TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
(ALL SAINTS' DAY OBSERVED)
NOVEMBER 2, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
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> > 10:30 A.M.

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"And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." **Luke 19:5**

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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;

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Enlighten my mind, I pray, O God, by the Spirit who proceeds from you that, as your Son has promised, I may be led into all truth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

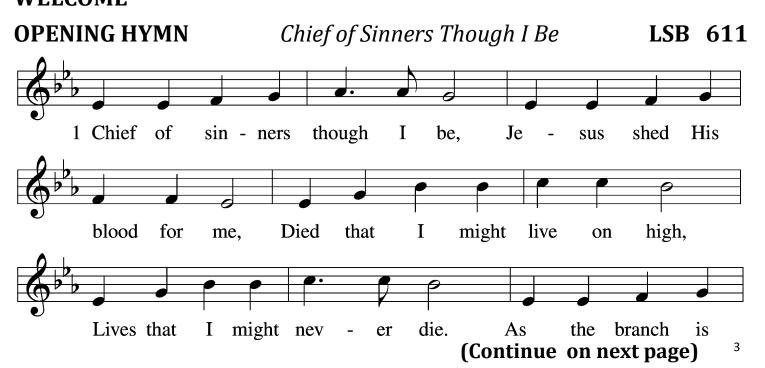
AS WE GATHER - What does it take to be worthy? Worthy of things such

as achievements we desire, promotions for which we strive, inclusions for which we long, and accolades for which we aim? In the way of the world, we know being deemed worthy takes qualities such as hard work, dedication, fortitude, and even some fortunate timing with opportunity. Yet what does it take to be worthy of even greater things? Worthy of the lasting joys and inclusion in God's eternal kingdom? Our Readings today give us our answer. From Isaiah's lists of the wickedness of Judah, sins like scarlet will be white as snow. In 2 Thessalonians, Paul prays that God may make them "worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith" (1:11). Is it by hard work? Determination? Fortitude? No, in faith, we find the answer is "By his power." From Luke 19, a very unworthy (and small) Zacchaeus was not deserving of anything good by our standards. Yet he received not only Jesus' attention but also salvation upon his house. What does it take to be worthy? For the things of God's kingdom, it takes faith in the One who has been perfectly worthy for us. "Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God" (LSB, p. 155).

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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





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 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 50:1–2, 14–15; antiphon: v. 23*

- P Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."
- C The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down.
- P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.
- C Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.
- P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."
- C Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."

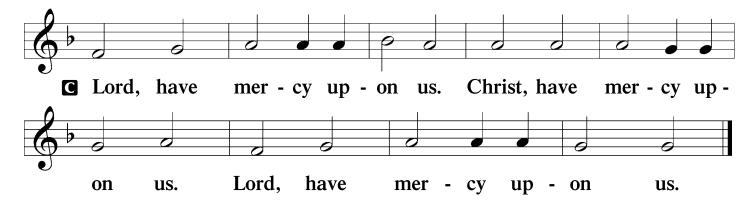
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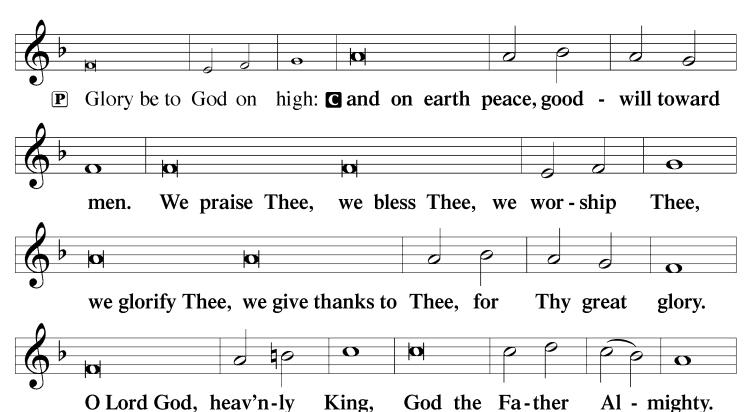


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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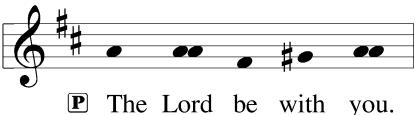


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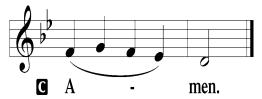


SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY





P O Lord, stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to welcome and joyfully receive Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that He may find in us a fit dwelling place; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 1:10–18 (The wickedness of Judah)

10 Hear the word of the Lord, You rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, You people of Gomorrah: 11 "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. 12 "When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts? 13 Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. 14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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

PSALM Psalm 130; antiphon: vv. 3-4

- P If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.
- C Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord;
- P Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
- C If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- P But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.
- C I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.
- P My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.
- C O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.
- P And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
- C If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (6-10) 11-12 (Judgment at Christ's coming)

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, 5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the

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kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;

- 11 Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

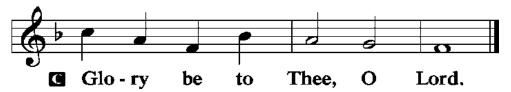


HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

(Zacchaeus the tax collector)

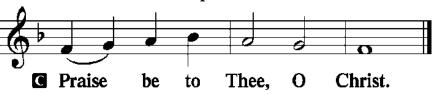
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



- 1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."
- 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."
- 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to

save that which was lost."

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





SERMON

"A quick stop to save a sinner!"

Luke 19:5-7

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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- 2 May Thy boun - ties thus stew-ards true re-ceive we As 3 Oh. hearts are bruised and And dead, homes are bare and cold,
- 4 To com - fort and bless. To find balm for woe. to a



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give! And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray-ing from the fold. To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

- The captive to release,To God the lost to bring,To teach the way of life and peace,It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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

COMMEMORATION OF THE REDEEMED CHILDREN OF GOD

P Today, with God's children throughout the Christian Church, we remember all those who remain God's children for eternity. We especially note this day those who have gone to the church triumphant during the days of this last year.

Rudy Gutierrez (Misión Emanuel) February 1, 2025 Terence "Terry" Schroeder June 26, 2025

(A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.; with a reception to follow at the Fellowship Hall.)

- P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Psalm 130)

- P Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. In our needs, and with our prayers, we pray alongside the Psalmist in response.

 Gracious Lord, in this sin-stricken world, we face trials and temptations and times of feeling unworthy of love from others and from You. Even in our lowest times, we come to You.
- C Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!
- P Give us peace and understanding amid the noise around us that cause us to lose focus in many ways and be distracted in our relationship with You. We thank You that You hear and answer us at all times.
- C O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- P Grant us strength to face our days, and assurance of Your presence. In times of guilt and shame, draw us to You. In times of unworthiness felt in this life, point us to Jesus, who for us became and was the worthy Lamb for the sins of the world. In sin known to us and sins known only to You, assure us of the forgiveness won for us through Christ's death and resurrection.
- C If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.
- P Guide those who wait for answers sought in this life and give them patience. Comfort those who wait with ailments of the body, mind, or soul, [especially . . .], and give them comfort in times of affliction. Grant Your peace to those who wait in grief and mourning of loved ones lost, and those who wait patiently for the day of redemption to come.
- C I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- P In the midst of things unknown and unseen, strengthen our faith to hold to what we can be sure of as Your reveal it to us through Your Word and Sacraments. Help us to keep our identity given by You as Your baptized children and redeemed people, that we may keep the hope found in You through Christ alone.

- C O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

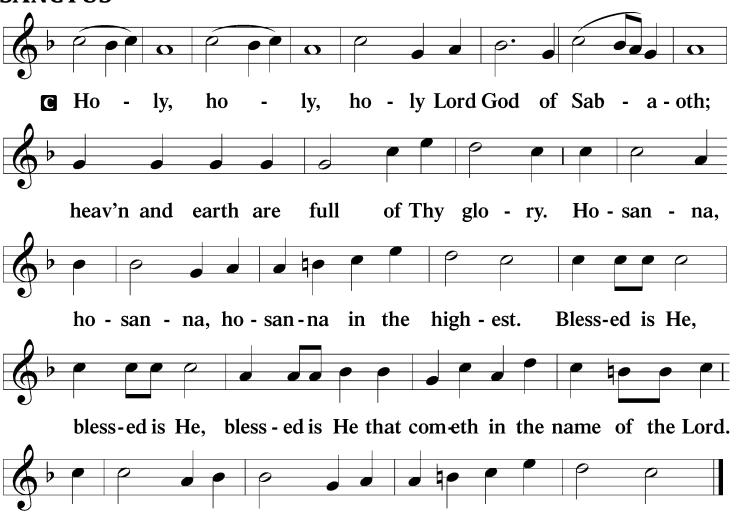
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen

creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

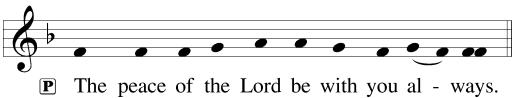
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

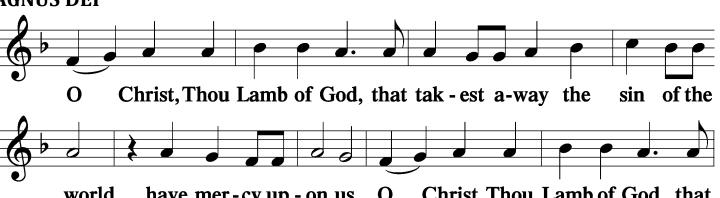
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when 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, inremembrance of Me."

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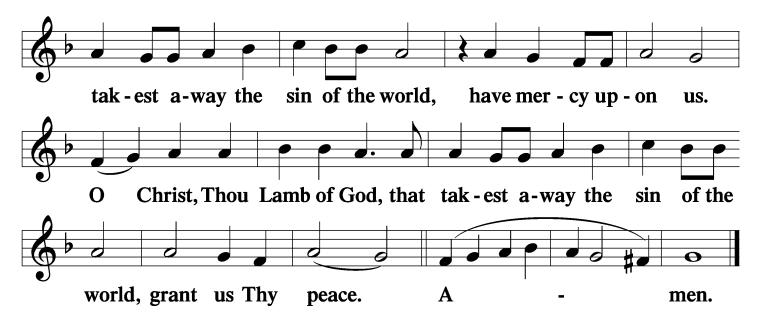




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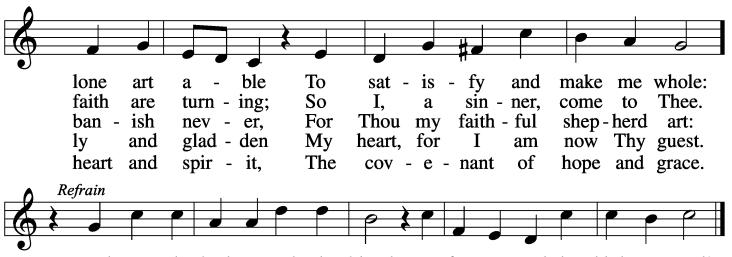
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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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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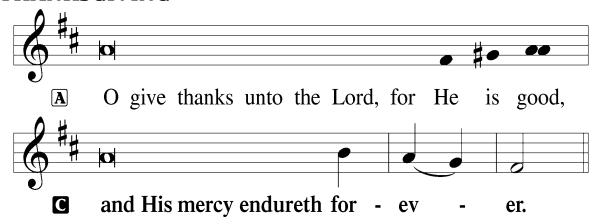
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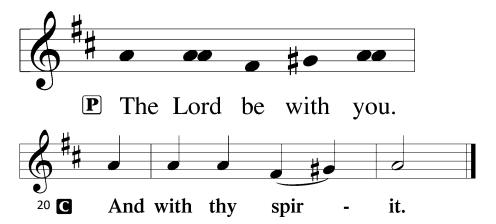
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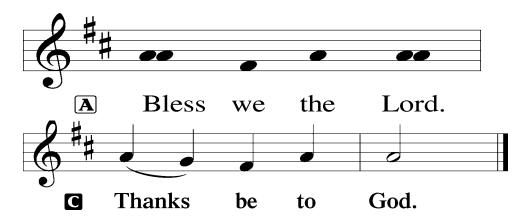


P Let us pray. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and unworthy as we are, You bestow on us forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. In Your mercy, strengthen us through 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.

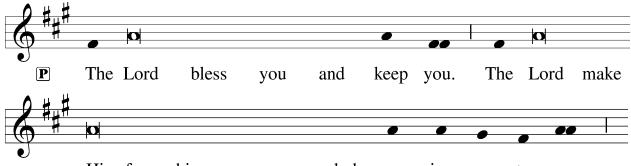


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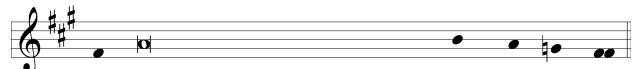




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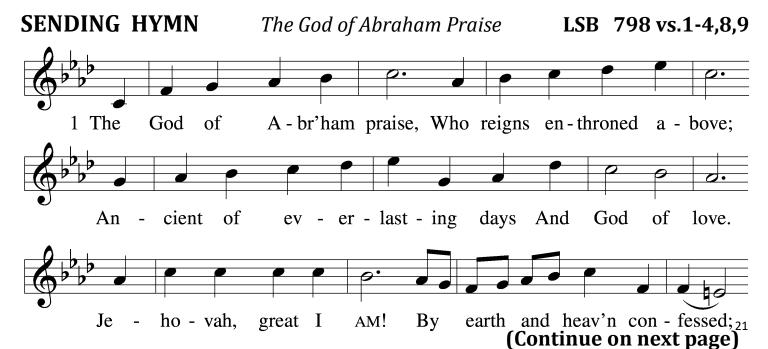
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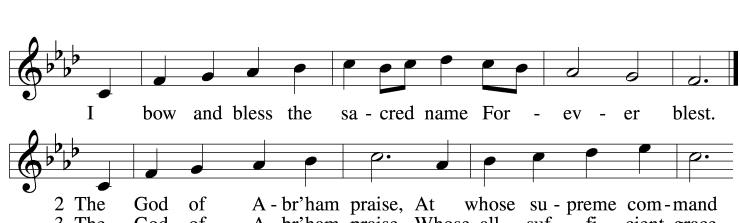


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Please sit





A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace 3 The God of

by Him - self 4 He has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.

God who reigns on high great arch - an - gels sing, 8 The The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God \wedge 9 The on



Ι seek right hand. From earth rise and the joys At His pil - grim days Shall guide me all my In all my ways. gle wings up - borne, To Ι shall, on ea heav'n as - cend. "Al - might - y ho - ly!" cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, And Ho - ly Ghost!" They "Hail, Fa - ther. Son. and ev - er



Ι all earth for - sake. Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r, on He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God. shall be - hold His face; shall His pow'r a - dore Ι And ev - er - more shall Who and is the same was Hail. A-br'ham's God and mine! ioin the heav'n - ly



And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r. Through Je - sus' He shall save me And to the end blood. grace For And sing the won-ders of His ev er more. - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!" might and maj - es - ty Thine And are end - less praise!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve the Lord! P

Thanks be to God. C

POSTLUDE

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- >Portals of Prayer for October to December 2025 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.
- > From Immanuel Lutheran School students and staff, Thank You for your support to our school!
- > Veterans Day Parade Saturday, November 8th at 10 a.m.

downtown, Texas Ave.

Church members who are veterans will ride on the float with the school children. Please report to the school playground by 8:45 a.m.

> A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. for Terrence Schroeder; with a reception to follow at the Fellowship Hall.

Sermon Notes		
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Sunday Worship 42

Plate: \$ 266.00

Envelopes: \$ 2,155.00

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Total: \$ 2,421.00

Bible Class: **27** \$ 15.00

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Proper 27)

Exodus 3:1–15
Psalm 148
2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

Luke 20:27-40

The Lord Comes to Save and Call Us to Himself by the Tree of His Cross

God will judge "those who do not obey the gospel" (2 Thess. 1:8), but "when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven" (2 Thess. 1:7), He will "be glorified in his saints" (2 Thess. 1:10). For by His cross, you are "considered worthy of the kingdom of God" (2 Thess. 1:5). Therefore, "give ear to the teaching of our God" (Is. 1:10), and "let us reason together" by faith in His Gospel (Is. 1:18). "Make yourselves clean" (Is. 1:16), not by "the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats" (Is. 1:11), but by the blood of Christ. His salvation comes to you by grace, as it came to Zacchaeus. That man sought "to see who Jesus was," but he could not "because he was small in stature" (Luke 19:3). It is by way of a tree that Zacchaeus is found by the One he sought, for Jesus Himself "was about to pass that way" (Luke 19:4). The Lord calls Zacchaeus down and goes "in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner" (Luke 19:7). So also, He visits us as sinners, securing eternal redemption for us through the tree of His holy cross.

Memory Verse Challenge: 2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	November Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	
Altar Guild:	Laura Estevanes/Maggie Weber	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints' Day (observed)	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am	
Next Week	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am	