

**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

JUNE 27, 2021

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10:30 a.m.**

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**“Then He took the child by
the hand, and said to
her, “Talitha, cumi,” which is
translated, “Little girl, I say to
you, arise.” Immediately the
girl arose and walked,
for she was twelve years of
age. And they were overcome
with great amazement. ”**

(Mark 5:41-42)

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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 - Heavenly Father, Your Son became poor that I might be enriched in body, soul, and spirit. Grant me gracious opportunities to share Your bountiful blessings with those who are burdened in any way; 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 - Do you forget to pray now and then? This is fallen human nature. God never forgets to listen. The Lord's steadfast love never ceases. When Jesus walked this earth, this was evident as He raised Jairus's daughter, who had died between the request and Jesus' arrival at his home. And He cured a hemorrhaging woman whose only

prayer was touching His robe. But God does more than restore us to physical life and health. Jesus left the riches of heaven, becoming a poor and despised human being so that we might become rich with everlasting life. How can we ever thank Him? Paul encourages us to share generously and joyfully whatever God has so graciously given us.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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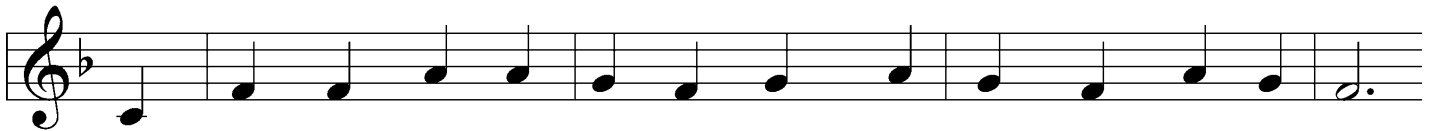
PRELUDE

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

OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature
sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in**

thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

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?

KYRIE



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 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-shipped 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. Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry, Your Son, Jesus, healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; 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 *Lamentations 3:22–33*

(Because the Lord's steadfast love never ceases, we can hope for an end to current grief.)

22 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"

25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. 26 It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. 27 It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth.

28 Let him sit alone and keep silent, because God has laid it on him; 29 Let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope. 30 Let him give his cheek to the one who strikes him, and be full of reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off forever. 32 Though He causes grief, yet He will show compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. 33 For He does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 30*

P I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

C O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

P O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

C Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

P For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

C Now in my prosperity I said, “I shall never be moved.”

P Lord, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

C I cried out to You, O Lord; and to the Lord I made supplication:

P “What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?

C Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me; Lord, be my helper!”

P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
C **To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.**

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 8:1–15*

(Encouragement to share monetary blessings)

1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. 7 But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

8 I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 10 And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; 11 but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of

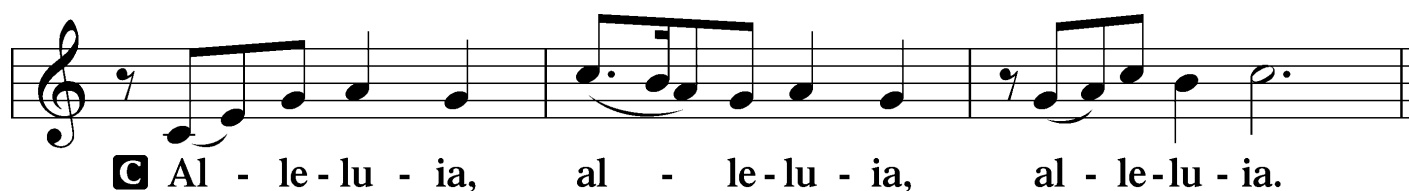
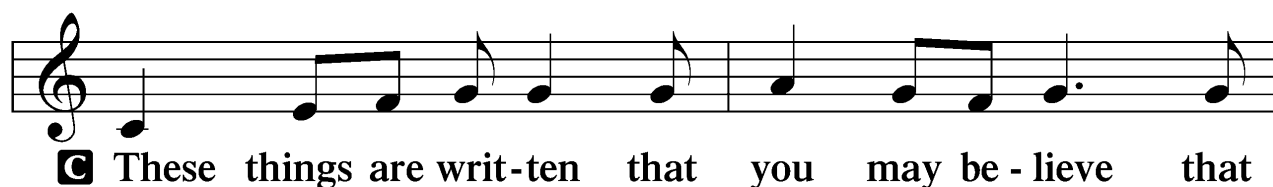
what you have. 12 For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have. 13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; 14 but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack—that there may be equality. 15 As it is written, “He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 5:21–43

(Jesus heals a woman and raises Jairus's daughter.)

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

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. 22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet 23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." 24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. 25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" 31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " 32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction." 35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any

further?" 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." 40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. 43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

All 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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



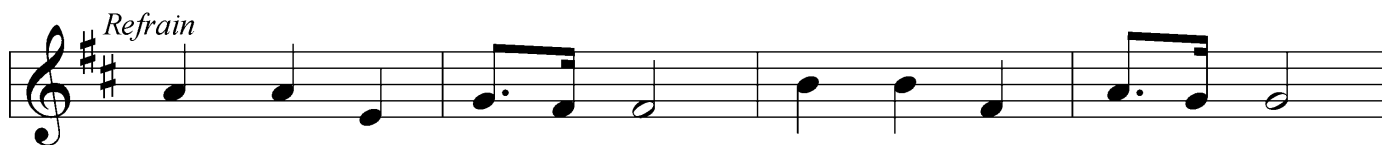
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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SERMON

"The Macedonian Example"

(2 Corinthians 8:1-15)

OFFERING *(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you exit, thank you)*

OFFERTORY

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



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

5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,

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We do it unto Thee.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lamentations 3:22–23, 25, 31–32; Psalm 30:7–8, 12; 2 Corinthians 8:2

P Your mercies “are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”

C **Heavenly Father, hear the cries of those who awaken to face another day of injustice, prejudice, and oppression. Give them hope in Your promises.**

P “The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.”

C **Give patience and guidance to clergy and lay leaders of the Church that through them the Gospel will move many to seek Christ and His salvation.**

P “The Lord will not cast off forever, . . . He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love.”

C **In Your great love, O Lord, give strength and healing to all who are enduring long term illnesses and difficult treatments. Help medical people and institutions find new ways of alleviating pain and reversing recurring symptoms.**

P “By Your favor, O LORD, You made my mountain stand strong.”

C **Give wisdom to the leaders of the nations, protection to armed forces deployed, and guidance to law enforcement, that peace may break out between**

nations and our neighborhoods may be places of calm and connected community.

P “To You, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy.”
We pray especially for those near and dear to us,
especially . . .]. Heavenly Father,

C **grant them health, peace, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

P The Macedonian Christians’ “abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.”

C **Open our eyes and hearts, our time and resources, gracious God, to see where we might share Your blessings and be part of Your answers to the prayers we bring before You.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever. 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.

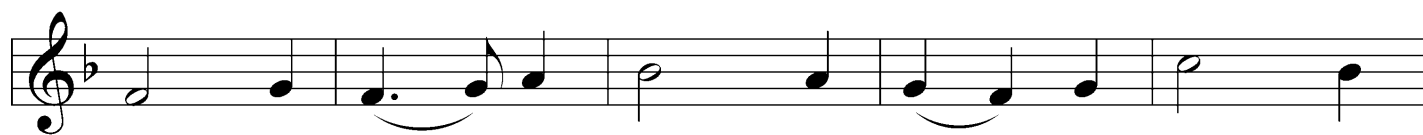
C Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

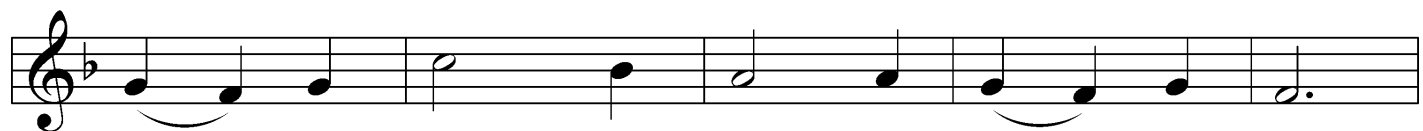
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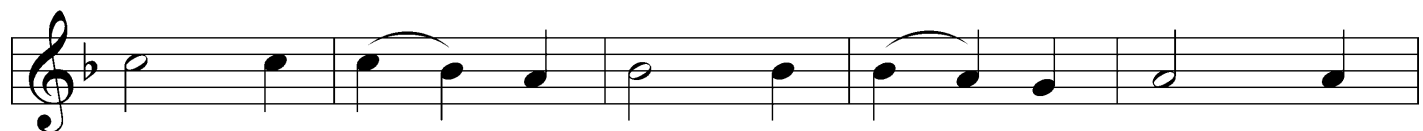
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



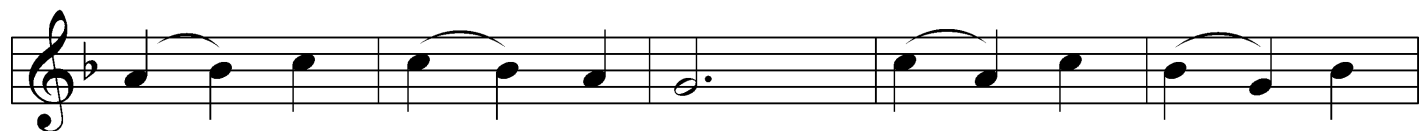
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



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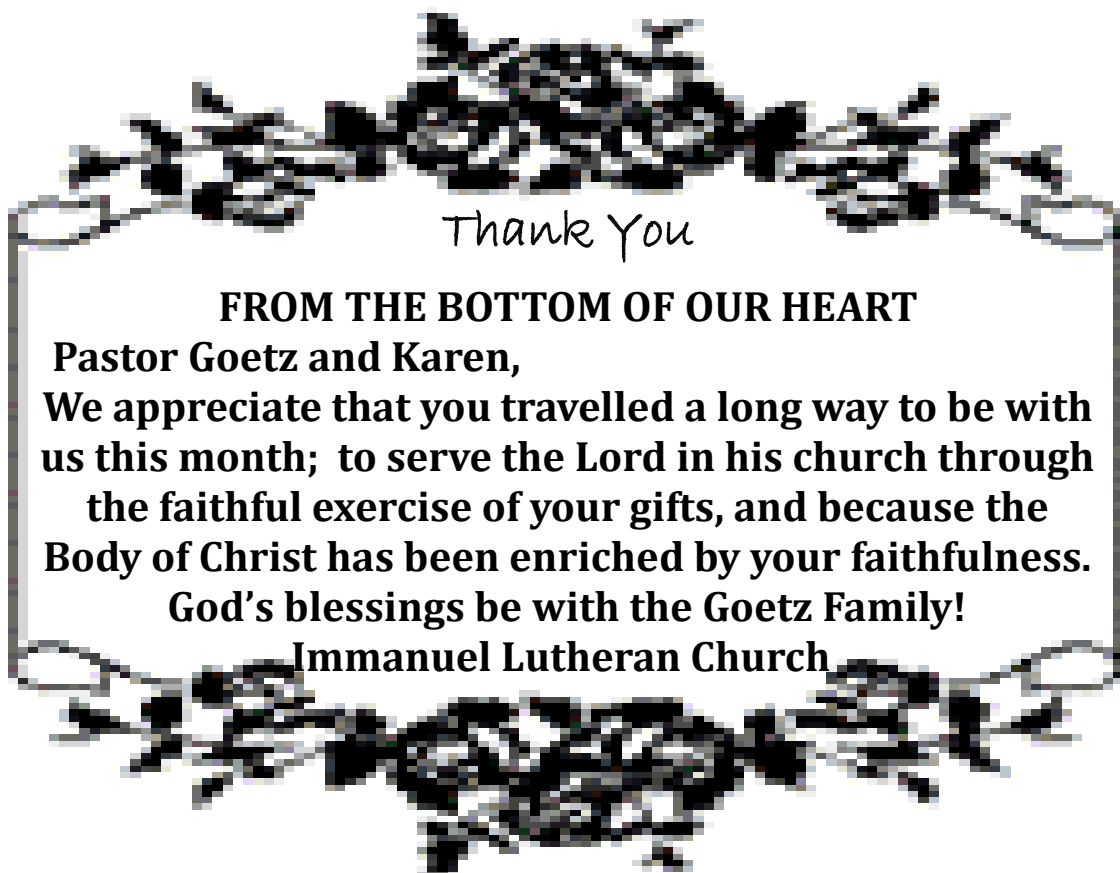
P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Dear members of Immanuel,

On Monday June 28 from 9am-Noon, Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab, Mission Strategist and Area B Evangelist Development Leader for the Texas District, LCMS will be giving an initial Evangelist training at St Paul Harlingen. Breakfast goodies and lunch will be provided.

Dr. Mengsteab writes, "My hope is that every congregation and mission station of the Texas District-LCMS will have at least one trained and certified evangelist to lead an outreach ministry to underserved communities."

"Keeping the vision in mind, I will work with our mission strategists to train the trainers in each area."

"While preparing the trainers, we will also accept applications for the Evangelist Training. Please refer to our website to get the application at <https://txlcms.org/lay-evangelist-training/>. I will co-teach the Evangelist 101 course with the trainers in your area as part of the train the trainers effort with the intention of exponential multiplication of the development of evangelists in our district thereafter."



Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab
Mission Strategist, Area B
Evangelist Development Leader
Texas District, LCMS

From the Texas District lay-evangelist-training link:

What is an evangelist?

An evangelist is a person who is reaching out to new people with the Gospel, is trained by the district or by a local ministry according to district-established or mutually agreed upon training guidelines, and is not an ordained or commissioned minister of the LCMS.

Where does the LCMS stand on the development of evangelists?

Just a few years ago, the LCMS Task Force that evaluated the Licensed Lay Deacon ministry recommended a renewed emphasis on lay training and the

development of the role of evangelist. Recommendation 7 of the 2013 Resolution 4-06A Task Force Report to the Synod stated:

District lay training programs are to be commended with thanksgiving for the many willing lay servants who seek further theological education and desire to serve in various capacities in their congregations. The task force recommends that a major emphasis in lay training programs be placed on the role of evangelist and the task of outreach in the increasingly diverse and challenging world of the U.S. (p.24)

At the 2016 LCMS convention, resolution 13-01A, “To Exalt and Equip the Blessed Partnership between the Royal Priesthood and the Office of the Public Ministry,” was adopted. It resolved, in part:

That The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod give thanks for district, university, and college-based lay training programs and the many willing lay servants who have sought to further their theological education and desire to serve in the work and mission of the Lord’s Church; and be it further

Resolved, That such lay training programs continue their work and include a major emphasis on evangelism and the task of outreach, as well as mercy, education, visitation, and so forth in our increasingly diverse and challenging cultural context; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations and districts be encouraged to identify individuals for special training in and attention to evangelism and outreach; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations and districts be encouraged to facilitate lay training on both local and district levels and to establish new opportunities for lay people to make use of their gifts in evangelism and service to the church; and be it further

Resolved, That districts be encouraged to provide assistance and support for lay training (Proceedings of the 66th Regular Convention, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 235-236).

Resolution 13-02A, “To Regularize Status of Licensed Lay Deacons Involved in Word and Sacrament Ministry,” was also adopted. It stated in part:

Resolved, That district presidents may continue to recruit, train, and credential new deacons for general varieties of service in the church that do not include public preaching and administration of the Sacraments (Proceedings of the 66th Regular Convention, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 238).

What is the Texas District doing in response to these resolutions?

The Texas District LCMS is piloting an evangelist training coursework. After consulting with several congregations and receiving written course modules from a number of district pastors, a beta training program has been initiated. “Evangelist 101” consists of basic catechesis and lessons that help the evangelist engage the community with the Gospel.

The hope is to develop four training courses and, in partnership with churches and networks, to deploy a growing number of servant-leaders who will forge relationships and reach communities with the saving message of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

Why do we have evangelists and what are they doing?

The Texas District has seen an influx of lay leaders engaged in mission during the past few years. As momentum for church planting and Gospel outreach have increased, both men and women have been reaching out in their communities with the love and Good News of Jesus. Examples of an evangelist ministry include:

- Lay-organized Vacation Bible Schools in neighborhoods from Dallas to San Antonio to Del Rio to the Big Bend Region;
- Outreach in refugee apartment complexes to Muslim women by a former Muslim woman;
- Establishing home Bible studies in neighborhoods;
- Street outreach to homeless youth;
- Evangelistic outreach in oil boom communities;
- Hosting ESL classes, becoming language partners, and connecting with international students and refugees;
- Spearheading disaster response efforts that help share the Gospel; and
- Starting neighborhood “coffee houses” to show Christ’s love to neighbors

What motivated the development of evangelist training?

In addition to seeing a surge of laypeople who are serious about devoting time, energy and resources to reaching others with the Gospel, Texas District MMFs also heard the desire for instruction and training from lay people engaged in outreach.

Is outreach by laypeople rooted in the Scriptures and Confessions?

The apostle Peter said to followers of Christ in 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9 ESV). This verse is foundational to what the church calls “the priesthood of all believers.” As the Lutheran Confessions state, “The keys [the office of the keys, the authority to forgive sins] were given to the church and not merely to certain individuals” (Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, 68). The Confessions laud the Christian life, a life that glorifies God and blesses others with His love and grace. The Augsburg Confession summarized what true Christian perfection is: “Honestly to fear God and at the same time to have great faith and to trust that for Christ’s sake we have a gracious God; to ask of God, and assuredly to expect from him, help in all things which are to be borne in connection with our callings; meanwhile to be diligent in the performance of good works for others and to attend to our calling” (AC XXXVII, 49).

The Large Catechism describes how the Holy Christian Church, the community of Christian people, is used by the Holy Spirit to spread the blessings of faith: “By it [the Holy Spirit] creates and increases sanctification, causing it daily to grow and become strong in faith and in the fruits of the Spirit” (LC, Part 2, 53).

Dr. Martin Luther, as quoted in the Formula of Concord, extols the life of

faith in God's people: "Oh, faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, so that it is impossible for it not to be constantly doing what is good...This the Holy Spirit works by faith, and therefore without any coercion a man is willing and desirous to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything for the love of God and to his glory, who has been so gracious to him" (FC, Solid Declaration, Article IV, 10-12).

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

This week's memory verse: ***Isaiah 41:10***

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	June Sunday Servants:	July Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	B. J. Neuhaus & M. Perez	Loretta E./Suzanne W.
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am

The Lord Jesus Is Faithful, and in Mercy He Raises You Up from Death to Life

The Lord is faithful. His steadfast love never ceases, and “his mercies never come to an end” (Lam. 3:22–23). To keep us in repentance and to make our faith grow, He causes grief for a while, but He does not cast off forever; in due time, “he will have compassion” (Lam. 3:31–33). Therefore, “hope in him,” and “wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord,” for “the Lord is good to those who wait for him” (Lam. 3:24–26). That is what the woman did who had “a discharge of blood,” and also the ruler whose daughter was “at the point of death.” Each waited on the mercy of the Lord Jesus, and each received His saving help (Mark 5:21–28). The woman had suffered much for 12 years, and the ruler’s daughter had already died before Jesus arrived. Yet at the right time, the woman was immediately “healed of her disease,” and the little girl “got up and began walking” (Mark 5:29, 42). Such is “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,” who humbled Himself unto the extreme poverty of death “so that you by his poverty might become rich,” even unto life everlasting (2 Cor. 8:9).

6/20/2021		
Sunday Worship	23	
Plate:		\$ 620.00
Envelopes		\$ 550.00
Donation:		
Total:		\$ 1,170.00
Bible Class:	15	N/A

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ***Readings:***

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalms 123
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13