NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 10, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod



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> > 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.

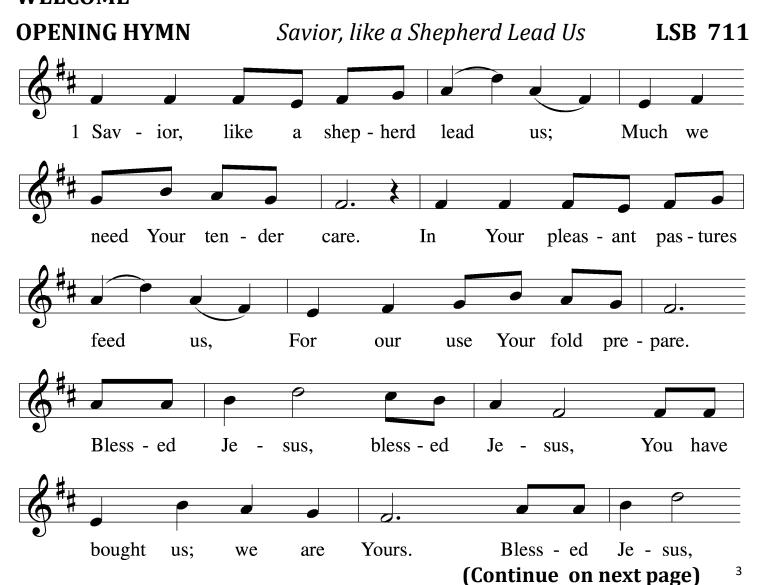
A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O Lord, Jesus Christ, You have directed me to trust in You for all that is needful in my life. Preserve me by Your perpetual mercy and lead me to trust in Your gracious guidance in all things. As the Spirit works in my life and days, lead me to whatever is profitable for my salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

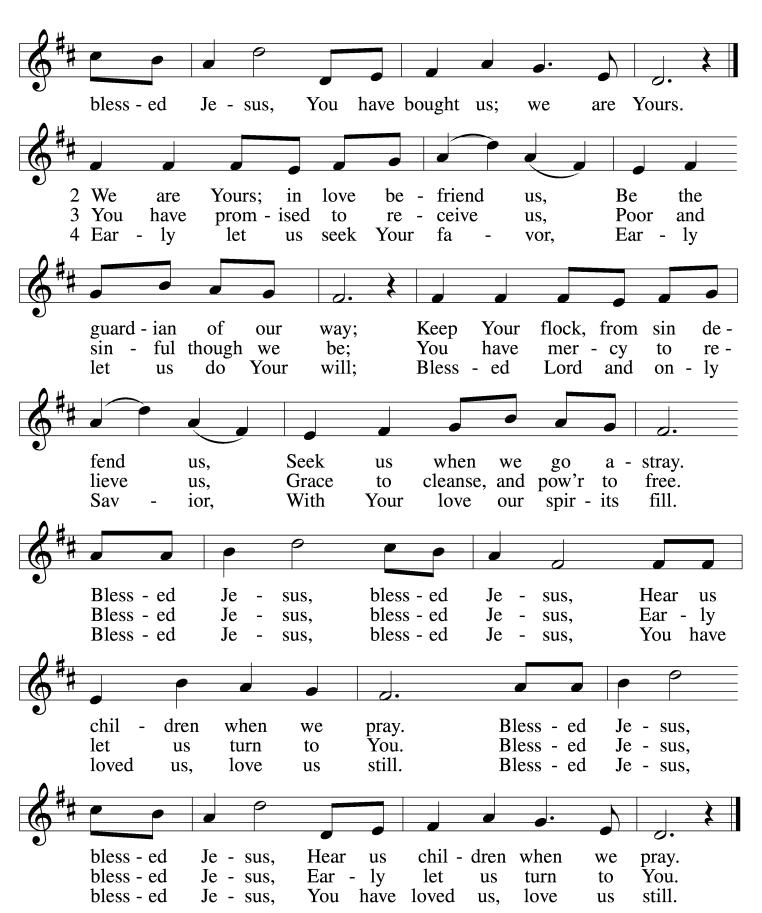
AS WE GATHER - In His earthly life, Jesus chose to be a "peripatetic" teacher. Rather than staying in one place and having His learners come to Him, He went from place to place with disciples or followers who listened to the truths He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the Gospel teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers. The hymn writer Sigismund von Birken invites us simply: "Let us ever walk with Jesus" (LSB 685:1). May we be blessed in our walking and in our listening today!

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.
- 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 +

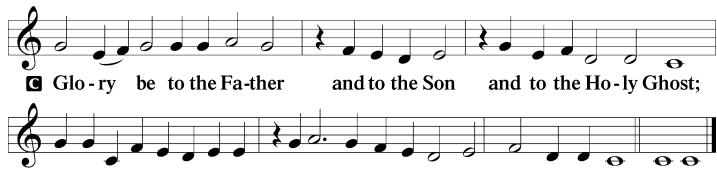
INTROIT Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7

- P Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God,
- C Who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the

earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

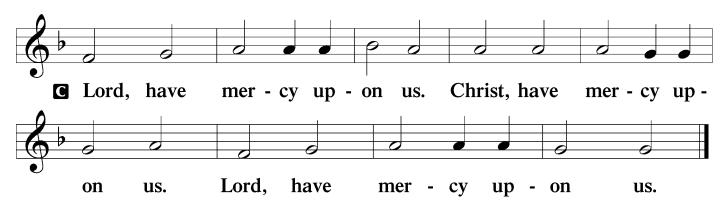
- P He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- C He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
- P The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.
- C Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God,

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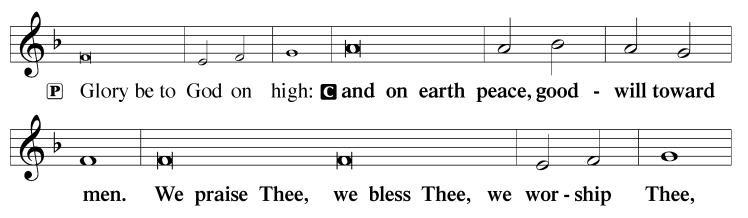


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way thatleads to eternal life; 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 Genesis 15:1–6

(God makes a special promise to Abraham.)

- 1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."
- 2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"
- 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be

your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

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

PSALM *Psalm 33:12–22*

- P Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.
- C The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.
- P From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth;
- C He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.
- P No king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
- C A horse is a vain hope for safety; neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.
- P Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy,
- C To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
- P Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.
- C For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.
- P Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1–16

(The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.)

- 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.
- 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are

visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

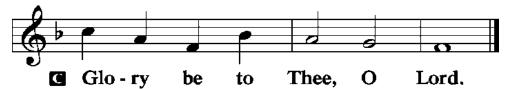


HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)

(Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)

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



- 22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? 25 And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 26 If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?
- 29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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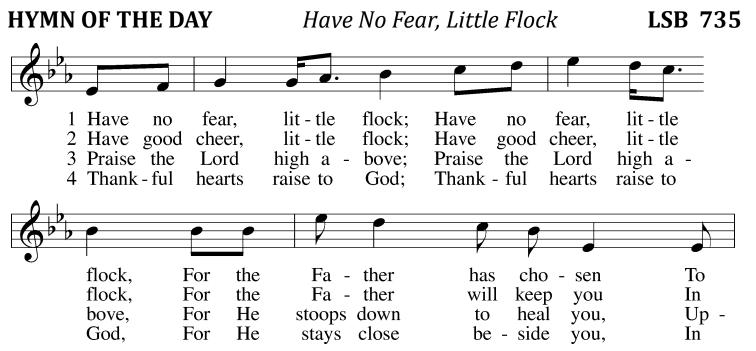
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven All:

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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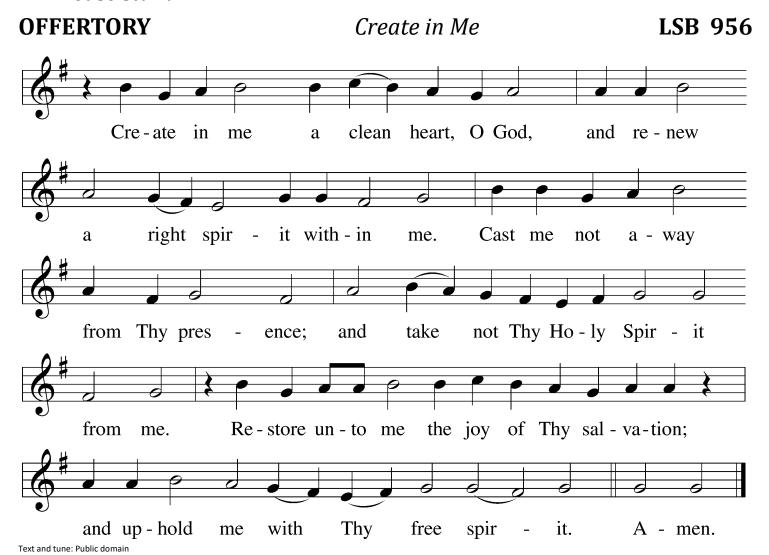


SERMON "God is pleased to give you fearless living in His Kingdom!"

Luke 12:29-32

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

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray (Continue on next page) 13

with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

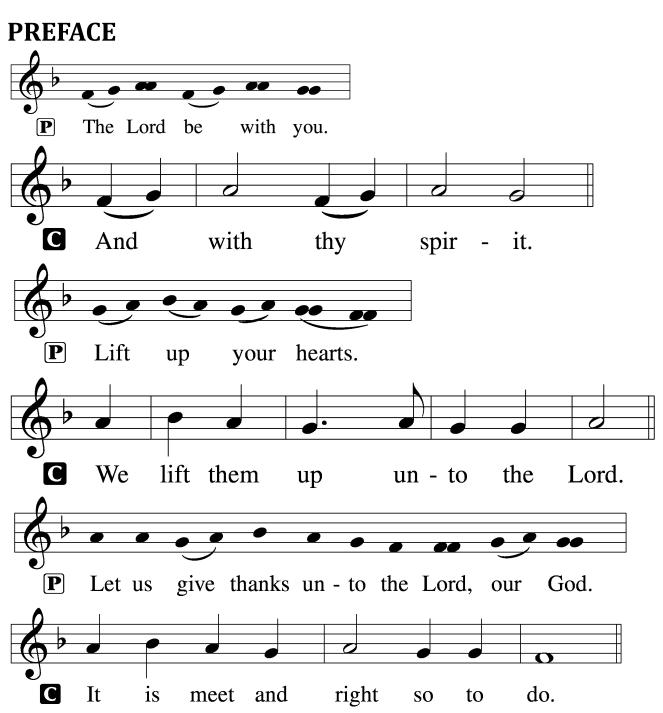
P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

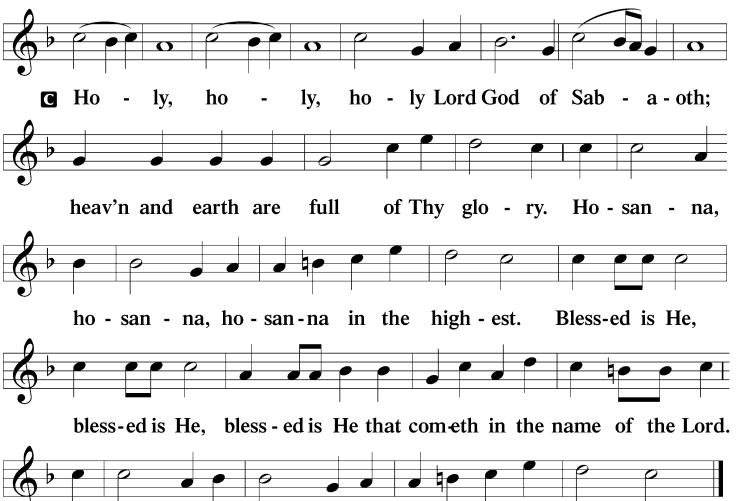
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, Lord our God. Holy are You and great is the majesty of Your glory. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life, He (Continue on next page) 15

has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may with increased faith joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence.

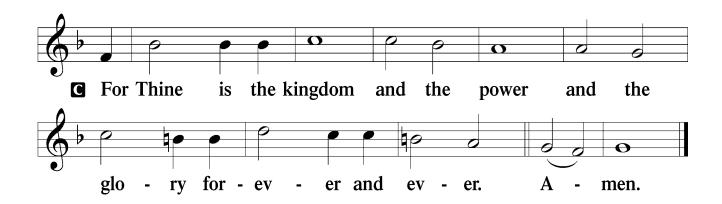




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LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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."
- 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."

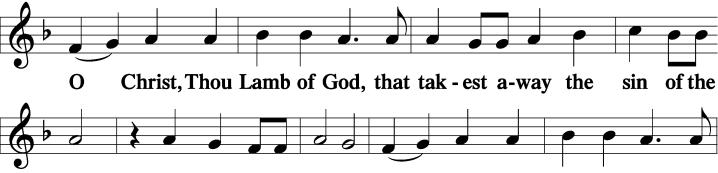
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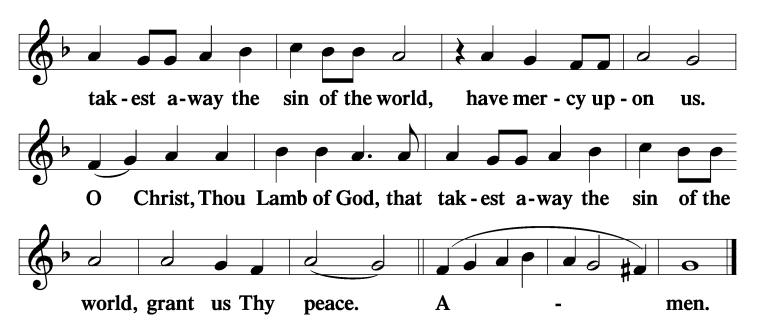
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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



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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.



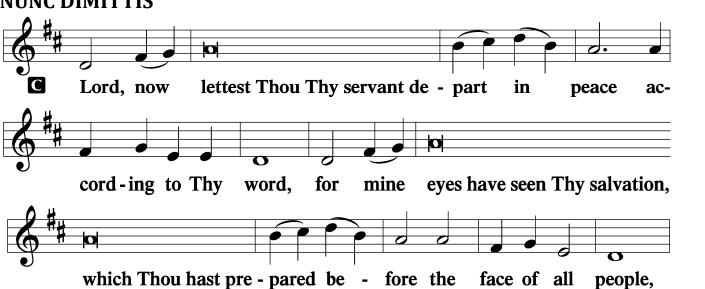




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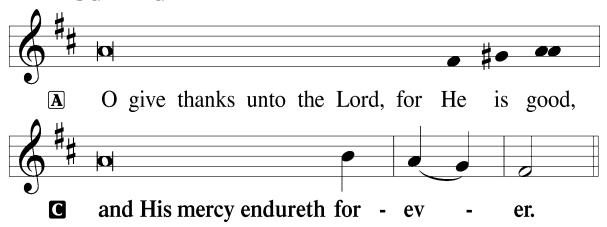
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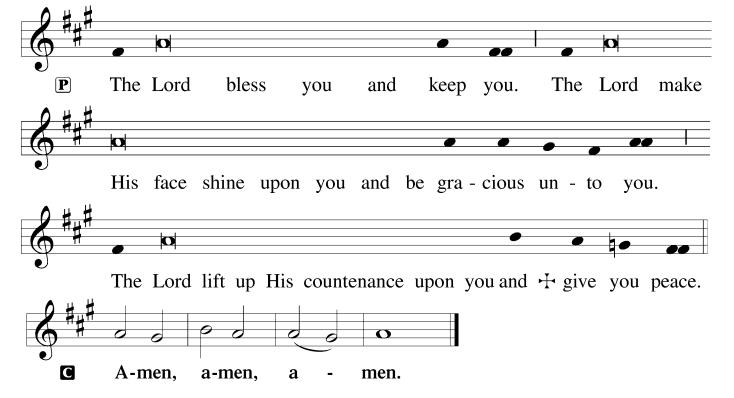
P Let us pray. Grant that Your Son's body and blood, O Lord, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



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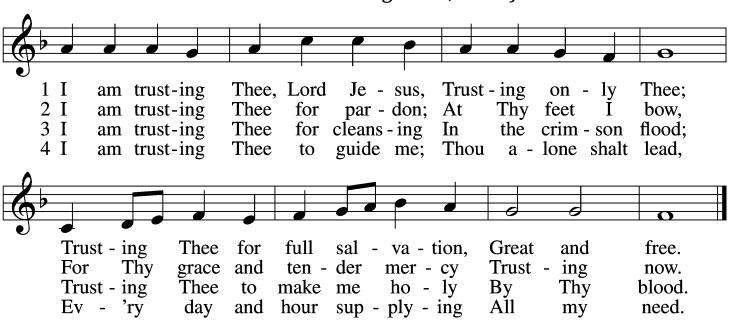
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SENDING HYMN

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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- I am trusting Thee for power;Thine can never fail.Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;Never let me fall.I am trusting Thee foreverAnd for all.

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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 <u>July to September 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.

August Activities

- > Family Confirmation Class Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class Fridays at 12 noon.

Bible Class:

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> Immanuel Lutheran School: First day of school for 2025-2026 is tomorrow, Monday, August 11th. Classes begin at 8:15 a.m., sharp. Please pray for our students and staff for a successful year.

Sermon Notes

Enter His gates with thanksaiving						
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and His courts with praise.						
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.						
Psalm 100:4						
8/3/2025						
Sunday Worship	46			TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
Plate:		\$	100.00			
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Envelopes-Other:				Jeremiah 23:16-29		
Donation: (church rental		\$	150.00	Psalm 119:81-88		
On Line		\$	750.00	Hebrews 11:17–31 (32–40); 12:1–3		
Memorial:				Luke 12:49–53 (54–56)		
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The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom

The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "the word of the Lord came to him" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "do not be anxious about your life," but instead "seek his kingdom" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming" (Luke 12:35, 40).

Memory Verse Challenge

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule					
	August Sunday Servants:					
Elder:	Ken Eilers					
Altar Guild:	Lori Marchant/ Donna Jackson/Imelda Aguilera					
Music:	Doris Pickering					
This Week	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost					
Usher:	Ken Eilers					
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am				
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am				
Next Week	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost					
Usher:	Don Vogel					
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am				
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