TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 20, 2024
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

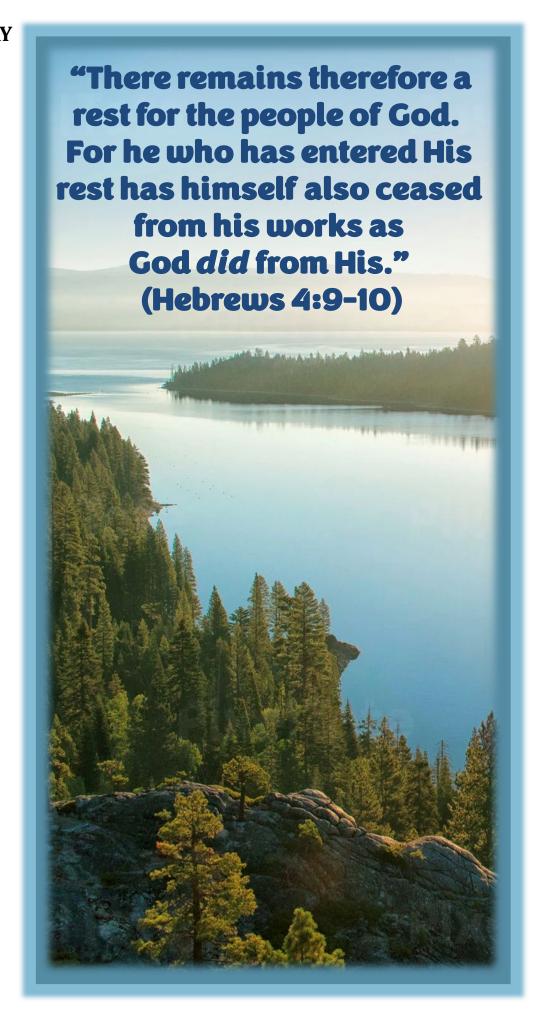
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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, You created mankind not only to work but to rest as well. Yet I too often spend my energy and time seeking and working for those things that Satan has set as traps to destroy me. By the leading and guiding of Your Holy Spirit, turn me away from the things Satan has set as snares to take away my rest. Help me recall my true rest and hope is in You alone. This I

ask in the name of Jesus, who came to give me rest, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

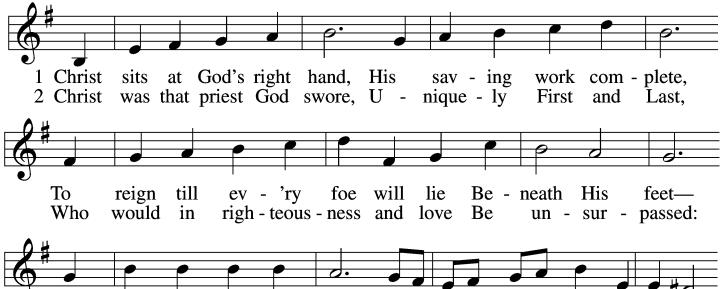
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INVOCATION

- 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)

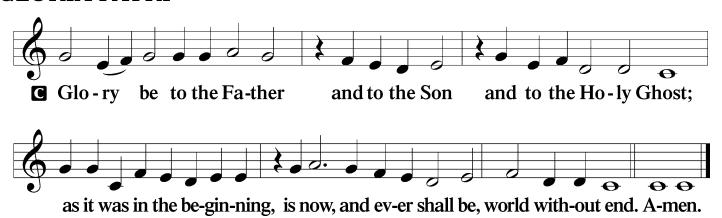
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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 +

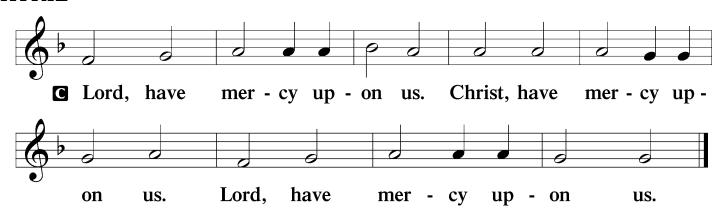
INTROIT *Psalm 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18*

- P The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.
- C I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- P My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad.
- C Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.
- P I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- C The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- P The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

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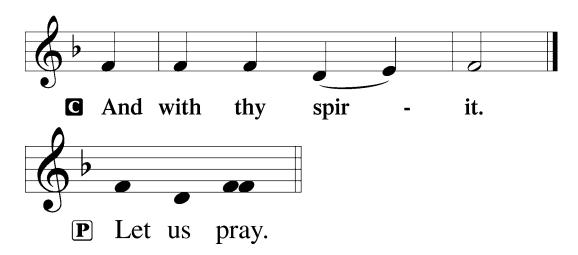
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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY





P O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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 *Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

(Solomon recognized that work without rest was useless and caused harm.)

- 10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.
- 11 When goods increase, they increase who eat them; so what profit have the owners except to see them with their eyes?
- 12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.
- 13 There is a severe evil which I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt.
- 14 But those riches perish through misfortune; when he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand.
- 15 As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, to go as he came; and he shall take nothing from his labor which he may carry away in his hand.
- 16 And this also is a severe evil—just exactly as he came, so shall he go.

And what profit has he who has labored for the wind?

17 All his days he also eats in darkness, and he has much sorrow and sickness and anger.

18 Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. 19 As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God. 20 For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart.

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

Psalm 119:9-16 **PSALM**

- How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to P Your word.
- With my whole heart I have sought You; oh, let me not wander \mathbf{C} from Your commandments!
- Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against P You.
- Blessed are You, O Lord! teach me Your statutes. C
- With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth. P
- \mathbf{C} I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches.
- I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. P
- I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your \mathbf{C} word.

EPISTLE Hebrews 4:1–16

(Strive by faith to enter God's rest and do not become disobedient.)

1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

"So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' "
although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way:

"And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"; 5 and again in this place: "They shall not enter My rest."

6 Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, 7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said:

"Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

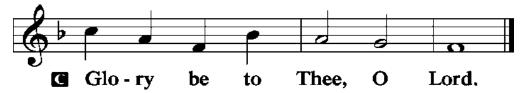


HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:23-31

(Jesus warns about wealth and the difficulty a wealthy person has entering the kingdom of God.)

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



23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be sayed?"

27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

28 Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."

29 So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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.

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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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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an y-where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav y lad en, Cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share? Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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SERMON "God's Sabbath rest for the people of God" Hebrews 4:9 **OFFERING**



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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

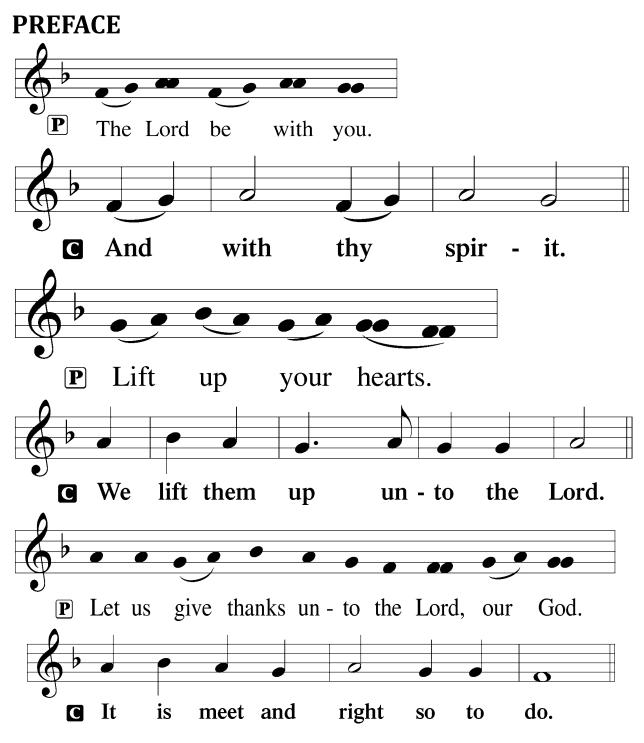
- P We pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs and the will of God.

 Heavenly Father, we confess before You that just as Solomon pointed out, we get busy with life and struggle to rest.
- C Help us on this day and always to find rest. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You cast aside a generation of Your people and gave them no rest because of their disobedience.
- C By the aid of Your Holy Spirit, help us to seek to obey You rather than rebel against You. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P Lord Jesus, look upon us with Your compassion.
- C You know those among us who are sick, hurting physically, and who otherwise need Your healing hand.
- P We commend into Your care those who are sick, [including . . .]. Restore them to health according to Your will.
- C Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P We pray for our land and those You have put in charge of overseeing our government at every level.
- C Grant Your Spirit to give them wisdom and guidance. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P We lift those who struggle: the homeless, the orphans, the widowed, and those in poverty.
- C We bring them to Your throne of grace, asking that You provide help for them in their time of need. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P We bring before You the needs of Your saints, whether here or elsewhere,
- C for Christian missionaries, for the persecuted, for those facing difficulty of any kind.
- P Look at them, whose names we may not know but You do, and others, whose names we do know but are not named and known to You.

- C Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and that Your will shall be done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

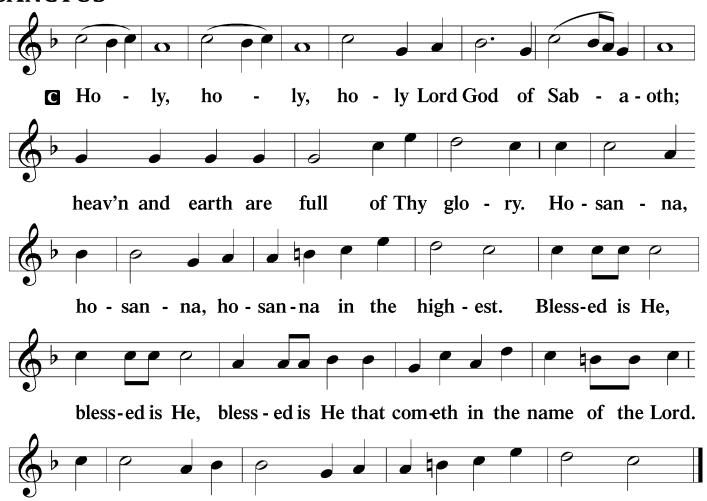
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in

all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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



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LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy

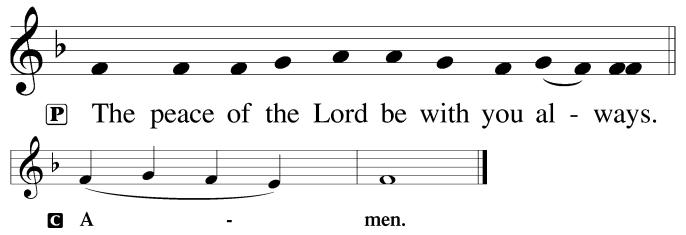
kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



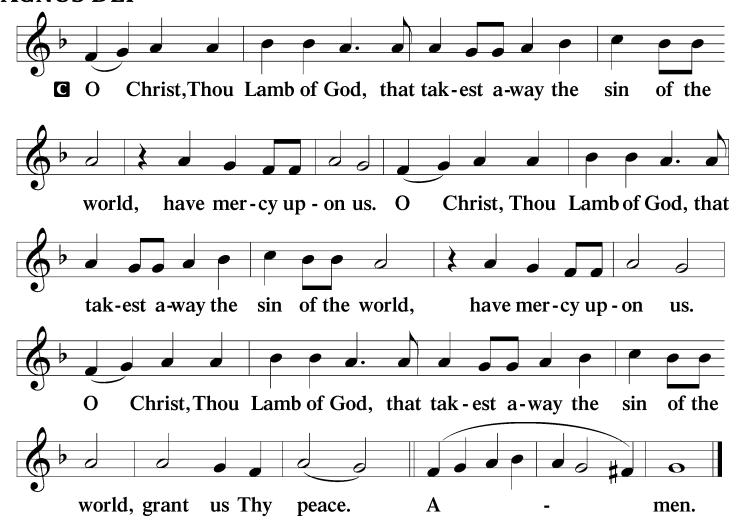
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- 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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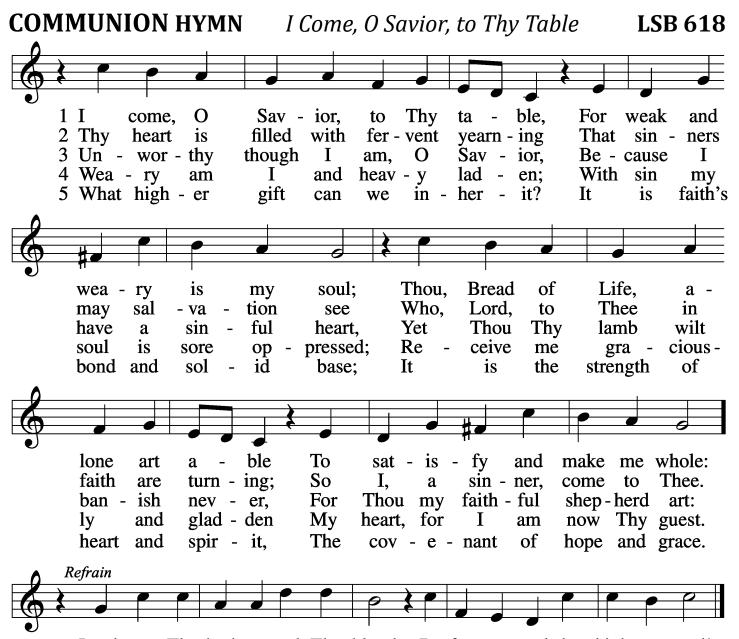


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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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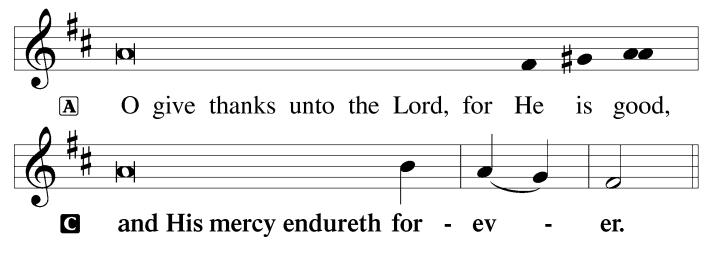
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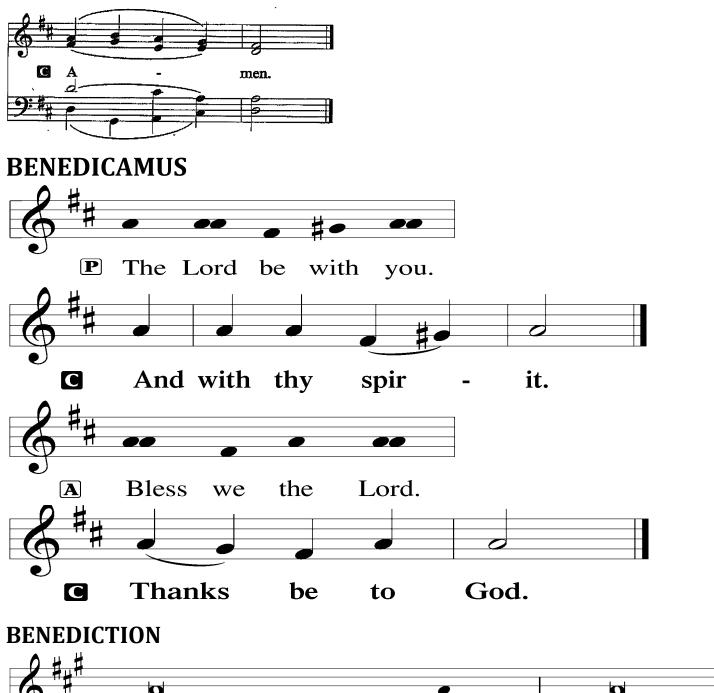


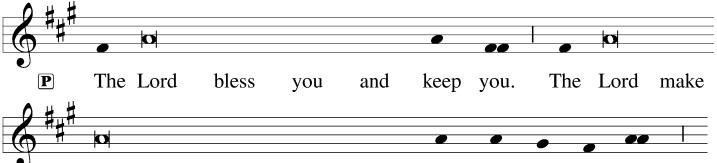
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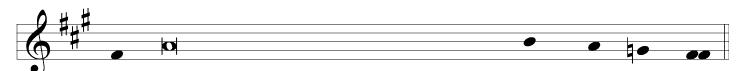
P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;

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

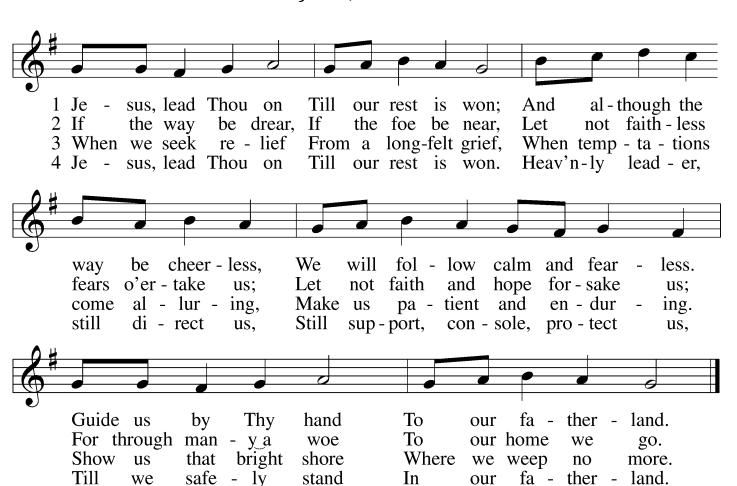


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SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Lead Thou On

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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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

Immanuel Lutheran School

Kettle Popcorn Sale

If you haven't placed an order for a bag of delicious popcorn, please see Joy or Maggie after the service; or call the office tomorrow morning, as it is the last day to place an order. Thank you!

Rummage Sale

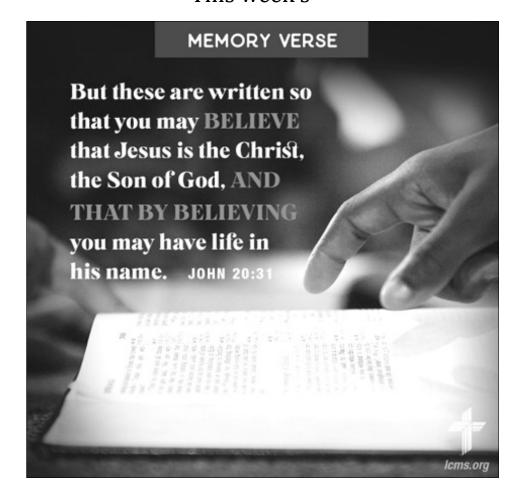
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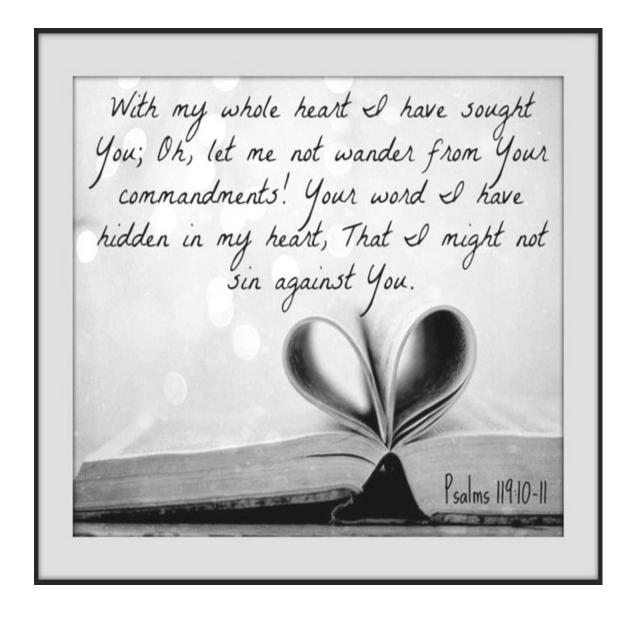
Trunk or Treat

October 31st from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. @ Christ's Corner Baseball Field.

Memory Verse Challenge

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REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

(Proper 25) **Readings:**

Revelation 14:6–7 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19–28 John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

10/13/2024

Sunday Worship 33

Plate: \$ 162.00

Envelopes: \$ 1,018.00

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Total: \$ 1,180.00

Bible Class: **16** \$ 12.00

By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is "occupied with joy in his heart" and is able to sleep in peace, "whether he eats little or much," because he knows that the "days of his life" are "the gift of God" (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he "shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand" (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult "for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet "all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through "the eye of a needle," through death and the grave, "to enter the kingdom of God" on our behalf (Mark 10:24–25). He is the "great high priest who has passed through the heavens" (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	October Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Dan Wehling		
Altar Guild:	Laura Estevanes/Maggie Weber		
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	
Next Week	Reformation Day (Observed)		
Usher:	Dan Wehling		
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