SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 2, 2024
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

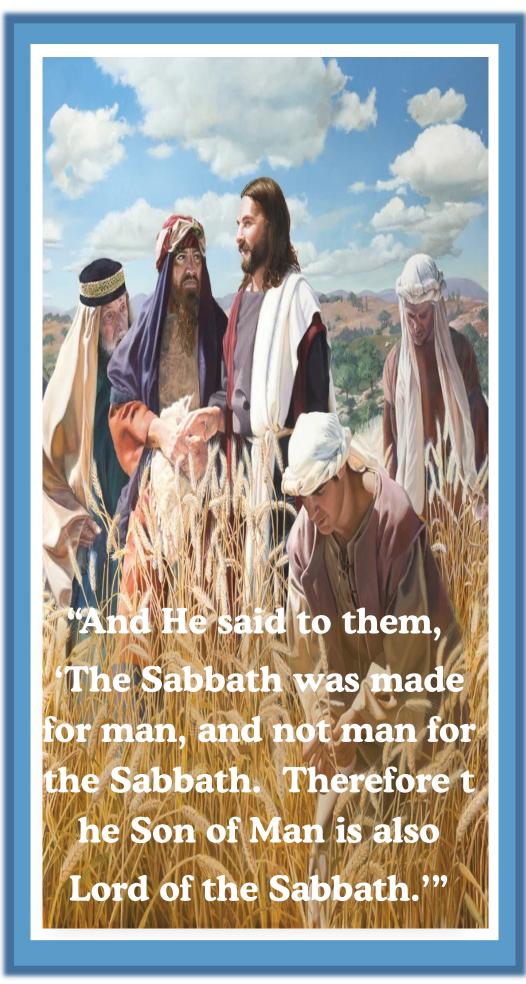
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Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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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 - Lord Jesus Christ, I want to serve You. Fill me with Your love that You showed me on the cross and grant me Your Spirit, that my service to You would be pleasing to You and beneficial to those whom I serve in Your name, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - In our Gospel for today, the Old Testament commandment was used to try and show the disciples as lawbreakers. Jesus replied, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). None of us, because of sinful condition, can keep the letter of the Law. The cross of Christ sets us free from the guilt of not keeping the Law. Those who accuse others of not keeping the Commandments often are legalistic and do not understand the sacrifice Jesus made to set us free from the Law. Do not let another person's interpretation of the Commandments bring guilt into your heart! Christ died to set us free from that. Live in the freedom and forgiveness of the cross.

#### **PRELUDE**

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

#### **WELCOME**

#### **OPENING SENTENCES** Psalm 8:4-6

- What is man that You are mindful of him,
- and the son of man that You care for him?
- Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
- and crowned him with glory and honor.
- You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;
- You have put all things under his feet.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906



- rest and glad ness, day 1.0 day of O of joy and light, earth's cre - a -The light first had 2 This day at tion its birth; 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear; His
- $\triangle$  4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



balm of beau - ti - ful, most bright; care and sad - ness, Most rose from depths of earth; This day for our sal - va - tion Christ His liv - ing pres-ence greet-ing, Through bread and wine made near. At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



the high and low - ly, This day Through a - ges joined to bless, This day our Lord vic - to - rious The sent from heav'n, Spir - it jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n-ly might, We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it. Son:



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess. day most glo-rious A three - fold light was giv'n. And thus this From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On day this blest The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in

#### 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,
- 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.

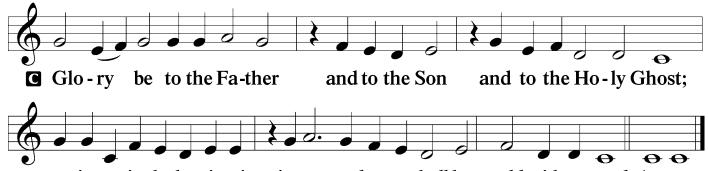
### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** Psalm 62:5–8; antiphon: v. 1

- P Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation.
- C My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.
- P He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

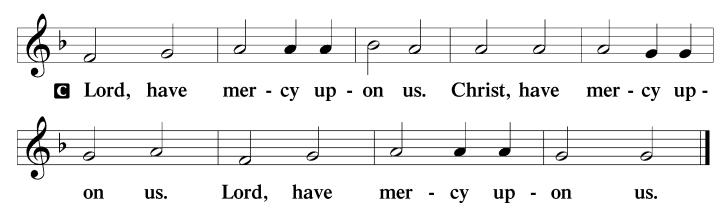
- C In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
- P Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him;
- C God is a refuge for us.
- P Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation.

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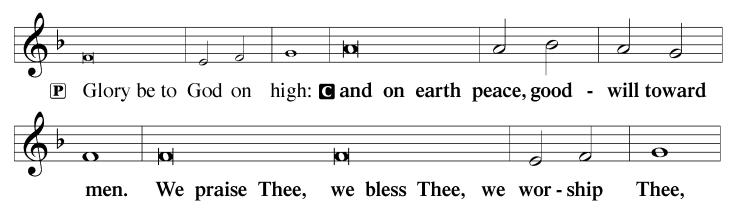


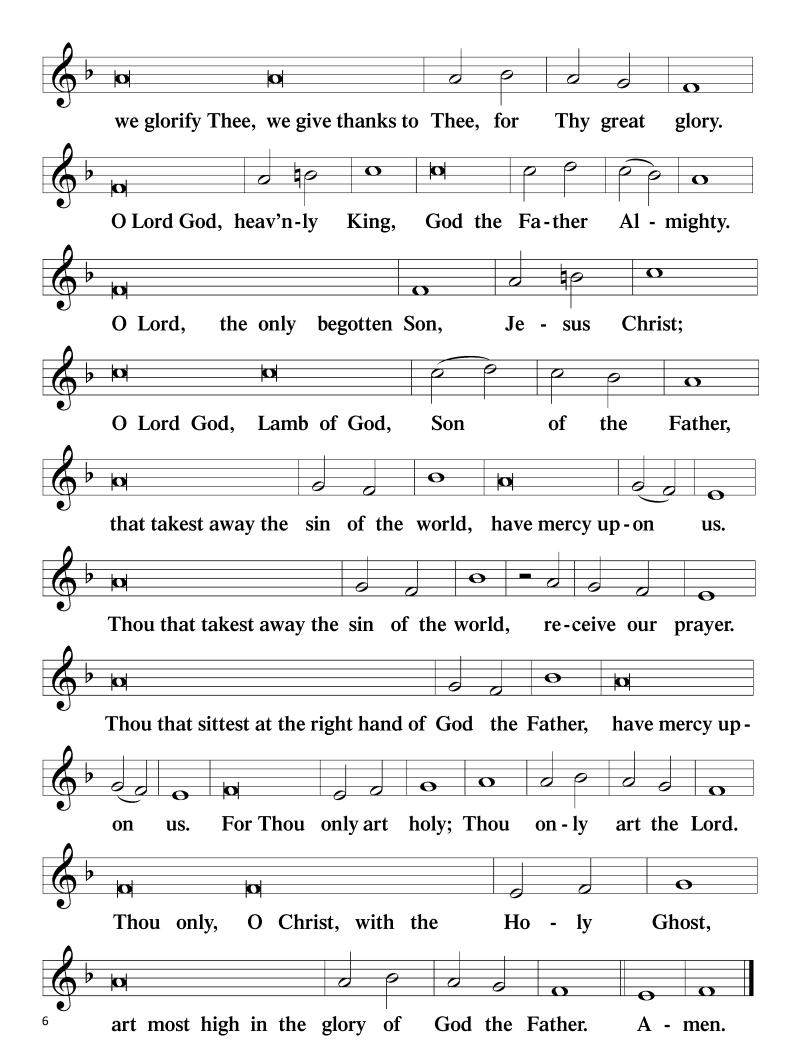
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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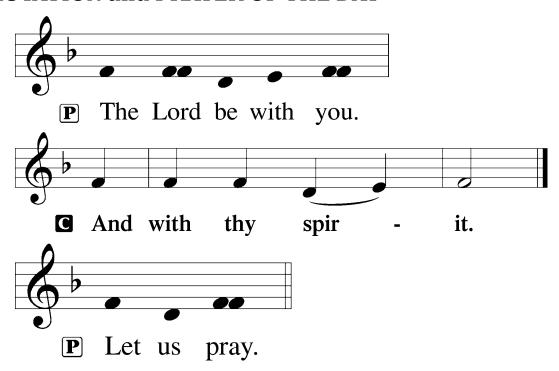


#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**





#### **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**



P Eternal God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

(The commandment to remember the Sabbath is given to the Israelites.)

12 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an

outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

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

## **PSALM** Psalm 81:1–10; antiphon: v. 13

- P "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!
- C Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.
- P Raise a song and strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the lute.
- C Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast day.
- P For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.
- C This He established in Joseph as a testimony, when He went throughout the land of Egypt, where I heard a language I did not understand.
- P "I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were freed from the baskets.
- C You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- P "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me!
- C There shall be no foreign god among you; nor shall you worship any foreign god.
- P I am the Lord your God,
- C who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- P "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

#### **EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 4:5–12

(Although we are but fragile vessels, God chooses and uses us to deliver the Good News to the world.)

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and

ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death is working in us, but life in you.

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

Please stand

#### ALLELUIA



#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 2:23-3:6

(The Pharisees accuse Jesus of working on the Sabbath.)

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



23 Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

25 But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: 26 how he went into the

house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?"

27 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

28 Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

1 And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2 So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. 3 And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." 4 Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. 5 And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. 6 Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **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



- The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free.

And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

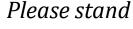
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#### **SERMON**

## "The Lord of the Sabbath"

Mark 2:28

#### **OFFERING**





#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

### **DEDICATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

A moment of silence.

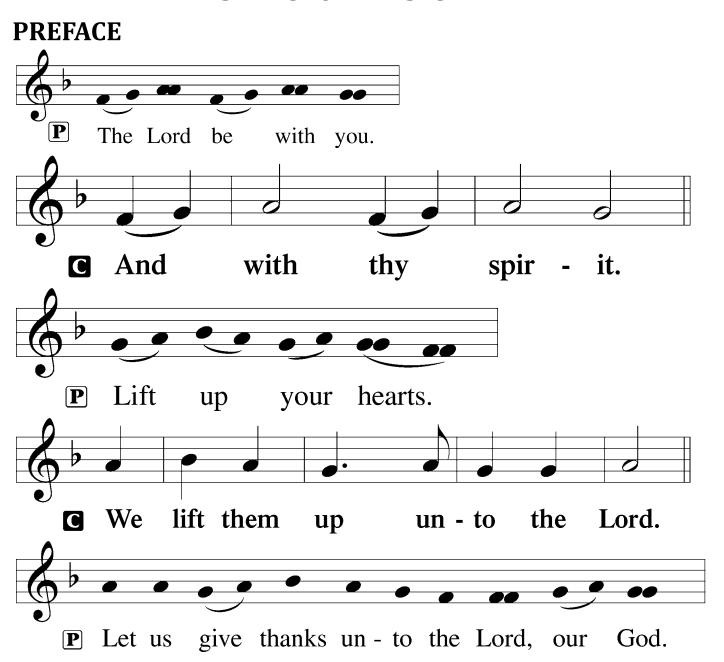
- P Almighty God, You commanded the Israelites to remember and keep the Sabbath day.
- C We confess as Your people we have not always set this day aside for You. We are consumed by the things of this world. Forgive us, Lord.
- P You call us by Your Holy Spirit to faith and to serve You with our lives.
- C You use us despite our sin and shortcomings to reach this world for You. Thank You for entrusting this message to us. Help us by Your Spirit to reach people around us and around the world with the Good News.
- P Just as Jesus was accused of breaking the Law on the Sabbath, so we are also accused of breaking the Law.
- C Lord Jesus, help us to always point to You and Your sacrifice on the cross instead of anything we do.
- P Lord Jesus, just as there were many afflicted with diseases whom You healed, so it is today. We remember the sick, our members who are homebound, and all afflicted in any way, [especially . . .].
- C We ask You to be with them, even as You have promised. Give them Your healing, according to Your will; Your presence; and especially Your peace.
- P Your Word commands us to pray for kings and all in authority, that we might live our lives in peace.
- C We lift up all world leaders, those of our enemies as well as allies; we lift up all in authority in every place, asking You would give each one Your Spirit and wisdom on how to govern our world, that we might live in peace.
- P Lord Jesus, You remind us to care for those suffering and oppressed. We remember those who at this moment are in prison because they are bold to preach Your name. Give them strength, especially those whose lives may be taken from them today.
- C We also remember the homeless, those living in poverty and hunger, and those who are not able to find a job. Be with all; give relief, comfort, and hope according to Your will.

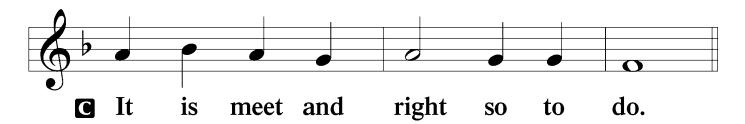
- P Heavenly Father, there are others we know that are not on this list who need Your help.
- C Hear our prayers now as we bring those people before Your altar in our hearts.

Time for silent prayer.

- P We bring these and all prayers before Your throne, asking according to Your will that You hear us.
- C We pray these things in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

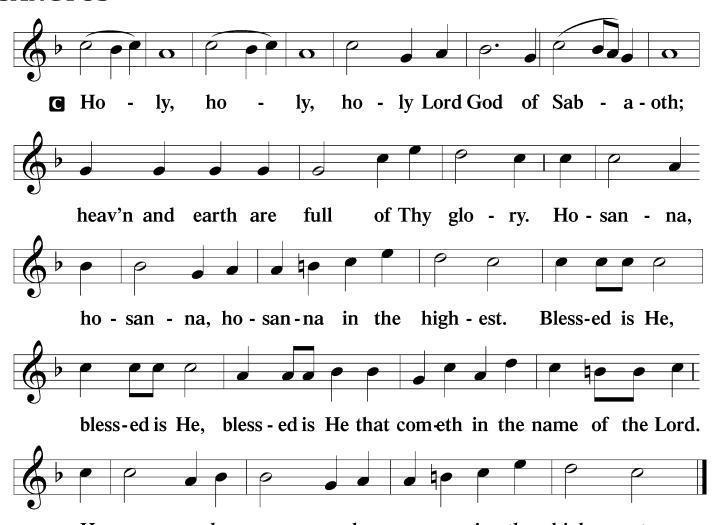
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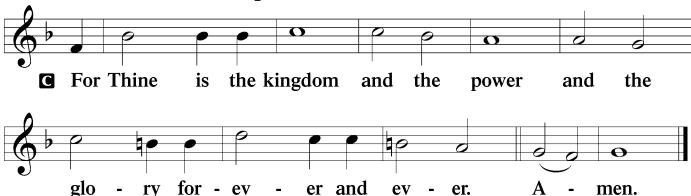
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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**



## **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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



#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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 al - ways.



#### **AGNUS DEI**



Please sit.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### **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.

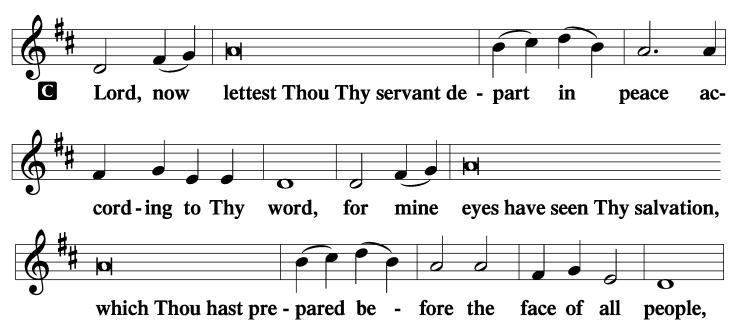
## **COMMUNION HYMN** Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray LSB 623

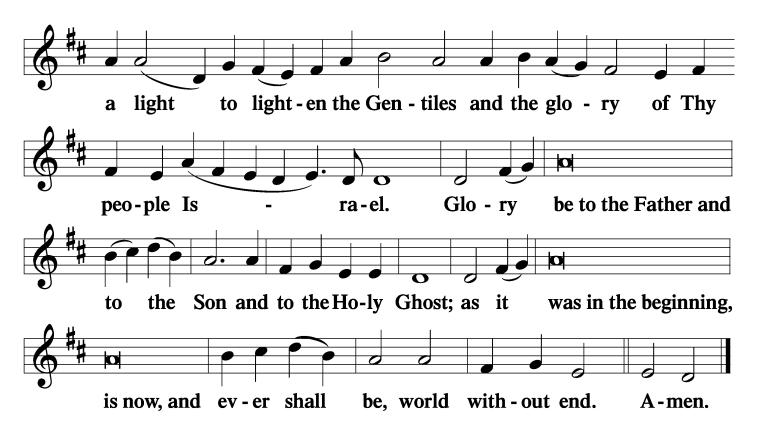


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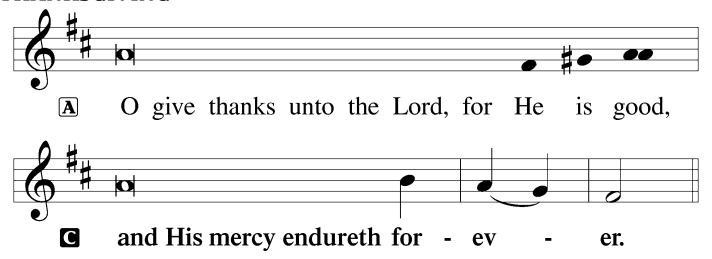
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#### **THANKSGIVING**



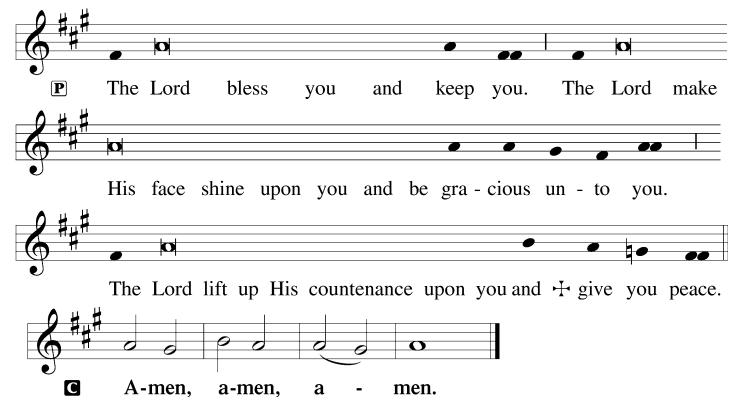
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **BENEDICAMUS**



## **BENEDICTION**



## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet ing breath, When mine eye lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow, Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be guilt and pow'r. the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its a - tone: Thou and Thou A11 for sin could not must save. Foul, I the foun-tain fly; Wash me. Say - ior. I die. or A - ges, cleft for me, Let hide my - self Thee. Rock of me in

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#### **DISMISSAL**

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

Sermon Notes		
3 Cor. 2:14		
Thanks be to God,  Who always leads us		
Who always leads us in triumph		
old CHRISI  and manifests		
through us the sweet aroma		
of the knowledge of Him in every place.		

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Portals of Prayer** for April to June 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Weber is leading the class.

#### June Activities

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

Elders' Meeting Tuesday, June 11th 9:00 a.m.

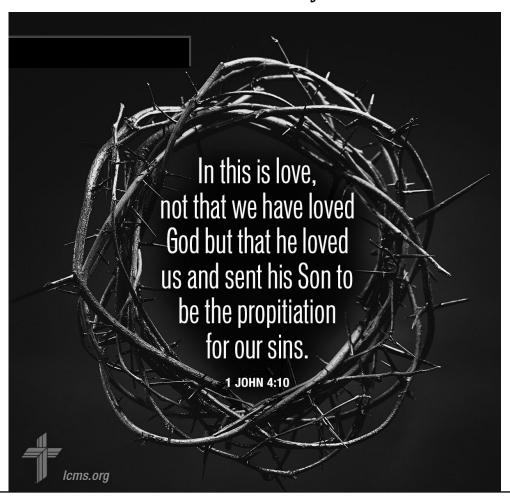
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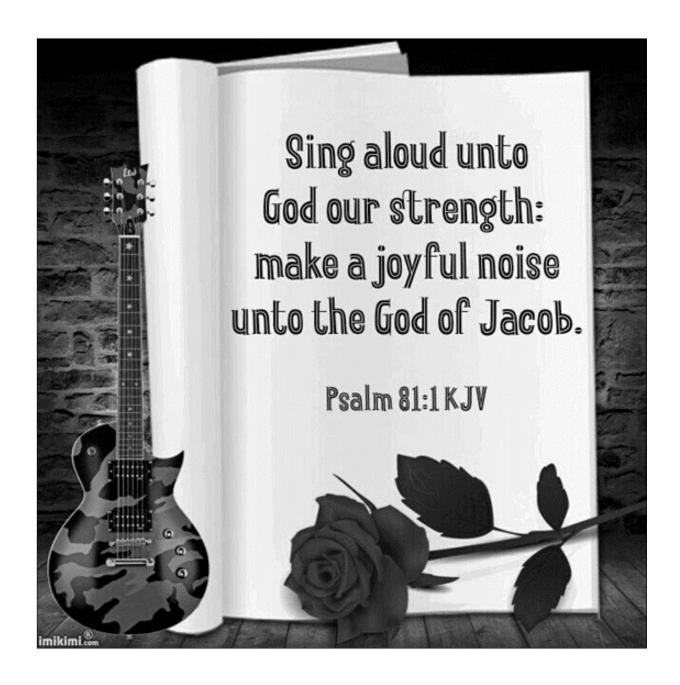
> Father's Day Sunday, June 16th

Dedication of Dorms
Sunday, June 30, 2024
3:00 p.m.

## Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse:





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Sunday Worship 51

Plate: \$ 160.00

Envelopes: \$ 948.00

Envelopes-Other:

On-line:

Donation:

**Total:** \$1,108.00

Bible Class: No class due to reception

# Third Sunday after Pentecost Readings:

Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

## Christ Jesus Is the Sabbath Rest that Remains for the People of God Forevermore

The Lord brought the sons of Israel out of Egypt "with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm," in order to give them rest (Deut. 5:15). When He commanded them to "observe the Sabbath day," therefore, it meant not doing "any work" but resting in His works (Deut. 5:12, 14). So has the same Lord, Jesus Christ, come in the flesh to fulfill the Law and to become our Sabbath Rest. As David "entered the house of God," and not only "ate the bread of the Presence" but "also gave it to those who were with him" (Mark 2:26), the Lord Jesus entered the Holy of Holies as our great High Priest, in order to feed us with His flesh as the true bread of the Presence of God. As "lord even of the Sabbath," He works "to do good," to heal and "to save life" (Mark 2:28; 3:2, 4). He brings us out of sin and death and gives us rest in His own crucified and risen body. Though it is given "in jars of clay," the life of Jesus is thereby manifested in our bodies (2 Cor. 4:7–11).

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