Name de - creed of old. To the maid-en moth-er told.
- the earth 3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en
- 4 Je sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty. an - gel Ga - bri - el. Kneel-ing in her low - ly cell, By the gave, "Je - sus shall His peo-ple save." the prom - ise that it When the cup of hu-man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.
- Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above: Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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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.
- P 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 +

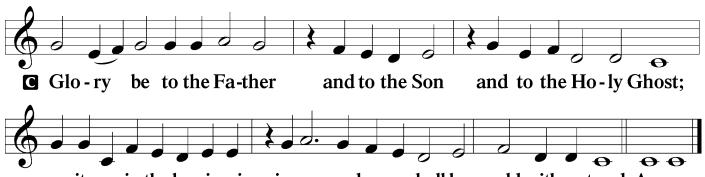
INTROIT Psalm 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a

- P Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;
- C Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the

womb is a reward.

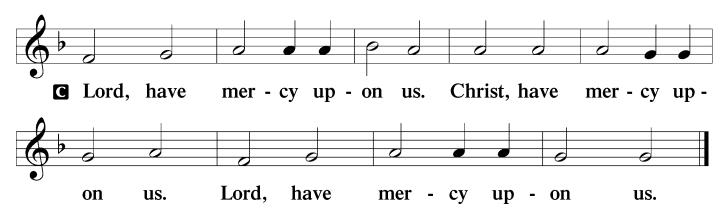
- P Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.
- C Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.
- P Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;

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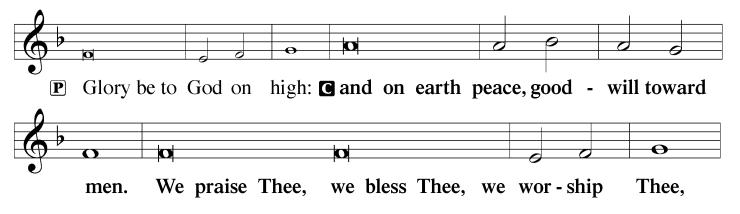


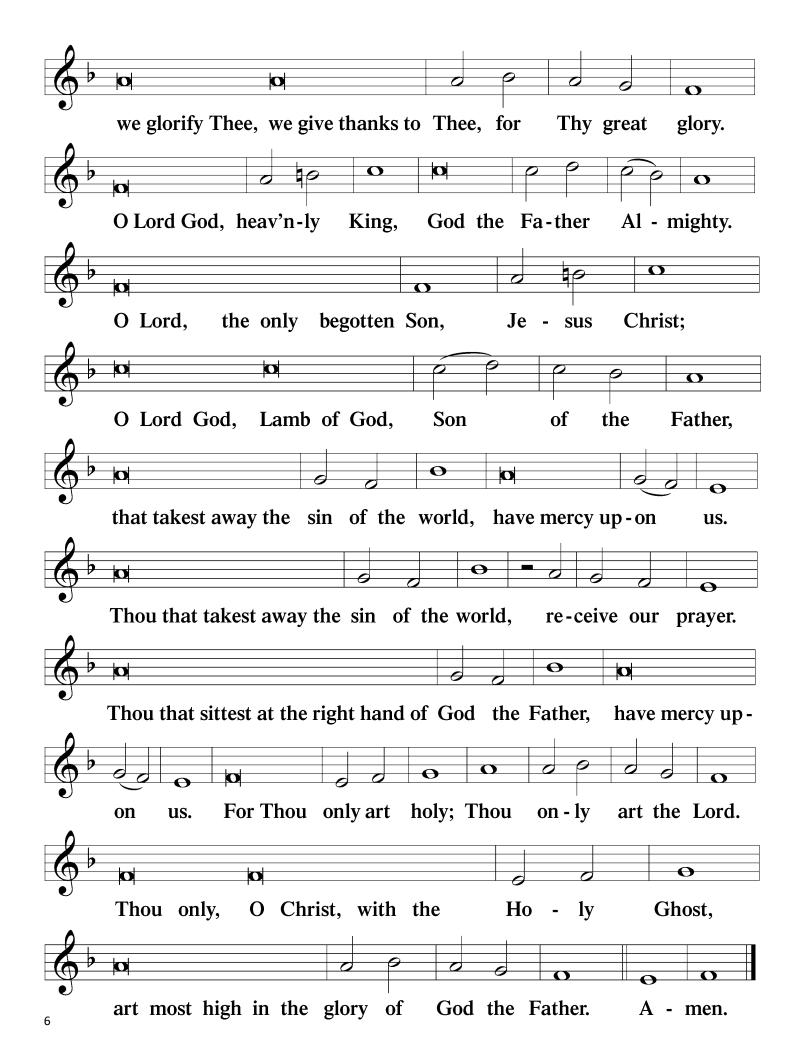
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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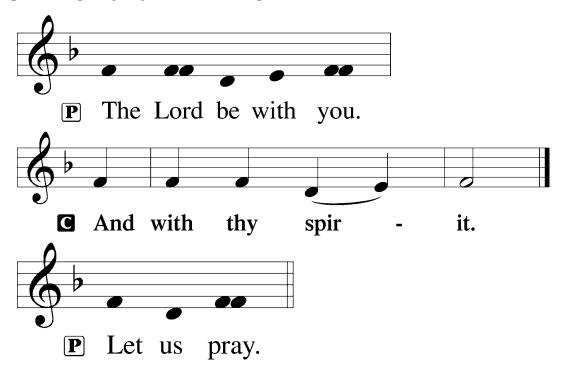


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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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 Genesis 2:18–25

("It is not good that the man should be alone.")

18 And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." 19 Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept;

and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

23 And Adam said:

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 128; antiphon: v. 1

- P Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.
- C When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.
- P Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table.
- C Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
- P The Lord bless you out of Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- C Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!
- P Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.

EPISTLE Hebrews 2:1–18

(Because He suffered when tempted, He is able to help us when tempted.)

1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit,

according to His own will?

5 For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. 6 But one testified in a certain place, saying:

"What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him?

- You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands.
- You have put all things in subjection under his feet."
 For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying:

"I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

13 And again:

"I will put My trust in Him."

And again:

"Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is

able to aid those who are tempted.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

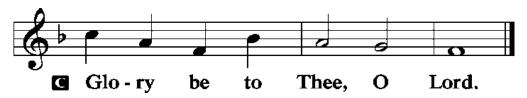


HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

(No longer two but one flesh)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



- 2 The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" testing Him.
- 3 And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her."
- 5 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6 But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." 10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. 11 So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. 12 And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
- 13 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus

saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." 16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

For Me to Live Is Jesus

LSB 742



- 1 For me to live is Je sus, To die is gain for me;
- 2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth er, I leave this world so dim
- 3 My woes are near ly o ver, Though long and dark the road;
- 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail ing, My breath comes heav i ly,



when my Sav - ior pleas - es, meet death will - ing - ly. So Ι And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him. have peace with God. sin His mer - its cov - er, And Ι And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs Thee.

- 5 In my last hour, O grant me A slumber soft and still, No doubts to vex or haunt me, Safe anchored in Thy will;
- 6 And so to Thee still cleaving When death shall come to me, I fall asleep believing And wake in heav'n with Thee!

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SERMON

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"The Sweet Taste of the Gospel"

Hebrews 2:9

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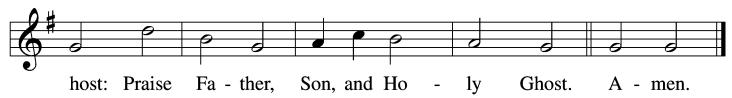
OFFERTORY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea-tures here be - low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n - ly



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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

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.

Behold in Your mercy, O Lord, the people You have made, and grant Your special blessing to husband and wife, parent and child, that in the daily exercise of Your mercy they may manifest to one another the fullness of Your mercy, forgiving each other as You have forgiven them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give grace and courage, O Lord, to Your church, that in this day of denial, we may abide joyfully in the truth of Your Word and the goodness of Your design for the home and for the family. Give us grace that we may both respect Your will and purpose and receive all the benefits of Your design. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P To the single, give the joy and fellowship of all our lives together within the household of Your church. Give patience to us all lest we grow weary as we await the prayerful desires of our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give wisdom to those who govern in this and every place, that guided by the voice of Your Word they may act with integrity to do what is good and wise and benefits those in their care. Deliver us all from violence and fear and grant peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give grace and healing in accordance with Your will, that those who

suffer may be relieved of their pain, restored to good health, and sustained until that day when we shall be finally delivered from all adversity and affliction, [and especially do we pray for . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give hope to Your people, that we may see in this communion of the body and blood of our Savior the promise of the future You have prepared and receive here the foretaste of the eternal feast to come, when, at last, we shall no more be separated from the saints who went before nor from Your presence face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give generosity to Your people, that we may receive Your gifts with thanksgiving, return them to You for the support of the kingdom in our midst, and supply those in need as acts of genuine charity and love in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

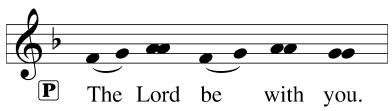
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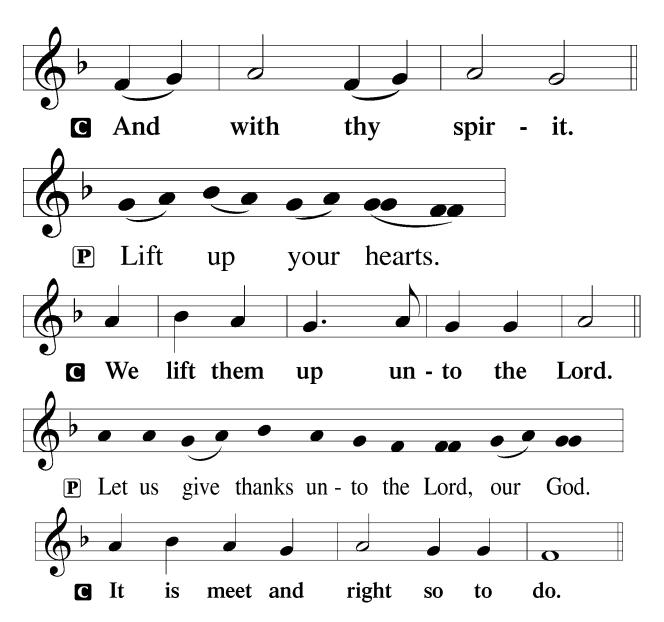
P Remembering all that You in Your mercy have accomplished and living in faith and hope in Christ, we pray You to bless us, bless our homes and families, bless our lives and work, that all things we do may please You and with our voices we may boldly confess You on earth, until that day when we shall close our eyes in death to awaken to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom, with whom, and by whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

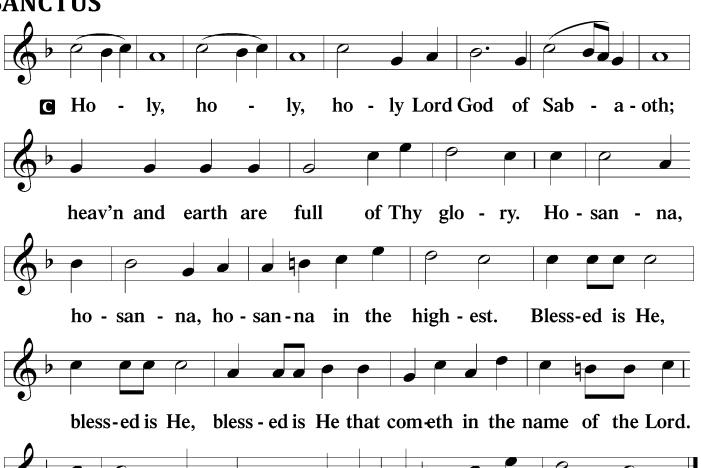
PREFACE





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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy 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



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 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 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."

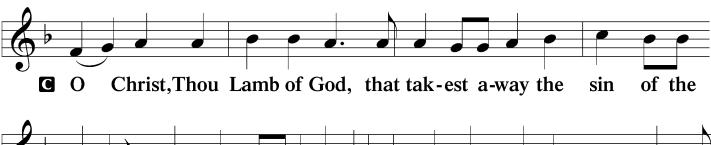




P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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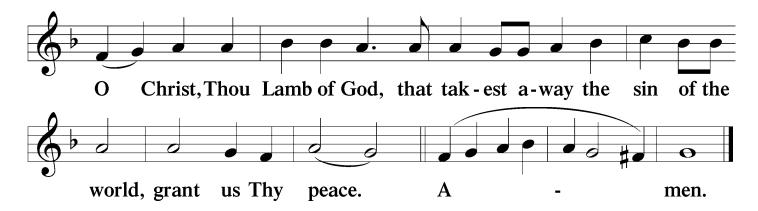


world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world,

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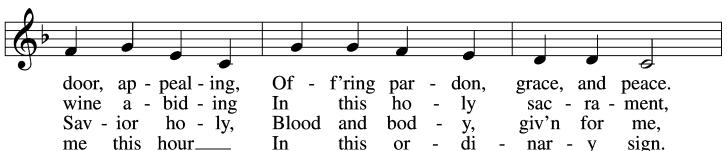
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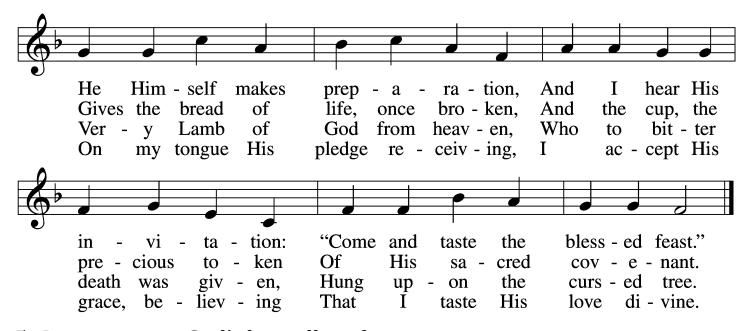
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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.









- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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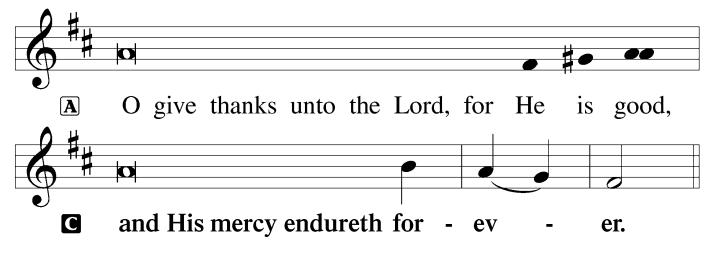
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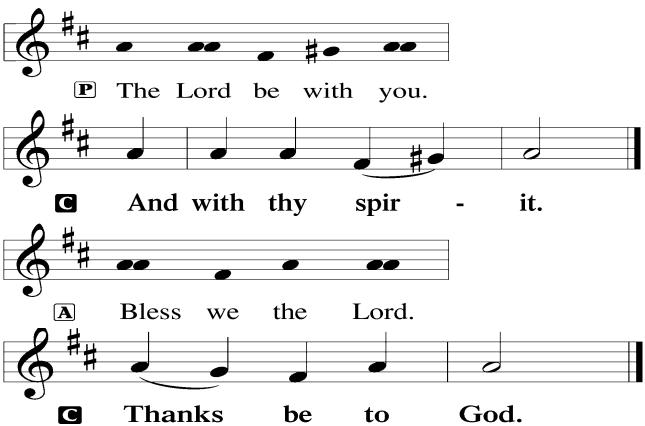


P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ,

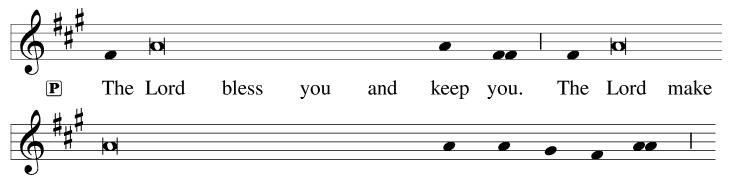
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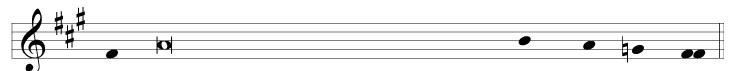
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BENEDICTION



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



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



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for October to December 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Weber is leading the class.

October Activities

Family Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Congregational Pot Luck Luncheon
Today, hope you brought your favorite dish.

Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, October 8th 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

> Pastor Appreciation Day Sunday, October 13th

3rd Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Tuesday, October 15th
7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Immanuel Lutheran School

Kettle Popcorn Sale

Starts October 7th - (Place your order by the 21st of Oct.)

Columbus Day

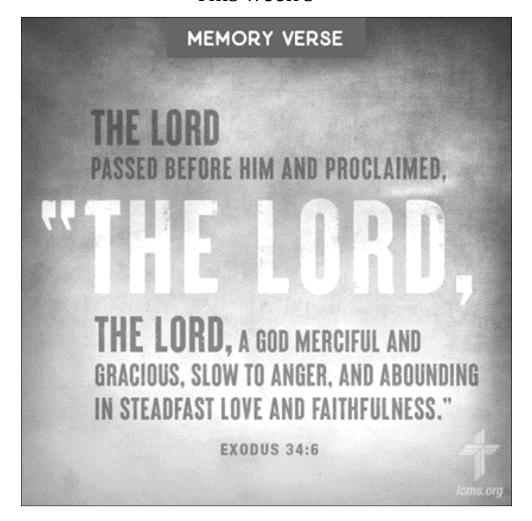
Monday, October 14th, No School

Trunk or Treat

October 31st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. @ the Church Parking Baseball Field.

Memory Verse Challenge

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Sunday Worship 40

Plate: \$ 95.00 Envelopes: \$ 1,465.00

Envelopes-Other:

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Donation:

Other:

Memorial:

Total: \$ 1,560.00

Bible Class: **16** \$ 18.00

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Proper 23) **Readings:**

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 3:12–19 Mark 10:17–22

Marriage Is a Sign that Manifests the Gospel of Christ and His Church

Humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. "It is not good that the man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18). For the Lord Himself is a perfect communion of three Persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in one God. Therefore, "the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs," which "he made into a woman" and brought "to the man" (Gen. 2:21-22). It is for this reason that "a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:7). This great mystery of holy marriage signifies Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, and His Bride, the Church. Divorce and all manner of adultery contradict and undermine this sign, and in doing so, they confess a false Christ and a false gospel. "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate" (Mark 10:9). In truth, Christ Jesus has atoned for all such sins, and He has perfected marriage in Himself "through suffering," that He might bring "many sons to glory" in His resurrection (Heb. 2:8-10).

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