SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 11, 2023 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

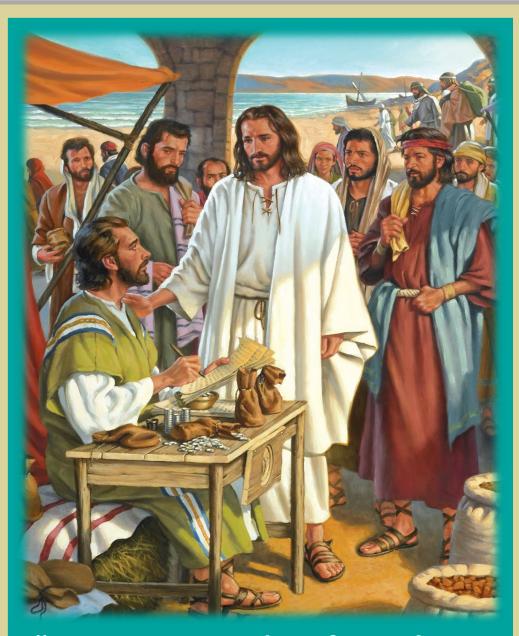
10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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"As Jesus passed on from there,
He saw a man named Matthew
sitting at the tax office. And He
said to him, "Follow Me." So he
arose and followed Him."

Matthew 9:9

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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.

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 - Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, calls me as His people and invites me to feast at His Table. Grant me grace always to respond to His call and to find my greatest joy in being at the Lord's Table. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - One of the three sung table graces included in Lutheran Service Book is "Be Present at Our Table, Lord" (LSB 775). The first part of the text, from around 1740, was written to be used before a meal began. It asks the Lord's presence be at the dinner table. The text also has a parallel verse to be spoken or sung at the close of a meal:

We bless Thee, Lord, for this our food, But more for Jesu's flesh and blood; The manna to our spirits giv'n, The living bread sent down from heav'n; Praise shall our grateful lips employ, While life and plenty we enjoy; 'Till worthy, we adore Thy name, While banqueting with Christ, the lamb.

The English author John Cennick thoughtfully ties together our daily eating at our home tables with our being together at the Lord's Table at worship. Wherever our tables may be, the Lord is there with His blessing!

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

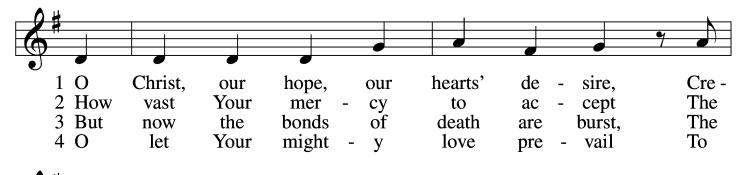
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

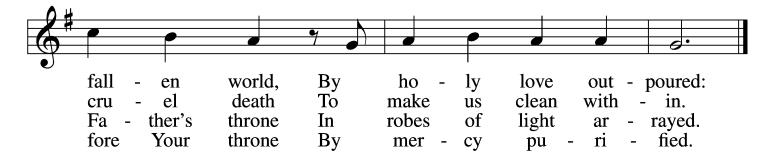
OPENING HYMN

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

LSB 553







5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward; Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!

All praise to You, ascended Lord; All glory ever be To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!

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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 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,
- 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 50:7–10; antiphon: v. 1

P The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth

- from the rising of the sun to its going down.
- "Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will \mathbf{C} testify against you; I am God, your God!
- I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, P which are continually before Me.
- I will not take a bull from your house, nor goats out of your \mathbf{C} folds.
- For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand P hills.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; All as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth P from the rising of the sun to its going down.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy;

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



To God on high be glo - ry And peace to **C** 1 the all earth: You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, 2 To we pray; ho - ly; You on - ly 3 For You a - lone are the Lord. are



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er. Be wor-shiped and a - dored:



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high— In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Hosea 5:15–6:6

(The Lord desires that His people show mercy.)

15 I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek Me."

1 Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight. 3 Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth.

4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, and like the early dew it goes away. 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and your judgments are like light that goes forth. 6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

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

PSALM

Psalm 119:65-72

- P You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word.
- C Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments.
- P Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.
- C You are good, and do good; teach me Your statutes.
- P The proud have forged a lie against me, but I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.
- C Their heart is as fat as grease, but I delight in Your law.
- P It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.
- C The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands

of coins of gold and silver.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:13-25

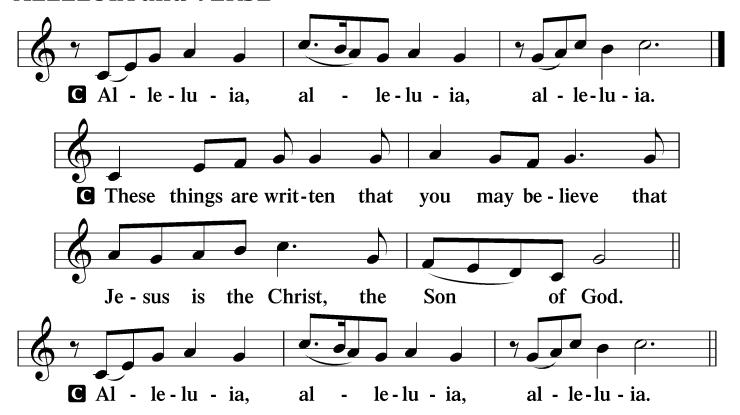
(An account of the faith of Abraham)

13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, 15 because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

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

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9–13

(Jesus calls Matthew as a disciple.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

- 9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.
- 10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
- 12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, 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.

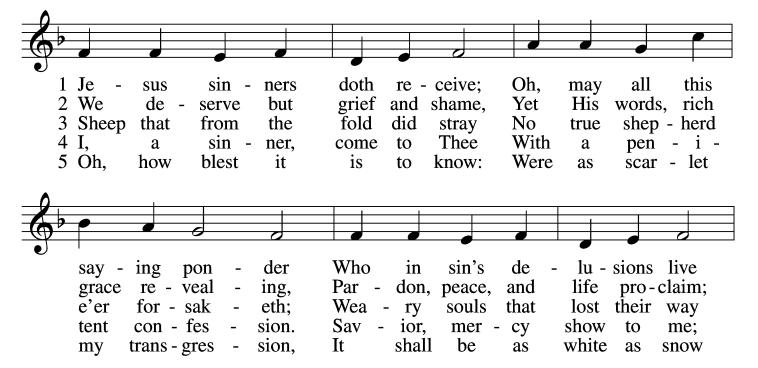
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

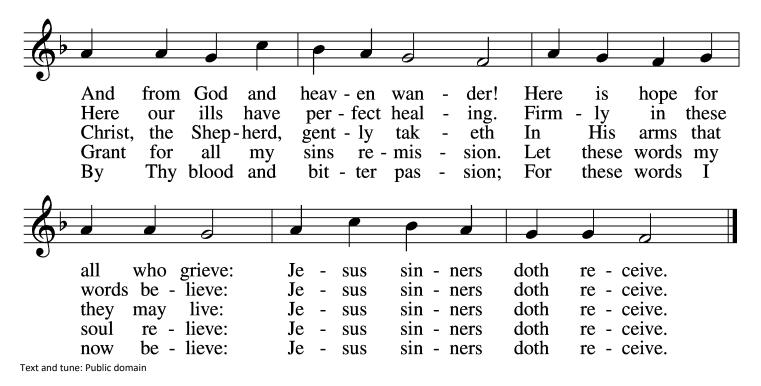
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HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609, vs. 1-5





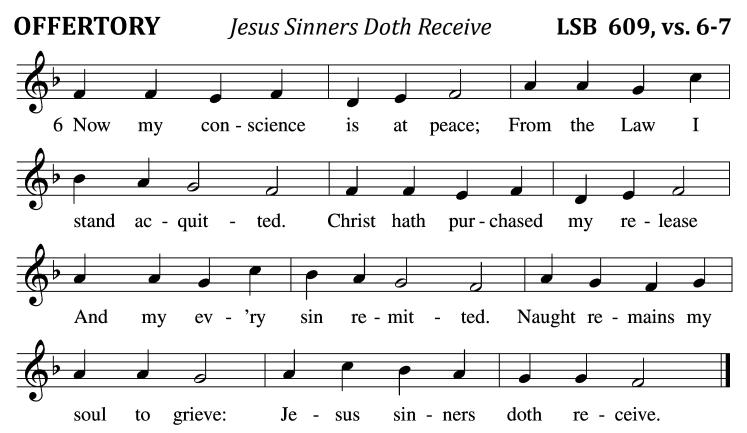
SERMON

"Mercy! - Vastly given and desired by God!"

(Matthew 9:13)

OFFERING

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7 Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave. I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21) [using American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As dear children ask their dear father, let us bring to the P Lord our prayers this day, knowing that He will hear us and respond to our petitions. Confidently we come to our Father in heaven: Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As citizens of our blessed land, we pray for the world in which we live and for the leaders of every nation as well as of our own, that peace may prevail around the globe and that we may live without fear in our times. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer. C

In this season of growth, we pray for the Church, that it P may grow and flourish even in those places where persecution for our Lord's sake is known. Grant that there be unhindered access to the Table of the Lord in every land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Gathered in heart and mind, we pray for those in need of P our special petitions, including those distanced from this fellowship today, and including those dealing with illness and the homebound. We also remember those who grieve this day and those with special needs, [including . . .]. 12

According to Your good and gracious will, bring strength to the weak, assurance to the fearful, and hope to those in peril. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P With thankfulness, we remember those whose earthly lives have been completed, including relatives, friends, and members of this household of faith and so many others. Grant that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus as in blessed hope we await the resurrection to life eternal and the final invitation to the banquet in God's kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gathered in the forgiving love of Christ and assured that our heavenly Father hears our petitions, we say with hopeful hearts and voices:
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

All 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.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin. 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in

3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits; 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



tres - pass, What - ev - er How - ev - er we have been, great our Shall Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin. find a an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n-ly gates. bless - ed His with - out When heart and What should we do You eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, for - got - ten, The past shall be Α pres - ent be giv'n, joy will ques - tion be asked How of - ten we have come; us When all things seem a - gainst To drive de - spair, us to us.



Your pre-cious blood can wash And make us clean us fu - ture grace be prom - ised, glo-rious crown in heav'n. Α Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It our Fa - ther's home. is We know one is o - pen, One will gate ear hear our prayer.

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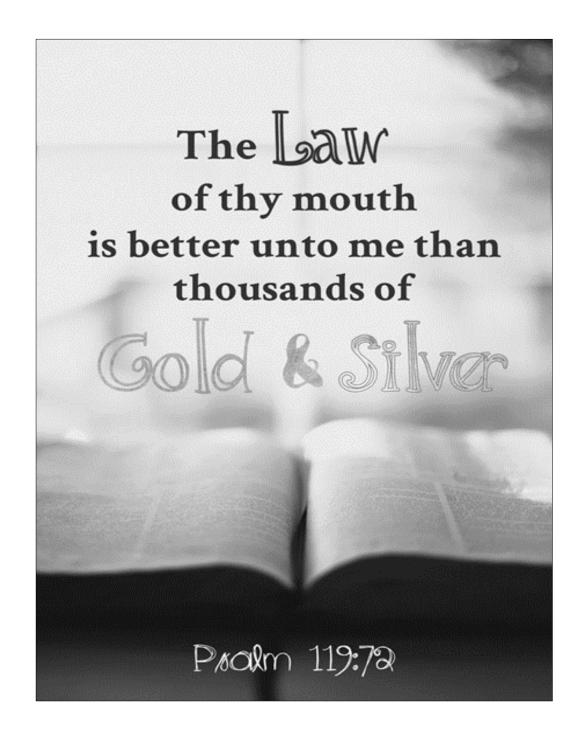
DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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From the Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer July to September 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Weber will be leading the class.

June Activities

<u>Father's Day</u> Sunday, June 18th, 2023

Immanuel Lutheran School

will be having a Summer Camp the last week in June.

June 26 thru 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (free)

Grades: Kinder thru 6th

Children will experience science and art.

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Sermon Notes:					

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

This week's memory verse: Galatians 3:26

In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings:

Exodus 19:2-8
Psalm 100
Romans 5:6-15
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-20)

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Sunday Worsh	nip 2	23		Sunday Worsl	hip	30	
Plate:		\$	131.00	Plate:		\$	170.00
Envelopes:		\$	958.00	Envelopes:		\$	968.00
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Bible Class:	11		\$ 10.00	Bible Class:	10		\$ 7.00

Jesus Calls Sinners to Repentance and Newness of Life in Accordance with His Mercy

In calling Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, Jesus demonstrates that He has come "not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9:9, 13). As a good physician, He comes not to confirm them in their sins, but to heal them with His grace, calling them to repentance, faith and newness of life (Matt. 9:12). He puts them to death by the preaching of His Law, in order to raise them with His Gospel, to live before Him in the righteousness of His resurrection (Hos. 6:1–2, 5). It is in this way that God "gives life to the dead," that is, through faith in Jesus, "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:17, 24–25). Thus, sinners from all nations are called to share the same faith as Abraham, the father of all who trust in Jesus (Rom. 4:16–18). And as our Lord in mercy thus welcomes us poor sinners to recline at the table in His house, so does He "desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Matt. 9:10, 13; Hos. 6:6), that we should have mercy on our neighbors and forgive their sins against us for Jesus' sake.

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule					
	June Sunday Servants					
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus					
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Marivel Perez					
Music:	Doris Pickering					
This Week	Second Sunday after Pentecost					
Usher:	Ken Eilers					
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am				
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am				
Next Week	Third Sunday after Pentecost					
Usher:	Don Vogel					
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am				
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am				