SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

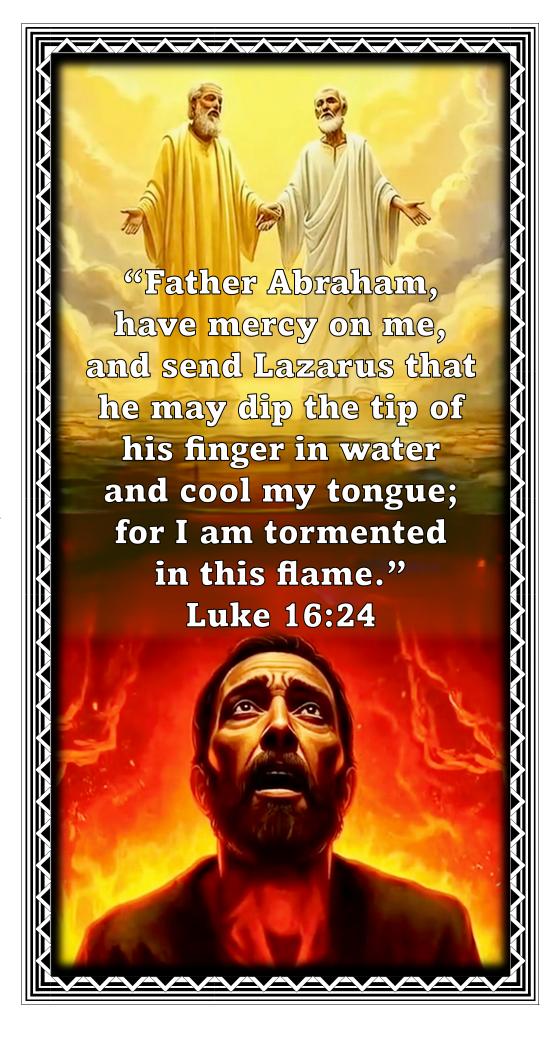
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 2025

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.

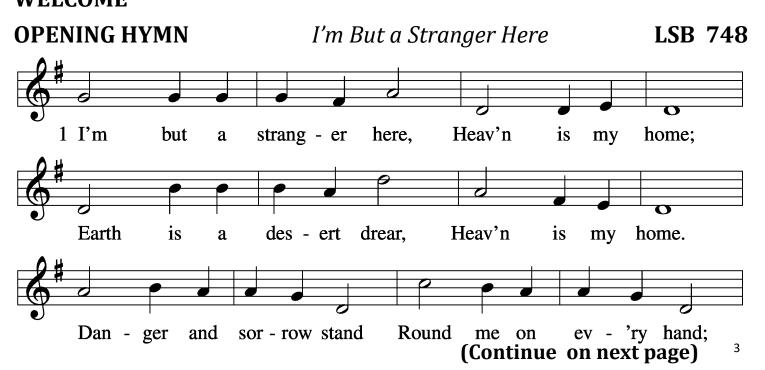
A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord God, King of kings and Lord of lords, You give me strength to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. Support me in the good fight of the faith that I may take hold of the eternal life to which You have called me; through Jesus Christ, the blessed and only sovereign, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Though it sounds like a contradiction, the "poor rich man" in today's parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God's prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the "great gain" (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only "money is the root of all evil." Money is not the problem. There's no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian's true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. "Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live" (Psalm 146:1-2), which will be forever!

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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





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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,

- 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 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

- P Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.
- C Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
- P Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, because I have hoped in Your word.
- C I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
- P Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.
- C Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.

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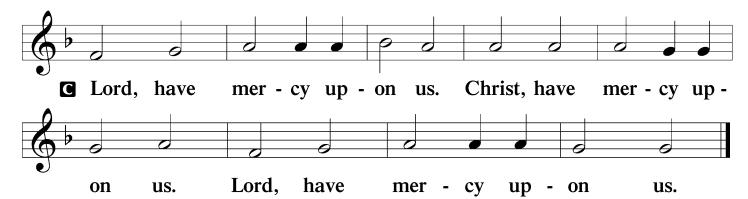


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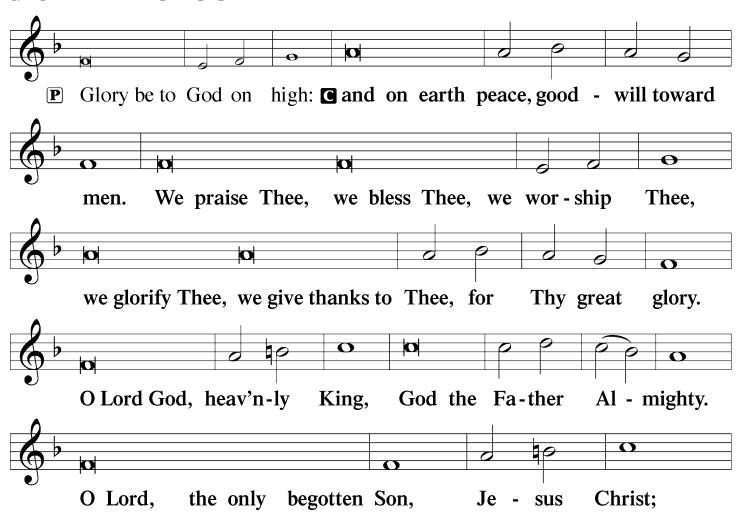


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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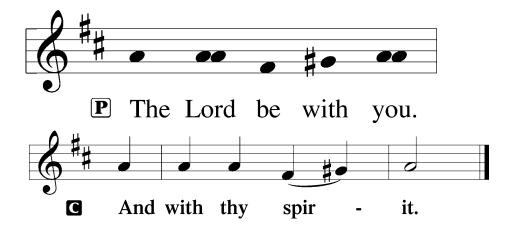


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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY





P O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 Amos 6:1–7

(Woe to those at ease in Zion.)

- 1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, and trust in Mount Samaria, notable persons in the chief nation, to whom the house of Israel comes!
- 2 Go over to Calneh and see; and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory?
- 3 Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, who cause the seat of violence to come near;
- 4 Who lie on beds of ivory, stretch out on your couches, eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall;
- 5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, and invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;
- 6 Who drink wine from bowls, and anoint yourselves with the best ointments, but are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.
- 7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, and those who recline at banquets shall be removed.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 2

- P While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- C Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- P While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- C Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.
- P His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.
- C Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
- P Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever,
- C Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners.
- P The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord raises those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- C The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.
- P The Lord shall reign forever—your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!
- C While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 6:6–19*

(True contentment of faith)

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. 17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

(The rich man and Lazarus)

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



19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs

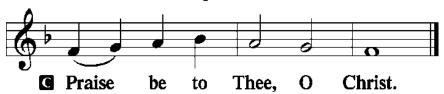
came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741 vs.1,2,4,5,6,8



6 Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish. Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish; For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet's blast is heard.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts
From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts
While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

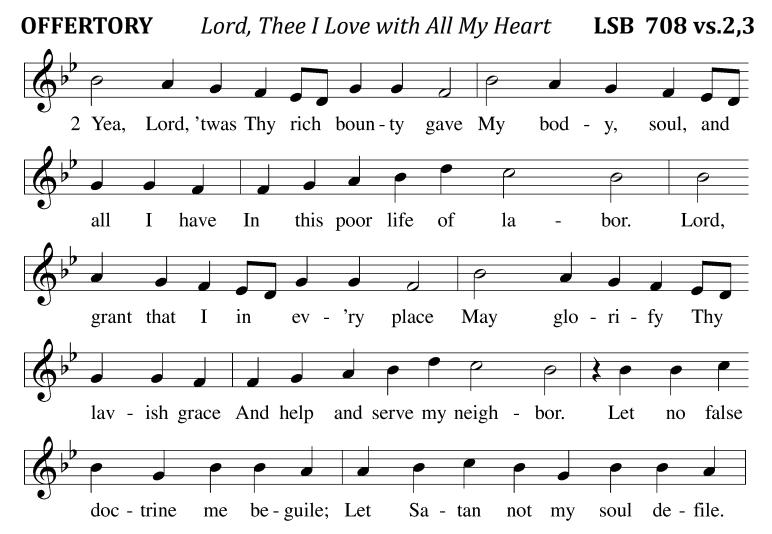
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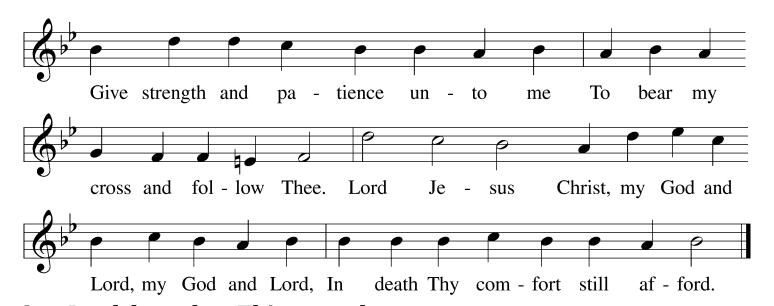
"One's master's final reveal"

Luke 16:22-23

OFFERING

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To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray. We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting. Grant to Your whole church throughout the world the strength and peace of unity in the faith and proclamation of Your pure Word, that all people may know Your true glory of salvation from sin and the gift of redemption and eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P To You all angels cry aloud, the glorious company of the apostles praise You, the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You, and the

noble army of martyrs praise You. We pray You include us as those who acknowledge You now by faith that we may be received into their fellowship not by our merits but solely because of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You are the King of glory, O Christ, the everlasting Son of the Father. By Your death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant Your saving Gospel to be proclaimed throughout the world to the salvation of many. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Each day of our lives, O God, keep us mindful of the riches of Your grace that we may know the contentment of Your heavenly treasures and not be distracted by temptations of worldly wealth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, we pray for all who are in any need, for those who need the grace of Your help and healing, those who are in trouble, those who doubt Your kindness, those who fear death, and all who are sick or injured, especially those who have requested our prayers...

[Pause for silent prayer.]

Be their help, healing, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Make us to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

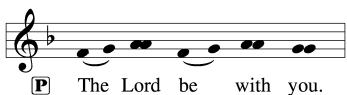
C hear our prayer.

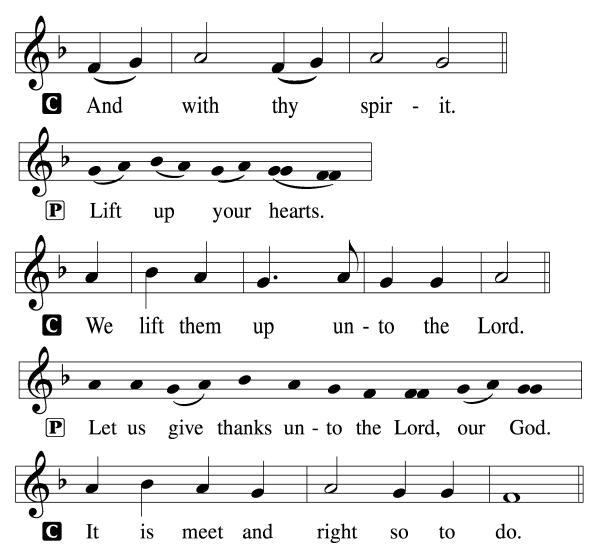
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

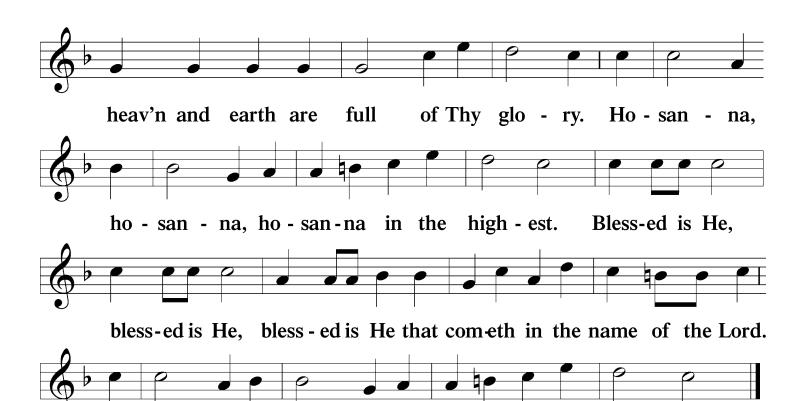




P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them 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."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



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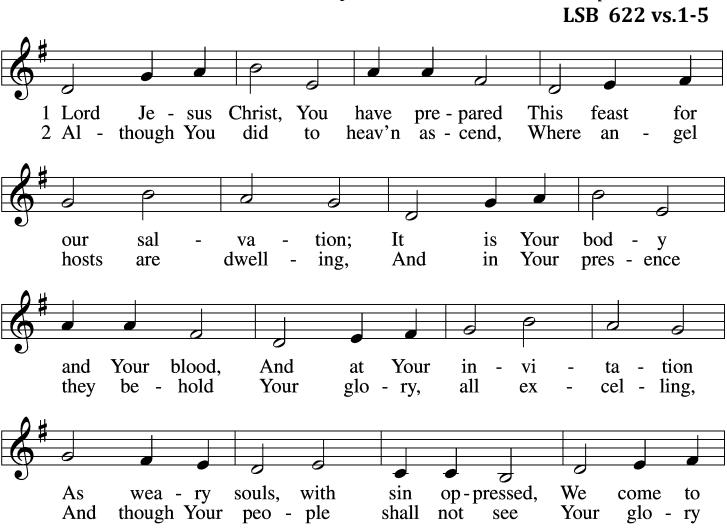
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins.

Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared





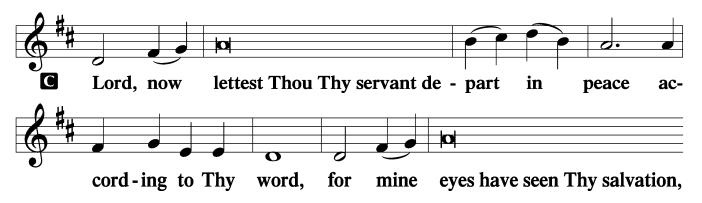
You for need ed rest, For com-fort, and for par don. and Your maj es ty Till dawns the judg-ment morn ing,

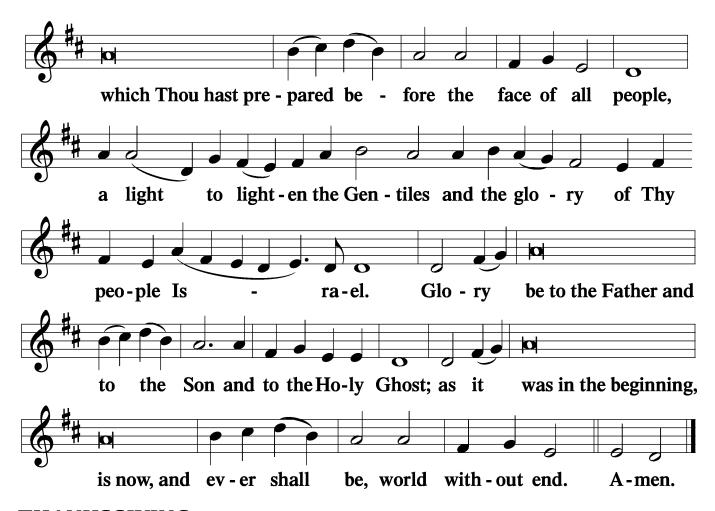


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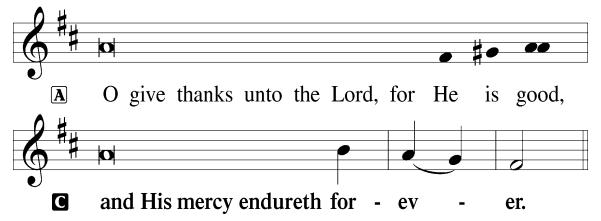
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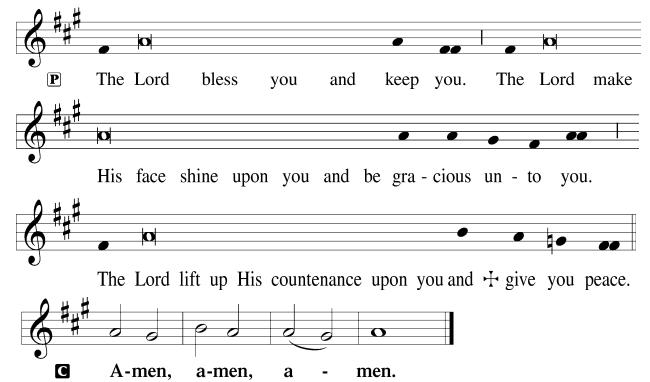


P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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

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BENEDICTION



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for <u>October to December 2025</u> 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.

> Plastic caps are no longer being collected.

> Family Confirmation Class - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

> Adult Confirmation Class - Fridays at 12 noon.

Coming up for October

- > Elders' Meeting Tuesday, October 7th at 9:00 a.m.
- > 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 - Place your order October 6th thru the 17th. 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.

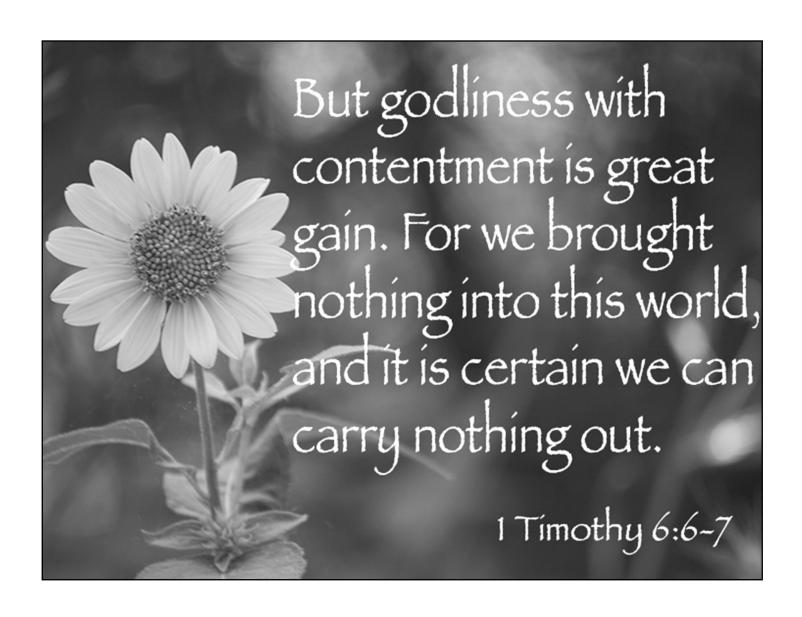
All are welcome to come and visit the classrooms and the newly revamped Library.

There will be light refreshments to enjoy!

> Mini Pumpkin Fest- Saturday, October 25th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the school playground. Donations of pumpkins are welcome!

Memory Verse Challenge: 2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.



9/14/2025

Sunday Worship 38

Plate: \$ 162.00

Envelopes: \$ 2,531.00

Envelopes-Other:

Donation:

Memorial:

Total: \$ 2,693.00

Bible Class: **21** \$ 26.00

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Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches

"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side," and "the rich man also died and was buried" (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be "in anguish" (Luke 16:25). Therefore, "woe to those who are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1), for "the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away" (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged "not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches," but "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" (1 Tim. 6:17-18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and "a root of all kinds of evils" (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has "great gain" in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

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| Sunday Worsl | hip | 43 | |
| Plate: | | \$ | 490.00 |
| Envelopes: | | \$ 5 | ,868.00 |
| Envelopes-Otl | her: Sch | \$ | 150.00 |
| Donation: Bal | l Field | \$ | 400.00 |
| Lutheran Witi | ness | \$ | 25.00 |
| Memorial: | | | |
| | Total: | \$ 6 | 5,933.00 |
| Bible Class: | 20 | | \$ 17.00 |
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Proper 22)

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4
Psalm 62
2 Timothy 1:1–14
Luke 17:1–10

| | Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | | | |
|--------------|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| | September Sunday Servants: | October Sunday Servants: | | |
| Elder: | Byron Terral | Dan Wehling | | |
| Altar Guild: | BJ Neuhaus/ M Weber Laura Estevanes/Maggie Weber | | | |
| Music: | Doris Pickering | | | |
| This Week | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | | | |
| Usher: | Dan Wehling | | | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Serv | rice 9:00 am | | |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible St | ıdy 10:30 am | | |
| Next Week | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | | | |
| Usher: | Earl Neuhaus | | | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Serv | rice 9:00 am | | |
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