

**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

JUNE 23, 2024

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

**Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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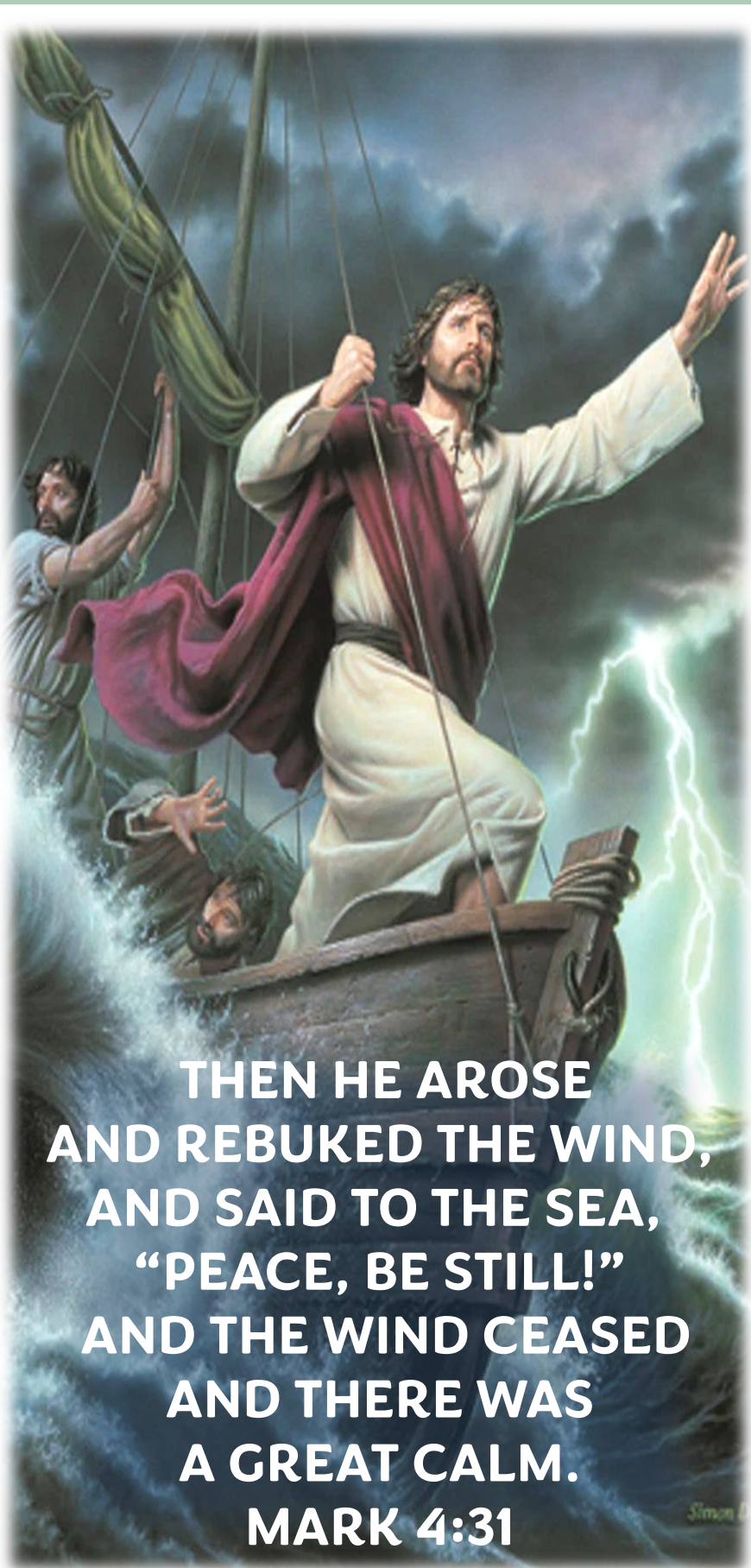
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8 am to 12 pm

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**THEN HE AROSE
AND REBUKED THE WIND,
AND SAID TO THE SEA,
“PEACE, BE STILL!”
AND THE WIND CEASED
AND THERE WAS
A GREAT CALM.
MARK 4:31**

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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 God, amid my questioning of Your designs in the face of my troubles, help me to come to You daily in true repentance. Grant to me true humility of faith and trust in Your everlasting love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - For all of the Bible's reassurances of how much God loves us, cares for us, protects and guides us, it is, nevertheless, of our fallen, sinful nature that we still at times harbor doubts and even despairingly want to argue with God Himself and question His love and promises. The undying question is "Why?" The troubles, setbacks, trials, tragedies, and reverses in life do that. The Word before us today describes those times with the imagery of the destructive power of raging water and the greater power of God to deliver from threatening distress. Even when threatened with

a raging flood, we are reminded that our help is still in the God who created everything. The trials of the otherwise “blameless and upright” man of God named Job (1:1) and the Lord’s patient yet commanding love in His answer to Job’s complaint should remind us to live our faith in daily repentance yet always still in praise of our saving God.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

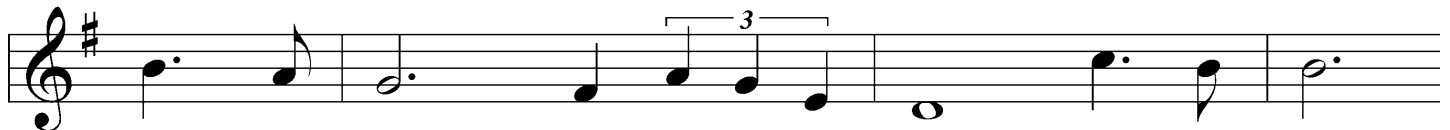
(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

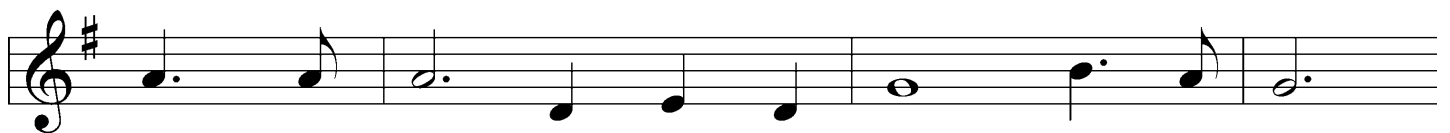
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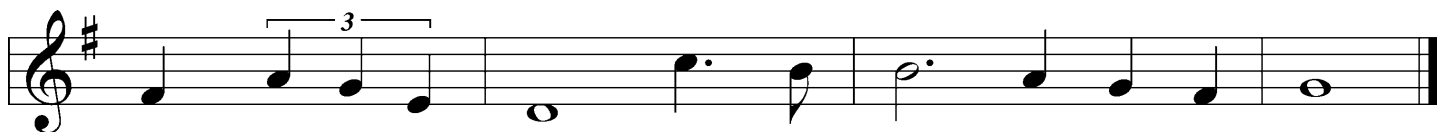
1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -



tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
 the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
 ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



Hid - ing rock and teach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear



pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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Please stand

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 27:4-6; antiphon, v. 1*

P The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

C **One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.**

P For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His Tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

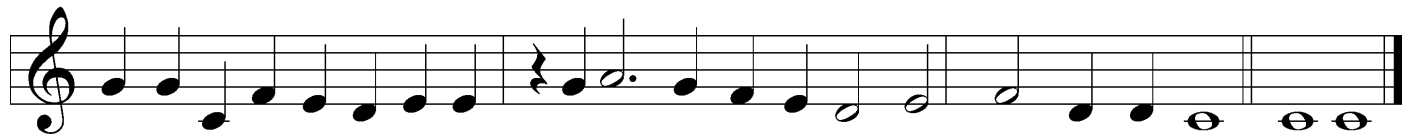
C **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

P The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

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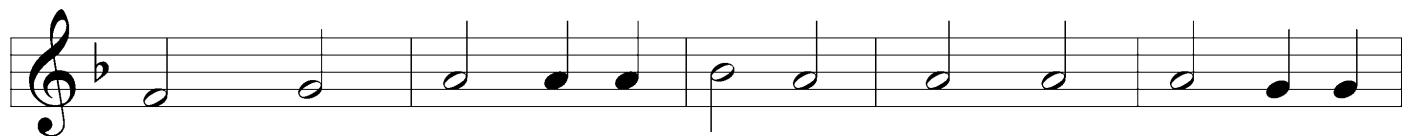


☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

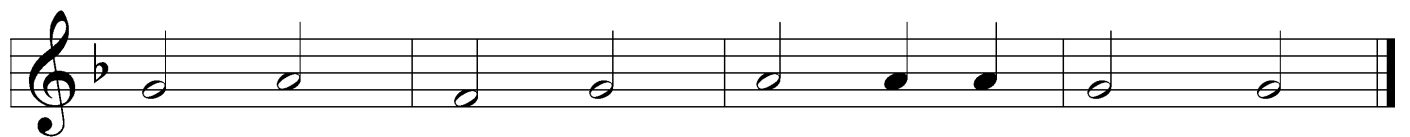


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

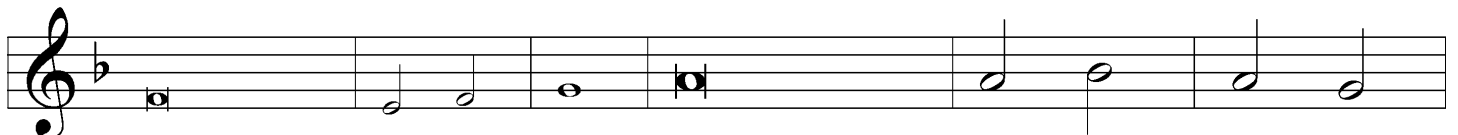


☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

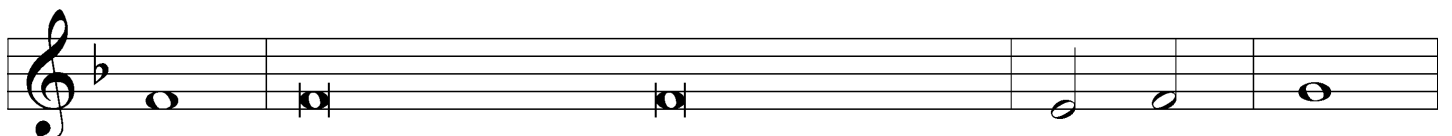


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward



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

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

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

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

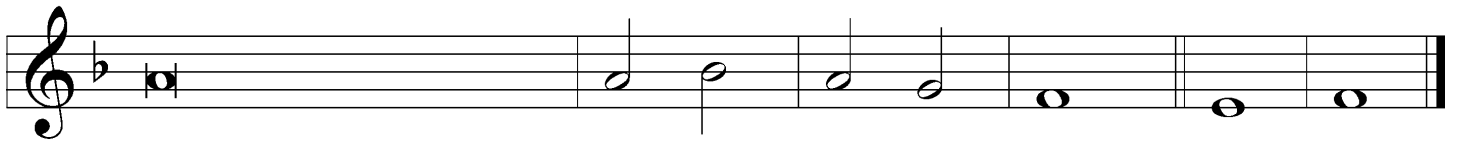
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

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

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

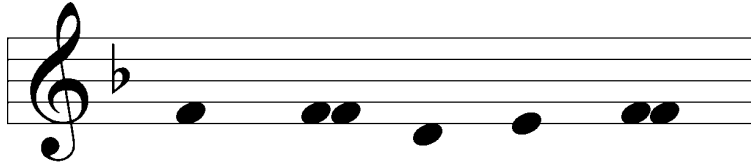
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

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

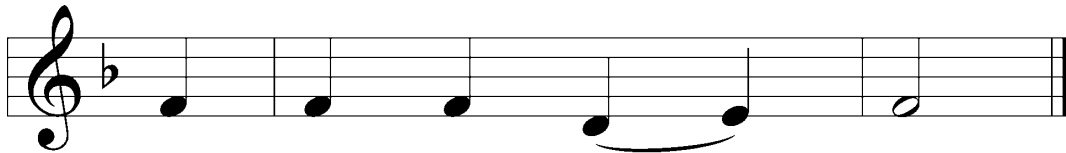


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

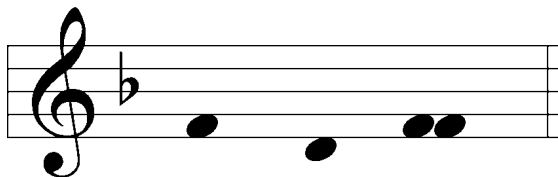
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P The Lord be with you.

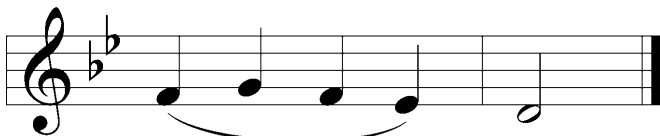


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:1-11*

(God is Creator, you are not!)

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: 2 “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely

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you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth and issued from the womb; 9 when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; 10 when I fixed My limit for it, and set bars and doors; 11 when I said, “This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 124; antiphon: v. 8*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

C “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,” let Israel now say—

P “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us,

C Then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us;

P Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul;

C Then the swollen waters would have gone over our soul.”

P Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

C Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 6:1–13*

(Christ’s love compels perseverance through all hardships.)

1 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says:

“In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

3 We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, 5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; 6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, 7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.


11 O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open. 12 You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own you affections. 13 Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand


ALLELUIA



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

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:35-41* (Jesus calms the storm.)

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were

also with Him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?” 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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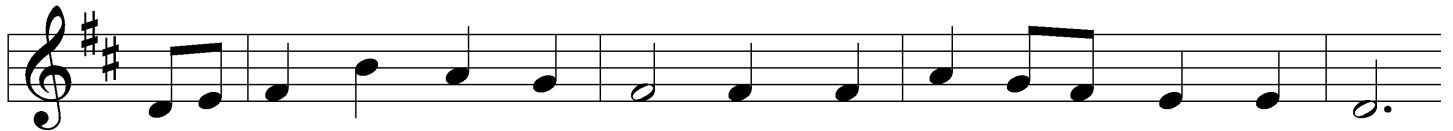
HYMN OF THE DAY

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

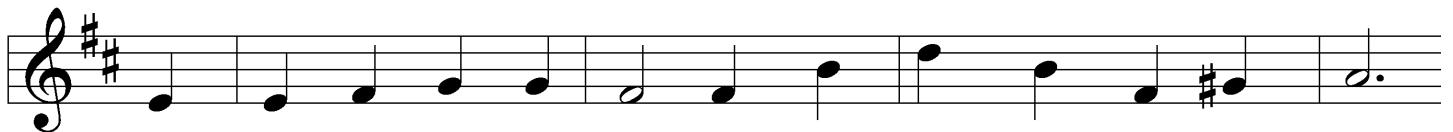
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1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
2 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
3 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
4 Pre - serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,
5 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm-tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.
As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,
Stand at the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
When all the earth is crum - bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.
Then we will reach the har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light.

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SERMON

"Where? How? Why? Who?"

Mark 4:35-41

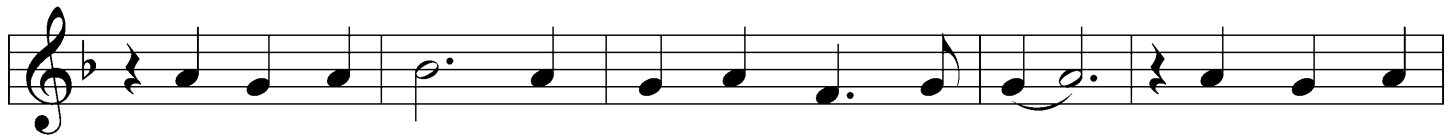
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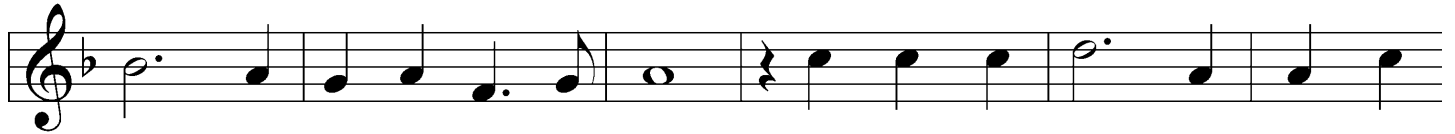
OFFERTORY

Be Still, My Soul

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1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, You see the chaos and rage of the world unhinged from Your design and guidance. Turn the hearts of tyrants and calm the minds of those lost in error. Raise up and strengthen leaders who know and follow Your will of peace and freedom. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to Your whole church throughout the world the boldness and humility to proclaim Your righteous judgments and Your gracious redemption to all. Give courage to all pastors and teachers in Your church to speak Your Word to a world in need of Your mercy. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all Your people here present who wait upon You for forgiveness, instruction, and the courage of faith, be our very present help to trust in Your grace with all our being. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear our petitions for all who are sick; for the homebound in our parish; for any who cry to You for help and healing, [especially . . .]; and those who have requested our prayers. From our need and theirs we turn to You: Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember all who have gone before us and are with You beyond the troubles of this world. Keep Your heavenly light in our hearts and minds that we may walk in sure and certain hope of our eternal salvation. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

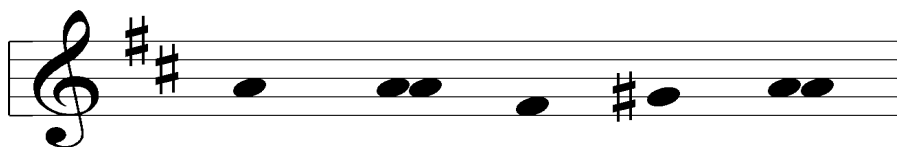
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

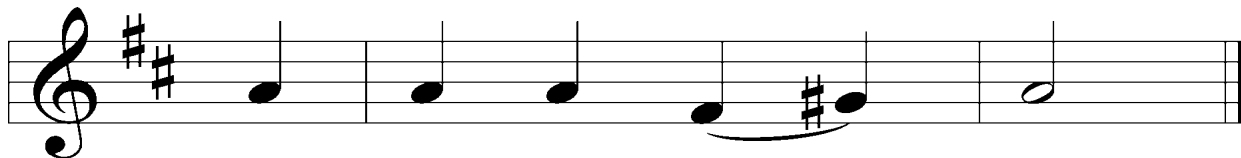
LORD'S PRAYER

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

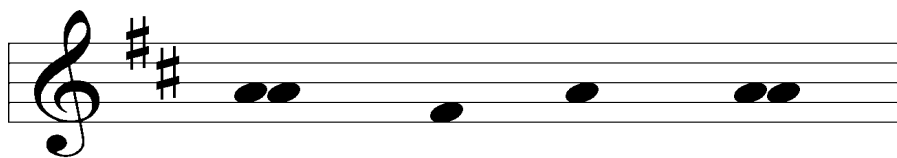
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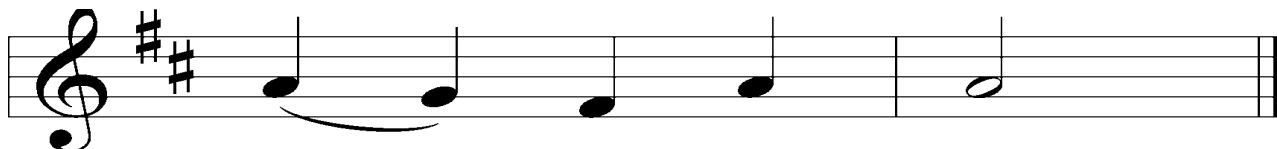
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

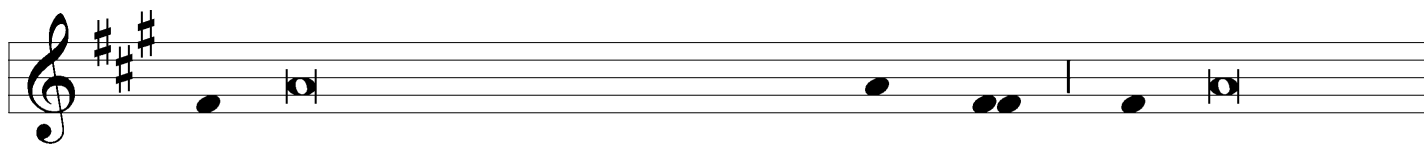


A Bless we the Lord.

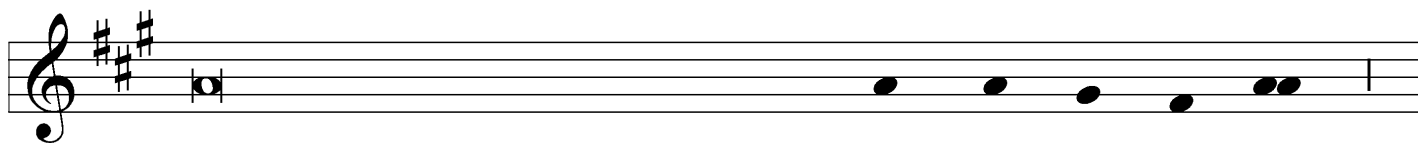


C Thanks be to God.

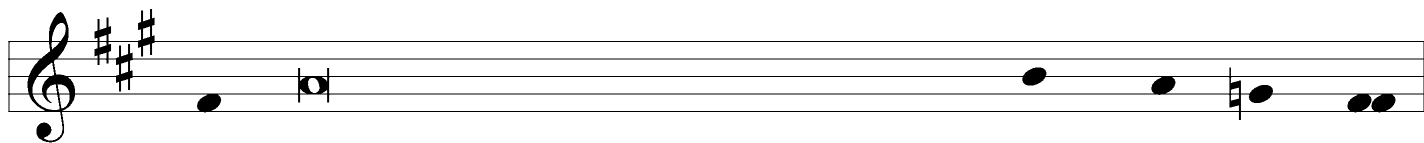
BENEDICTION



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



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



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



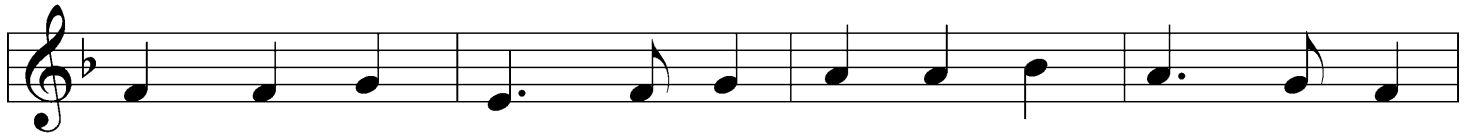
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

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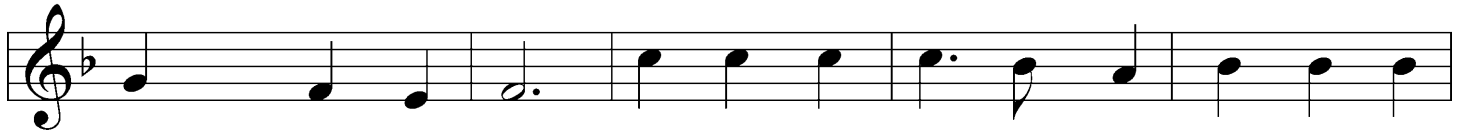
SENDING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land

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1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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

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

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

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.
(Please see *Sign-Up Sheet* posted on the church door for menu.)

July Activities

First to use our new dorms facility:
Our Redeemer Church of Irving, TX.
July 7th thru 12th

Camp Lonestar Retreat
July 12th thru 14th
(Guest speaker for Sunday, July 14th; Rev. Richardson from San Benito)
Pastor Weber will be attending this retreat.

Congregational Potluck
Sunday, July 21st

Sermon Notes



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Memory Verse Challenge


This week's

MEMORY VERSE

REJOICE *always,*
PRAY *without ceasing,*
GIVE THANKS
in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESS. 5:16-18





*Our help
comes from the LORD,
who made
heaven and earth.
Psalm 124:8*

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Sunday Worship	42	
Plate:		\$ 122.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,083.00
Envelopes-Other:		
On-line:		
Donation:		
Baseball Field		\$ 50.00
	Total:	\$ 2,255.00
Bible Class:	18	\$ 26.00

***Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost Readings:
(Proper 8)***

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

Mark 5:21-43

The Word of Christ Bestows Peace on His Creation through His Forgiveness of Sins

In his anguish and affliction, Job must be reminded that, as a finite creature, he is in no position to question the Maker of the heavens and the earth. Job’s “words without knowledge” are unable to penetrate the wisdom of the Lord (Job 38:1–2). For the Lord has “prescribed limits” and “set bars and doors,” so that “here shall your proud waves be stayed” (Job 38:9–11). That’s how He humbles us unto repentance. But also by His powerful Word, He calms the “great windstorm” and the waves “breaking into the boat.” He does not permit the chaos of this fallen world to overwhelm us or bring us to despair. By the Word of His Gospel, He speaks “Peace!” to us, which bestows the “great calm” of His new creation (Mark 4:37–39). Therefore, do not be afraid, and do not receive this grace of God in vain. “Now is the favorable time,” and “now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:1–2).

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	June Sunday Servants:	July Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	BJ Neuhaus/M Weber	S Wehling/R Cisneros/M Perez
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Dan Wheling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am