

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 22, 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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**And when He had taken
him in His arms, He said to
them, "Whoever receives
one of these little children
in My name receives Me;
and whoever receives Me,
receives not Me but Him
who sent Me." Mark 9:36-37**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024

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.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - My heavenly Father, who has ordered all things in heaven and earth, grant me, Your servant, such faith that nothing will separate me from my trust in Your gracious deliverance; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - In today's Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah has just learned of a plot against him, and he asks God to provide him justice, ridding him of his enemies. David's psalm likewise asks God to intervene and provide justice. Indeed, when we are weak in the face of opposition, that is when we need to rely on our great God. But if He measured out the same justice on us all, we would be doomed! Even one of the Twelve betrayed our Lord! But God "gives grace to the humble," James teaches in the Epistle. Only when we acknowledge God's grace in Christ can we pray for His justice. The Twelve were ignorant of Jesus' coming sacrifice, but we are well aware that by it we have received every grace and blessing.

Today we thank God for His grace to us as He deals with the
sinfilled world around us.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

Please stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

P Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

C **Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.**

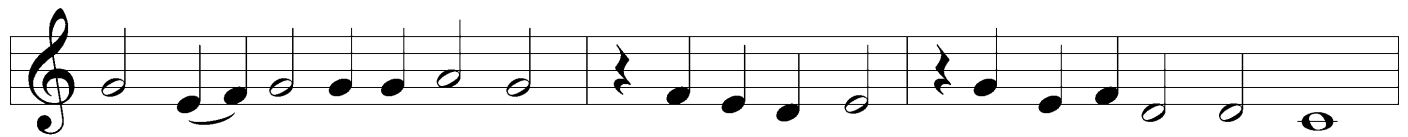
P₄ He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your

justice as the noonday.

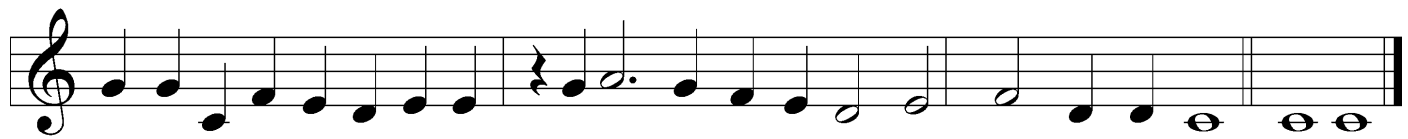
C Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

P Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

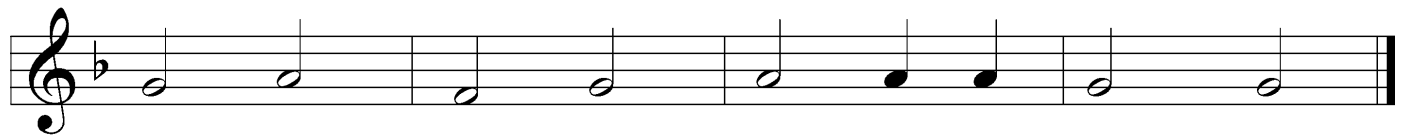


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

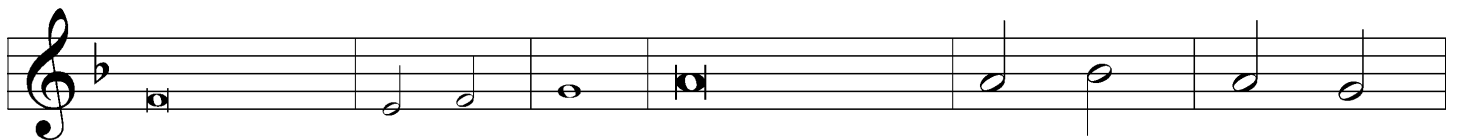


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

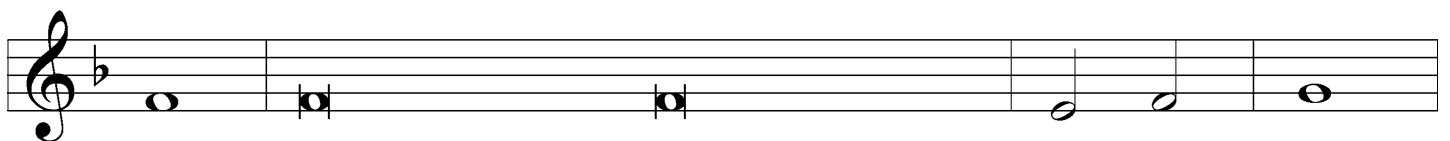


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

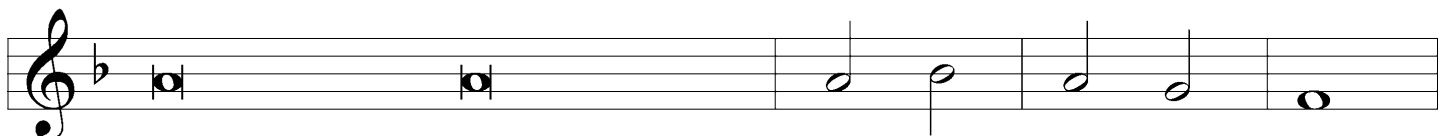
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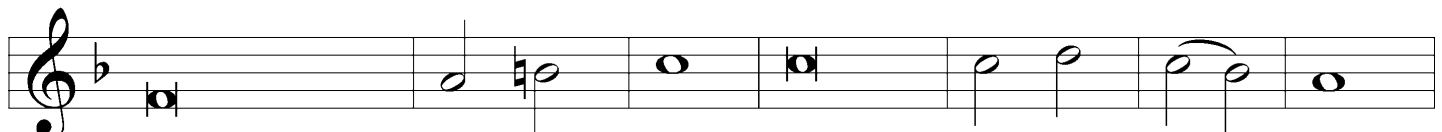
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



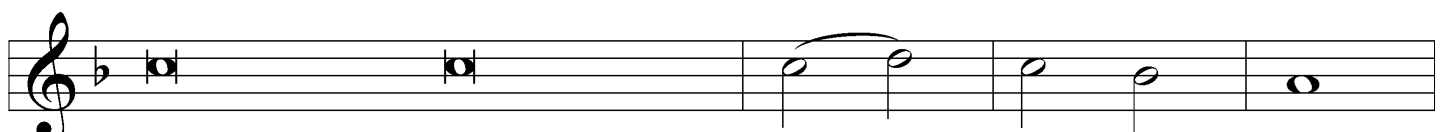
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. ⁵
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O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



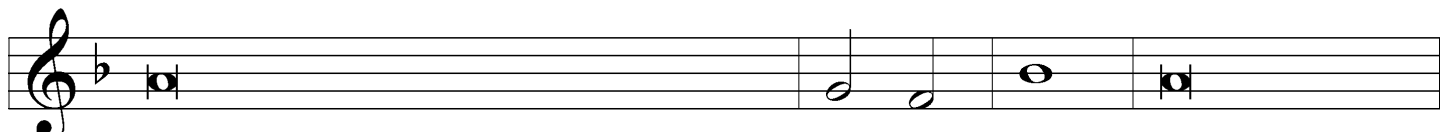
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



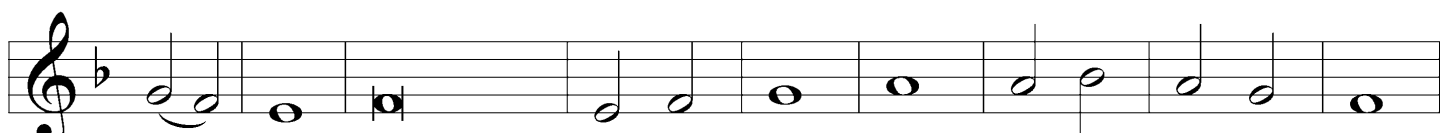
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



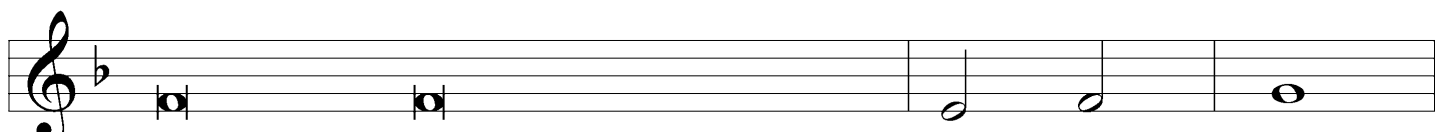
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.




Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

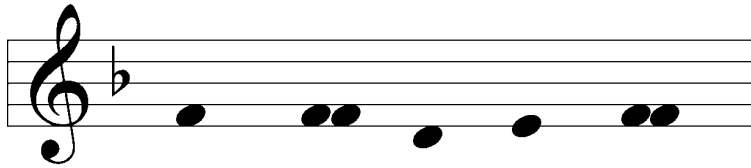


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

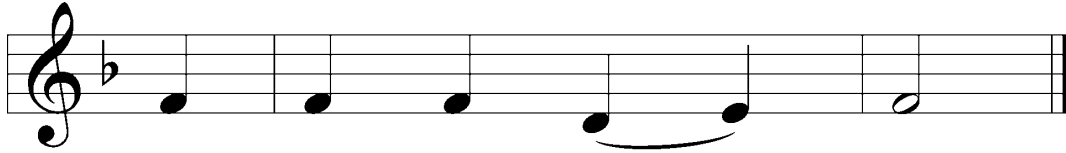


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

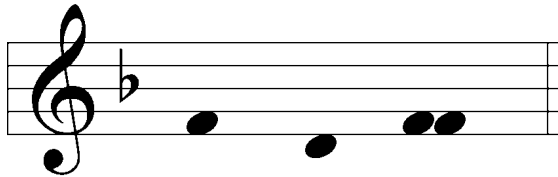
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith 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.



C A - men.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

(The prophet asks God's help in defending him against a plot.)

18 Now the Lord gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings.

19 But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more."

20 But, O Lord of hosts, You who judge righteously, testing the mind and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them, for to You I have revealed my cause.

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P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 54; antiphon: v. 4*

P Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my life.

C Save me, O God, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your strength.

P Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

C For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors have sought after my life; they have not set God before them.

P Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my life.

C He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth.

P I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

C For He has delivered me out of all trouble; and my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

P Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my life.

EPISTLE *James 3:13–4:10*

(James teaches that submission to God means opposition to worldly ways.)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:30-37*

(Jesus tells the Twelve about His coming crucifixion and then uses a child to teach about true greatness.)

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

30 Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. 31 For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

32 But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

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33 Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?"
34 But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. 35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." 36 Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them,
37 "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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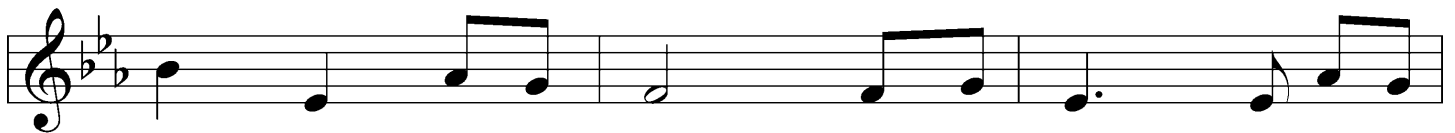
HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Sat with His Disciples

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1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a
2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the
3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing



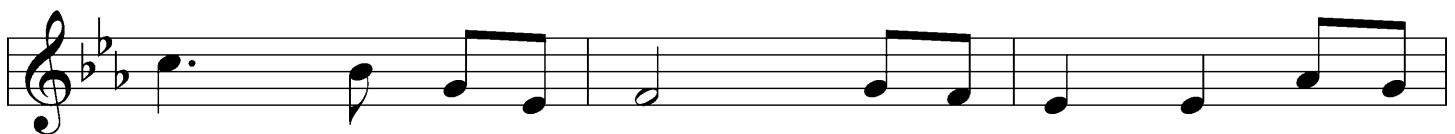
moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple
earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -



gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:
ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;



"Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy
Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the



king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My



mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.
suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

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SERMON

"Servant greatness offered to all through Jesus!"

Mark 9:35

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art

LSB 801 vs.1,3,4



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

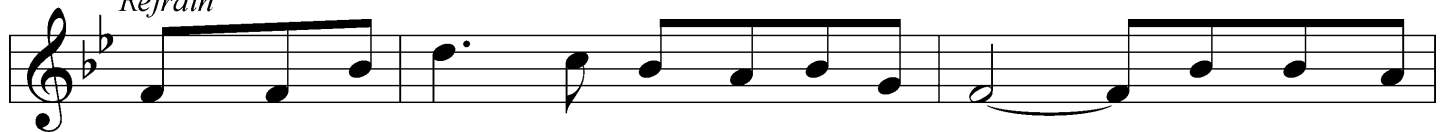


all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

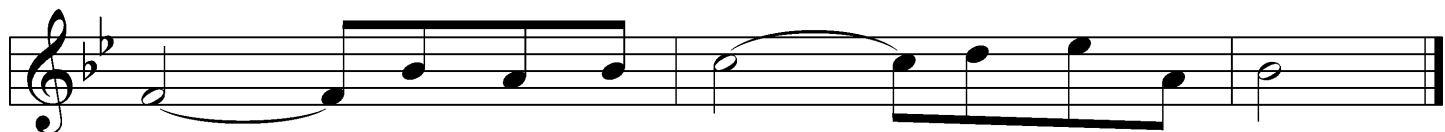
Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 37:4-7

P The Introit appointed for today includes comforting words that we

will use to guide our prayers today.

Let us pray for ourselves and the church around the world.

C Guide and protect us and Christ's whole church to proclaim the Gospel. We dearly want all people to hear the Good News.

P Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Let us pray for people in power through politics, those in businesses growing and distributing the resources of this world, armed forces protecting and defending us, and others who provide opportunities to use the talents You have given to us.

C Work faith in their hearts, O God, so that they may meet the needs of all people in peace, and we may follow their lead in serving You.

P Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.
Let us pray for those who make and adjudicate the laws of our country and others.

C Turn the hearts of those who seek to harm us or our nation and work against peace around the world, O God. Let us see Your justice.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [including . . .], that God would heal, restore, and comfort them according to all His good plans for them.

C Grant doors of opportunity for health care professionals, first responders, and us, that we may work together with them for the good of those for whom we pray.

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him.
Finally, let us pray for all who oppose our gracious God.

C Open the hearts of our enemies, O God, and all who oppose Your reign of love, so that they may know Your grace and mercy.

P Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

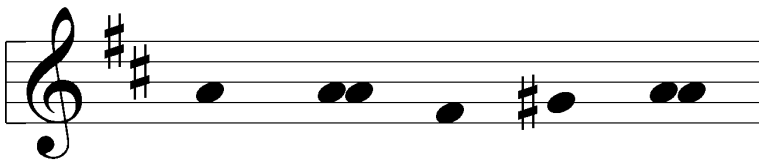
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

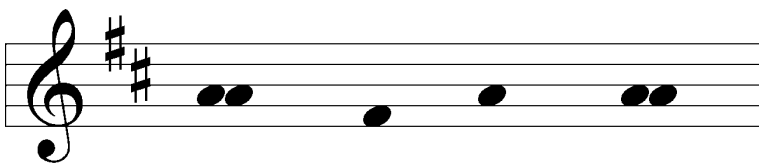
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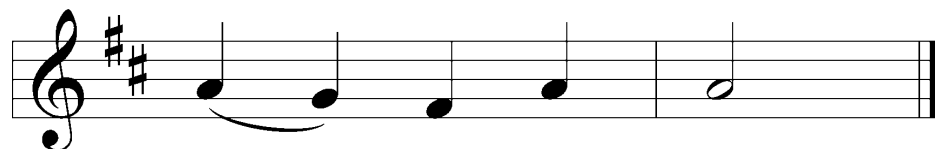
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

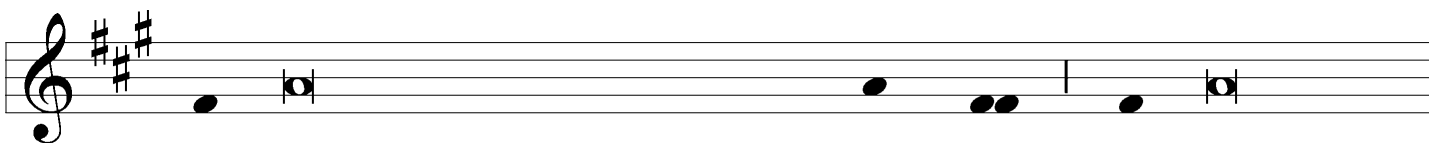


A Bless we the Lord.

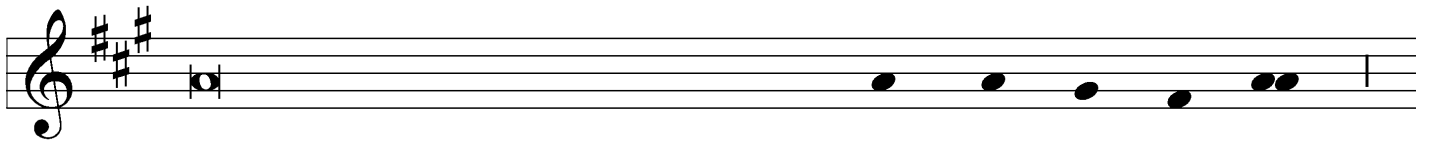


C Thanks be to God.

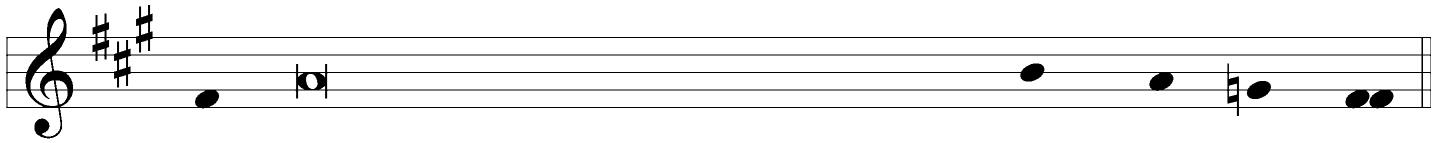
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

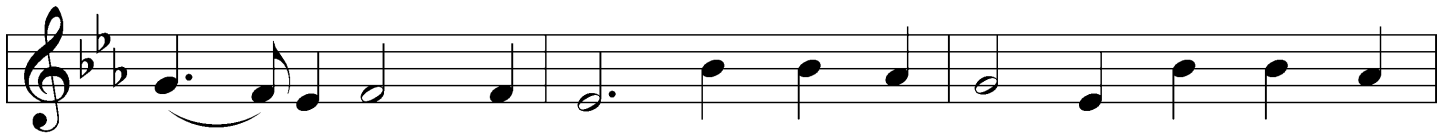
SENDING HYMN

My Soul Rejoices

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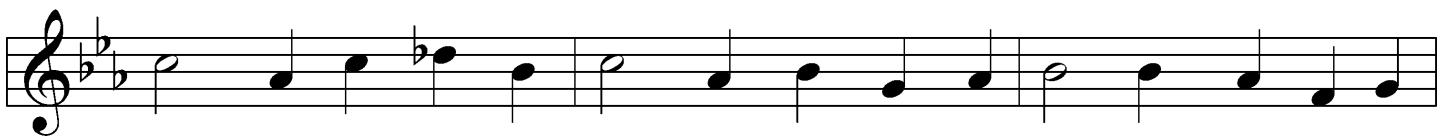
1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy

sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
 Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

2 His arm now baring,
 His strength declaring—
 Sing the greatness of the Lord!
 The proud He scatters,
 Their rule He shatters—
 Sing the greatness of the Lord!
 Oppression halted;
 The meek exalted.
 Full are the hungry;
 Empty, the wealthy—
 O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
 Here is the token
 All that was spoken
 To Abr'ham's offspring
 God is fulfilling—
 O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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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
10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Weber is leading.*

October Activities

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

*Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

*Pot Luck Luncheon
Sunday, October 6th
Bring your favorite dish*

*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*

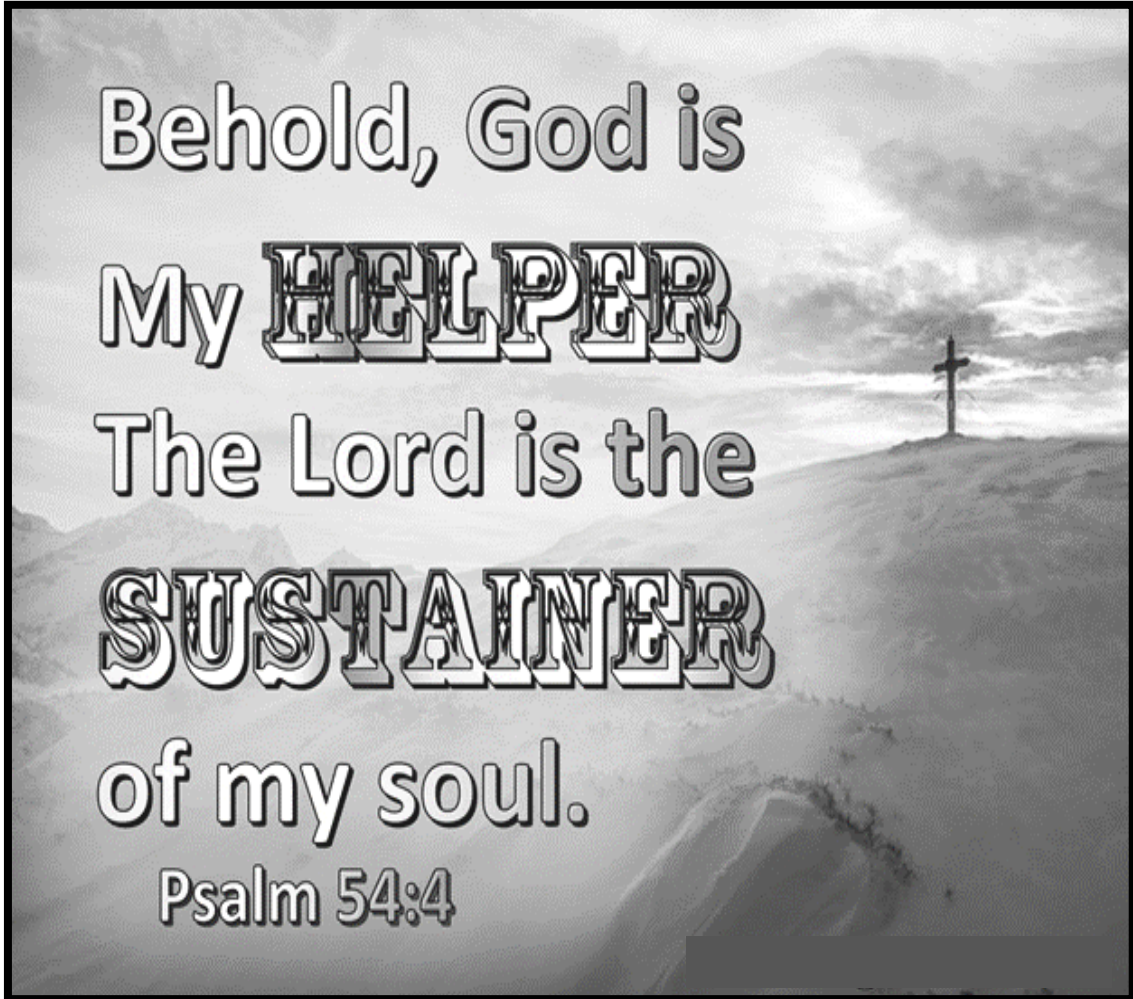
*Trunk or Treat
October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. @ the Church Parking Baseball
Field*

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Memory Verse Challenge

This week's





Behold, God is

My **HELPER**

The Lord is the

SUSTAINER

of my soul.

Psalm 54:4



First Day of Fall

Sermon Notes

Fall for
Jesus
He never
leaves
DEUT. 31:6

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6 NKJV

9/15/2024		
Sunday Worship	26	
Plate:		\$ 125.00
Envelopes:		\$ 818.00
Envelopes-Other:		
On-line:		
Donation:		
Baseball field		\$ 50.00
Total:		\$ 993.00
Bible Class:	12	-0-

St. Michael and All Angels
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 21)
Readings:

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3
Psalm 91
Revelation 12:7-12
Matthew 18:1-11 or Luke 10:17-20

Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son

The sinful heart is filled with “bitter jealousy and selfish ambition” (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God “opposes the proud” with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He “gives grace to the humble,” in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true “wisdom from above” is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was “like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,” committing Himself to God, His Father, “who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind” (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, “after three days,” His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	September Sunday Servants:	October Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Don Vogel	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	BJ Neuhaus/M Weber	C Zink/L Estevanes/M Weber
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	St. Michael and All Angels (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am