THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 18, 2023

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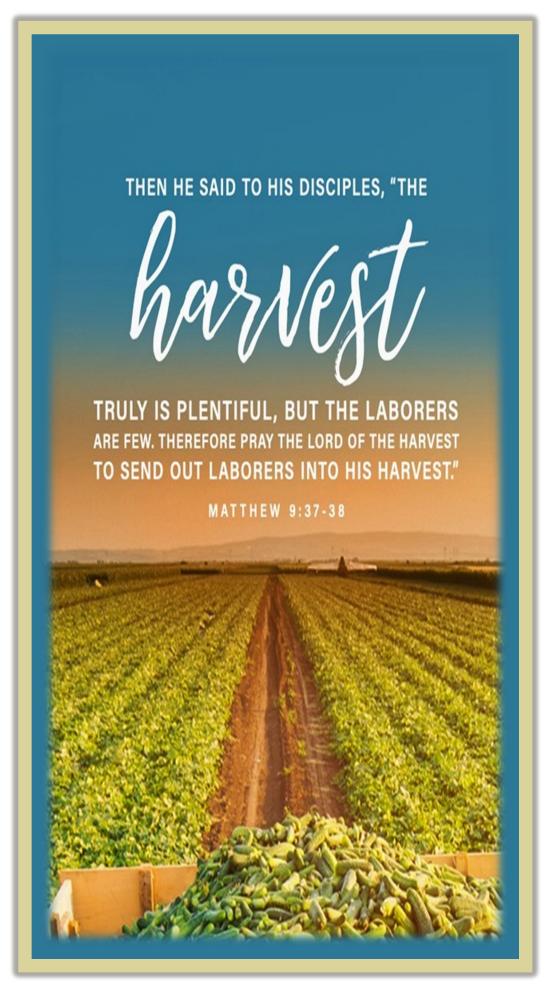
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

This 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 everlasting God, give me an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that I may obtain what you have promised, make me love what you have commanded; through 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 - The history of celebrating Father's Day in the United States begins with a church service held in West Virginia in 1908, which recalled and honored the fathers who had perished in a coal mine disaster in the area in the previous year. Two years later, a more general annual observance was begun at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington. But it was not until 1972 that the day was declared to be a national holiday. Among the many qualities of positive fatherhood celebrated on Father's Day is a sense of

compassion. Many centuries ago, the psalmist wrote: "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him" (Psalm 103:13). Each week in worship we recall and give thanks for the compassionate love of our God, the eternal Father, who bears His people on eagles' wings and crowns them with steadfast love and mercy.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

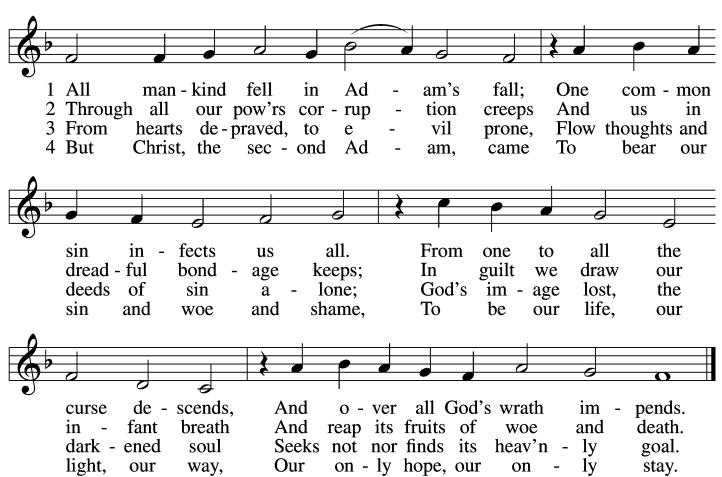
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

LSB 562



5 As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell, So by one Man, who took our place, We all were justified by grace. 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours, New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs. This grace our ev'ry way attend Until we reach our journey's end.

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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

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is P not in us.
- \mathbf{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.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and P 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.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 67:4–7; antiphon: v. 3*

- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.
- C Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth.
- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.
- C Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.
- P God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.
- All 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.
- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

KYRIE



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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



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, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets, You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through 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 Exodus 19:2–8

(God's people are to be a kingdom of priests.)

2 For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain. 3 And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." 7 So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him. 8 Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.

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

PSALM Psalm 100

- P Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
- C Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.
- P Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- C Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
- P For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

EPISTLE Romans 5:6–19

(Christ died for us while we were still sinners.)

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— 13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

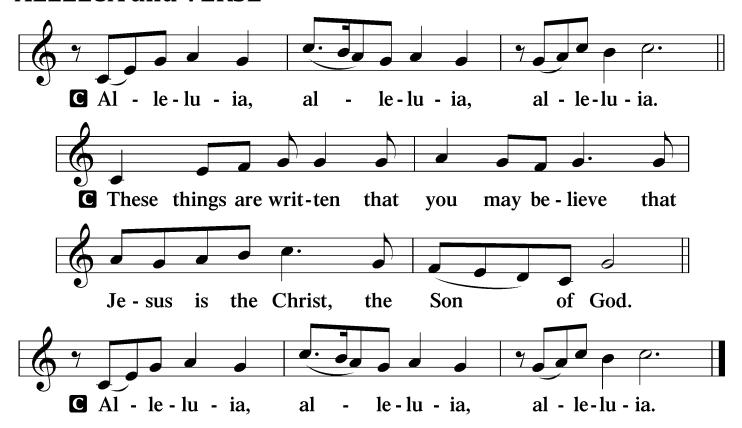
16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one

Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

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

ALLELUA and VERSE



Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 9:35–10:8*

(Jesus calls and then sends out His disciples.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

10:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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

HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ, Who Called the Twelve LSB 856



- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol low You, For -
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a ges sealed, Whose
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A mong the des o late And
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev er trod To
- 5 O Christ, th'a pos-tles' Lord, The mar-tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new: words and works a - wak-ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed: broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate: serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro-claim The near - er reign of God: cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call In - struct us now, we pray, Lead us a - long the ways Send us on ways where faith Though gen - er - a - tions pass,

To risk se - cu - ri - ty And, By Your em-pow'r-ing Word. True Where hope has near - ly died And Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



Find bound in heart and will to You, per - fect lib - er Their light, their life, their Lord. teach - er, be for all who seek Where love us climb the lone - ly hills cru-ci - fied. is hope sus-tains Both life and min-is in-forms and fice of praise, Our lives sac - ri of - fer an

SERMON "God's message to proclaim – The Kingdom of Heaven is now here!" (Matthew 10:7)

OFFERING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21)
(Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.
- C In holy conversation
 We speak to God in prayer,
 And at His invitation
 Our deepest thoughts we share.
 We come, His will obeying,
 As children bringing needs;
 And to support our praying,
 His Spirit intercedes. (LSB 772 vs.1)
- P We pray for the whole Church throughout the world that, as people united in faith and active in love, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. We pray for all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there may be times of peace and reconciliation, and for our own nation that it may be an ensign of hope.

We bring our special petitions today to God's throne of grace as we pray for our families, especially as on this Father's Day we honor our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, thanking God for the blessings that are received from all caring parents in every generation. And we thank God, our heavenly Father, for listening to our petitions and responding to them.

- C These holy conversations
 Begin in childlike ways;
 We bring our supplications
 And words of thanks and praise.
 With care our Father listens
 To ev'ry thought expressed,
 Then answers our petitions
 In ways He knows are best. (LSB 772 vs.2)
- P We pray for the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we be peace bringers in all of our actions and words, and we pray for

the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn and for all those matters on our hearts this day, [including . . .].

For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, we thank You, Lord, and faithfully commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C As holy conversation,
In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears. (LSB 772 vs.3)

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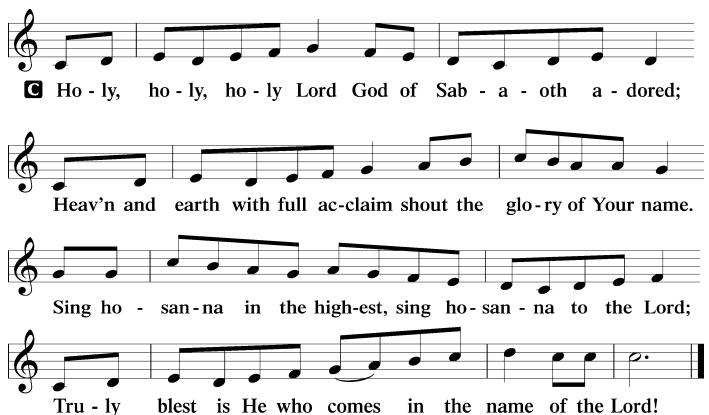
+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We thank You for Your faithful love and for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us weak and ungodly people from the power of sin, death, and the devil, and blessing our lives with lasting peace. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table as faithful disciples with gratitude and joy. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow as people of faith and peace, hopefully awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting. Amen.

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. For Thine is the

kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

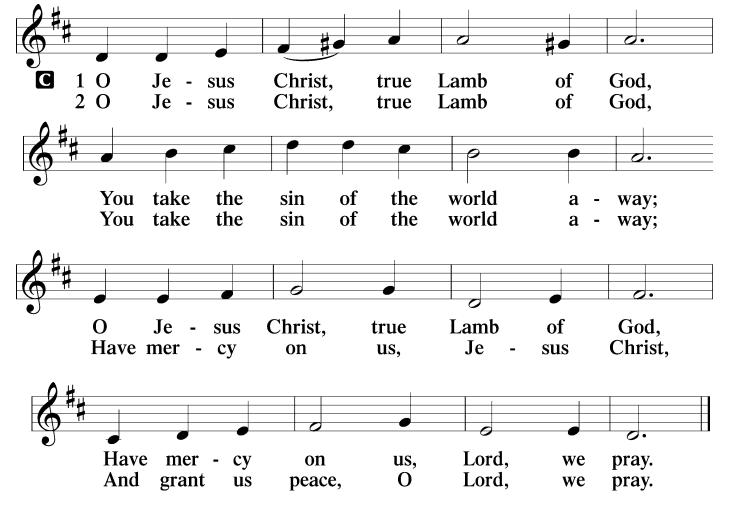
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- 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."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



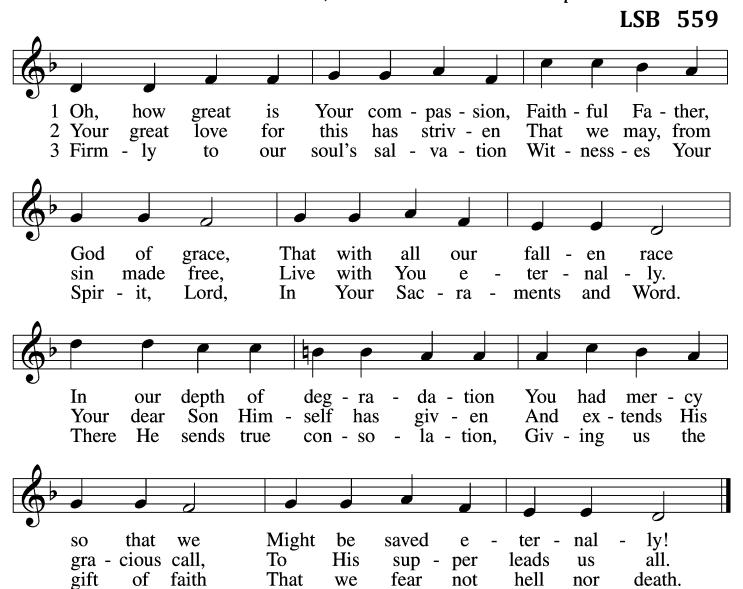
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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion



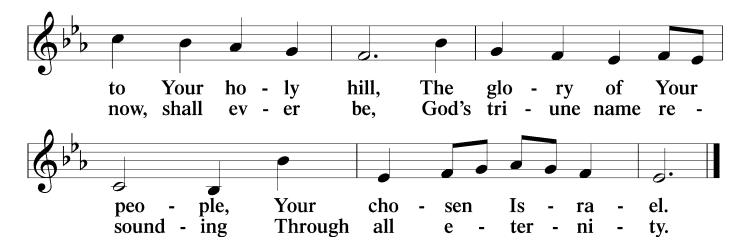
- Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;
 Ever will Your truth abide.
 Then in You I will confide.
 Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
 My salvation is to me
 Safe and sure eternally.
- I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace, That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

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NUNC DIMITTIS





POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God, You have fed Your grateful disciples with the true manna, the living bread from heaven, at Your Table of grace. Grant, we implore You, that the body and blood of Your Son be our support throughout our earthly pilgrimage, until we reach that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C 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

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re-spond-ing soon;
- 3 For as rain and snow from heav en Wa ter seeds in dust y soil,
- 4 Hear ken to the Lord whose com ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?" Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon; Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil; When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee. E-ven as the sun is set-ting, Some are sent in to the fields, So the Lord sends forth His prom-ise, Words of life and joy and peace—Soon the night, the fi-nal har-vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields. Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease. Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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"Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His saints."

Psalm 116:15

We give thanks to God for the victory He has given to two of His saints this week, Jeanette Weber and Lee Roy Veland, who were called to their eternal rest. We ask God to give strength and comfort through the Holy Spirit to Earl Neuhaus and his family, and Paul Veland and his family. We extend our heartfelt condolences, trusting in Jesus, our resurrection and life.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." (John 11:25)



Sermon Notes				

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: **Ephesians 5:8**

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

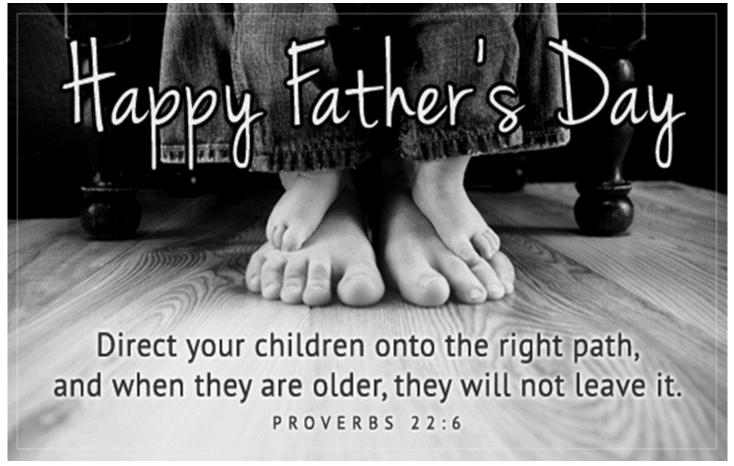
From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for 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.

Summer Camp (free)

June 26 thru 30, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Kinder thru 6th grade Children will experience the world of science and art!



The Lord Our God Saves Us in Love and Cares for Us by the Ministry of His Gospel

The holy Triune God "shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners," ungodly and at enmity with Him, "Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). The incarnate Son has justified us by His blood and reconciled us to His God and Father (Rom. 5:9-10). Whereas sin and death originated with Adam, forgiveness and life abound for all his children through "that one man Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:12-17). As the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, so does He bring us to Himself by the Gospel and make of us "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Ex. 19:6) by our Baptism into Christ. For "all that the Lord has spoken" (Ex. 19:8), Christ has done for us. As He has gone up to God by His cross and resurrection, so does He bring us to the Father in Himself (Ex. 19:3-4). Nor does He leave us "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36), but He sends men with authority "to heal every disease and every affliction" by His forgiveness of sins (Matt. 10:1). In their proclamation, "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 10:7).

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

6/11/2023

Sunday Worship 31			Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	
Plate:		\$ 56.00	Readings:	
Envelopes:		\$ 2,488.00	Jeremiah 20:7-13	
Donations:			Psalm 91:1-10 (11-16)	
			Romans 6:12-23	
	Total:	\$ 2,544.00	Matthew 10:5a, 21-33	
Bible Class:	14	N/A	170001077 1073 0,7 21 33	
	Bi-Weekly	Church Activi	ty Schedule	
	June Sunday Servants:			
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus			
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez			
Music:	Doris Pickering			
This Week	Third Sunday after Pentecost			
Usher:	Don Vogel			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am			
-	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am			
Next Week	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost			
Usher:	Dan Wehling			
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am			
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