THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

**JUNE 9, 2024** 

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

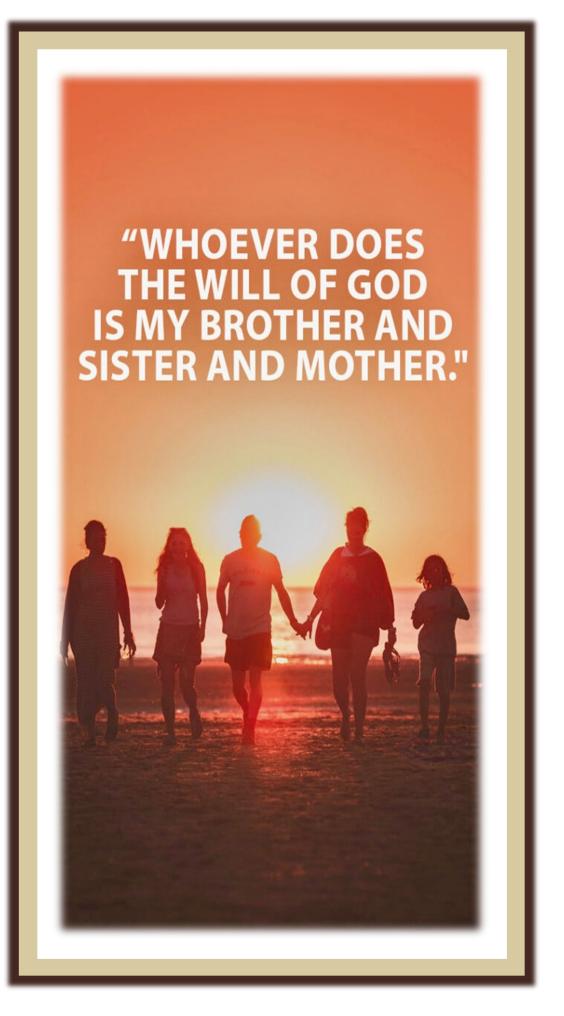
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Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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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.

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, You sent Your own beloved Son into my flesh to free me from the guilt and death of my sin. As He is risen from death and lives and reigns in victory, so raise me anew this day and always to the certain hope of eternal life in His name; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - In the face of a world seeming to be falling apart, and maybe even your personal "world," God's Word has great and convincing comfort and hope for you this day. That hope, however, begins with knowing the real cause of our troubles. It is our sin and alienation from God that is at the root of all anger, frustration, bitterness, and death. We easily "lose heart" when all seems hopeless for us. The center and substance of hope in God is Jesus Christ whose resurrection from all that is darkness and death to us is the means and strength of faith to endure and stand firm through all that

troubles us. For "if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:11). Far from being merely a blind hope for future deliverance, believing in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come far outweighs everything and anything that can happen to us now. Living in this hope, we do not lose heart.

### **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

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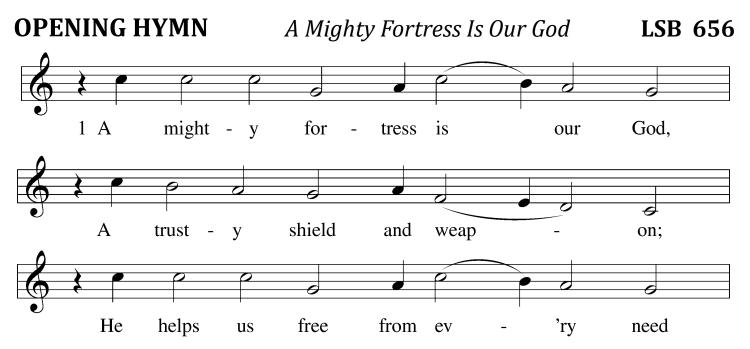
**PRELUDE** 

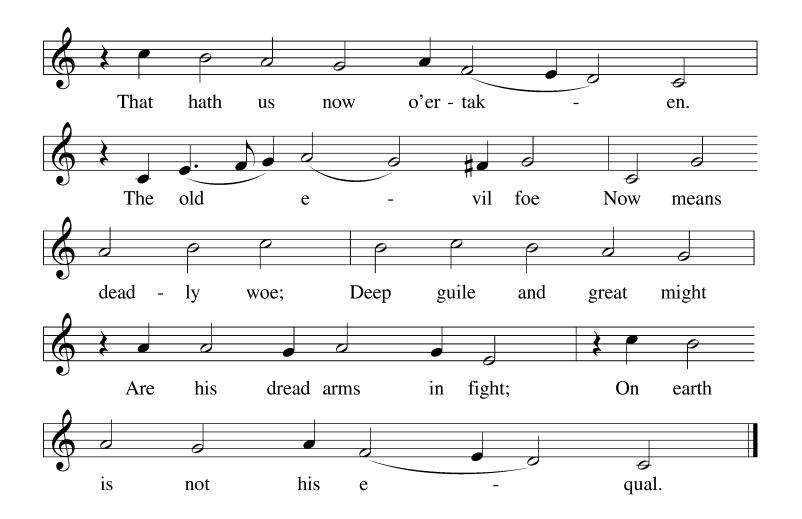
(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

#### **WELCOME**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–5* 

- P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
- C O Lord, who could stand?
- P But with You there is forgiveness,
- C that You may be feared.
- P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
- C and in His word I hope.





- With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
- Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.

He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit. And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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#### **INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and

ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

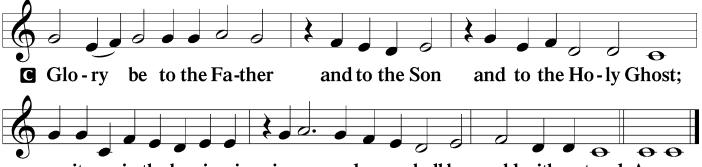
C Amen.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** *Psalm 50:1, 7-10, 14-15; antiphon, Psalm 50:23* 

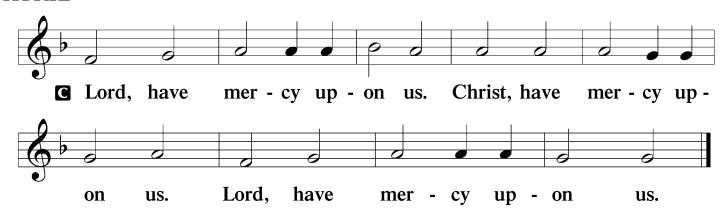
- P Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."
- C The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down.
- P "Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God!
- C I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings which are continually before Me.
- P I will not take a bull from your house, nor goats out of your folds.
- C For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
- P Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.
- C Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."
- P Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."

### **GLORIA PATRI**



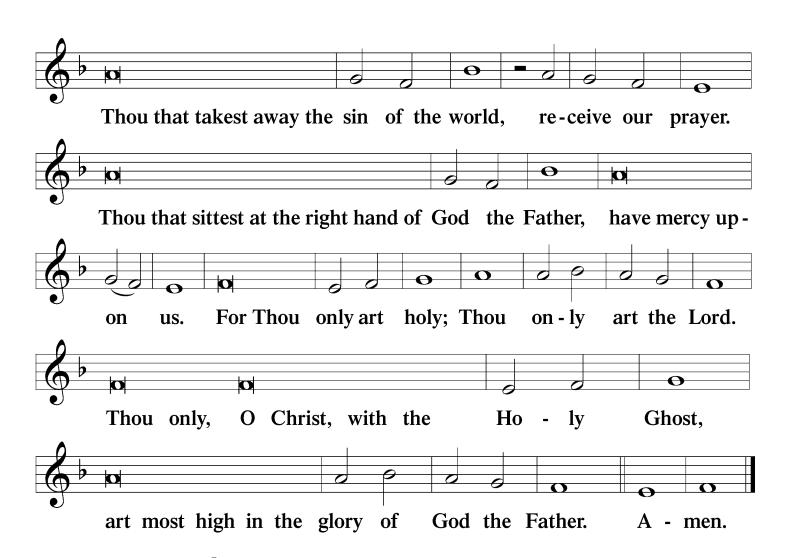
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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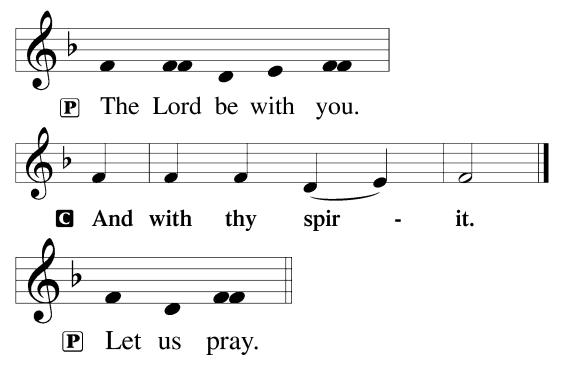


#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**





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



P Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand

firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 3:8-15

(The first promise of a Savior from sin)

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

- 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."
- 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"
- 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."
- 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:
  - "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.
- 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7

P O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.

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- C Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord;
- P Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
- C If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- P But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.
- C I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.
- P My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—yes, more than those who watch for the morning.
- C O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.
- P And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
- C 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 O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.

### **EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

(Therefore we do not lose heart.)

13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

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#### **ALLELUIA**



#### HOLY GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35

(Jesus accused by His family and teachers of the Law)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.



20 Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons." 23 So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. 27 No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

28 "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; 29 but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"— 30 because they said, "He has an unclean spirit." 31 Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. 32 And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You." 11

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33 But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?" 34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!35 For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

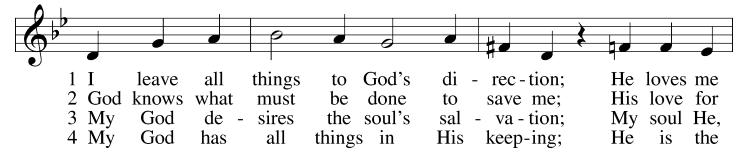
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

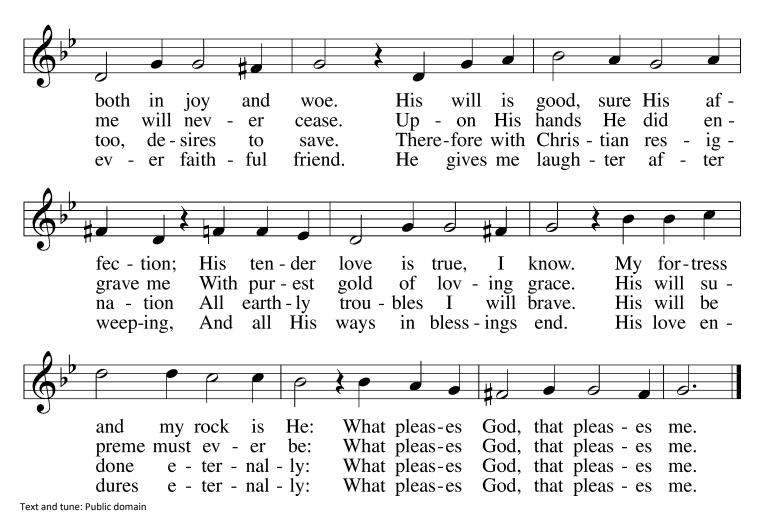
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the 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** I Leave All Things to God's Direction LSB 719



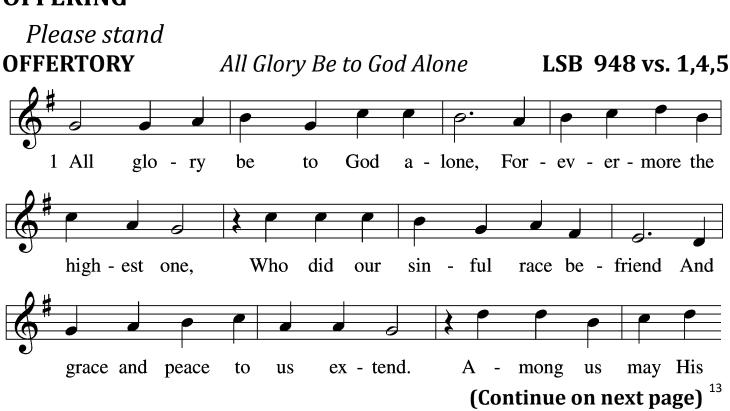


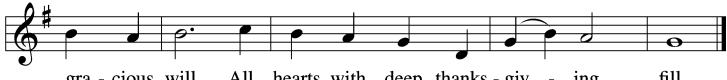
### **SERMON**

### "God's Good and Gracious Will for All People"

Mark 3:35

### **OFFERING**





gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

- 4 You take the whole world's sin away;
  Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
  You take the whole world's sin away;
  O Lord, receive our prayer this day.
  From God's right hand Your mercy send,
  To all the world Your grace extend.
- You only are the Holy One
  And over all are Lord alone.
  O Jesus Christ, we glorify
  You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
  With Him You evermore shall be
  One in the Father's majesty.

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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. Lord God our heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your good creation and for Your re-creation of a people of eternal hope and life, Your holy church throughout the world. Keep, we pray, all pastors and believers in the joyful hope of the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P Help all people of the world and especially of our own nation to not lose heart in the face of earthly troubles but to endure with faith in Your gracious promises of the forgiveness of sins and the hope and peace of Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P In the midst of trouble, anxiety, sickness, or fear of death, comfort, heal, and raise up all who call upon You in their need,

[especially . . .]. Bless all who minister healing and deliverance to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P For the many brave and faithful believers who have gone before us, we give You thanks. Help us to remember all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith, that we may like wise live all our days with our heavenly goal in mind. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

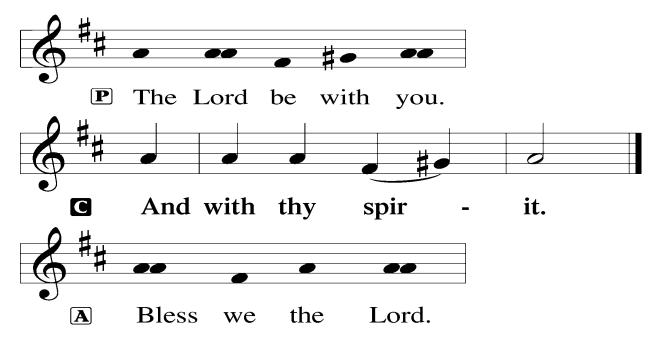
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

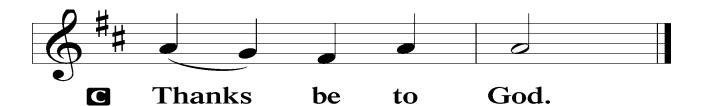
C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

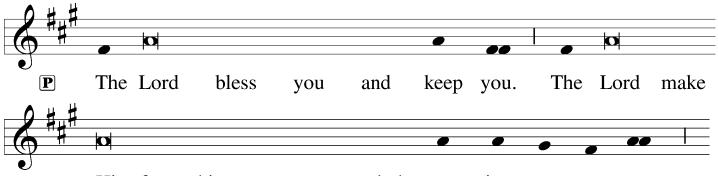
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

### **BENEDICAMUS**

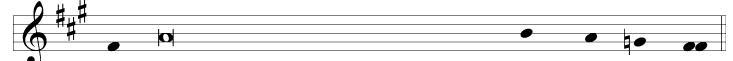




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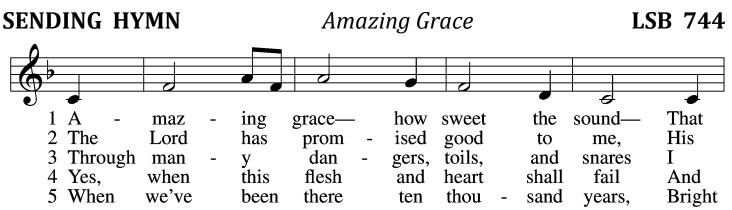
His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.

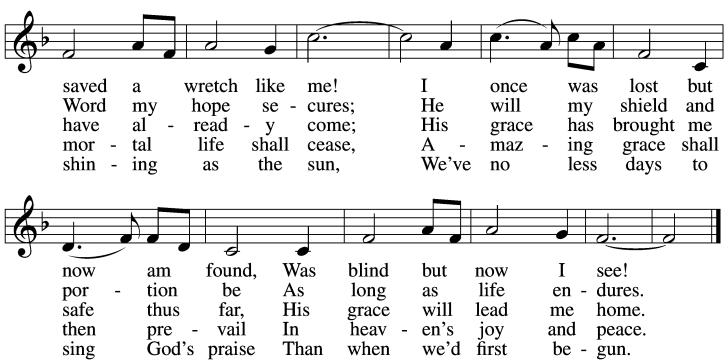


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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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

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

LWML TX District Convention

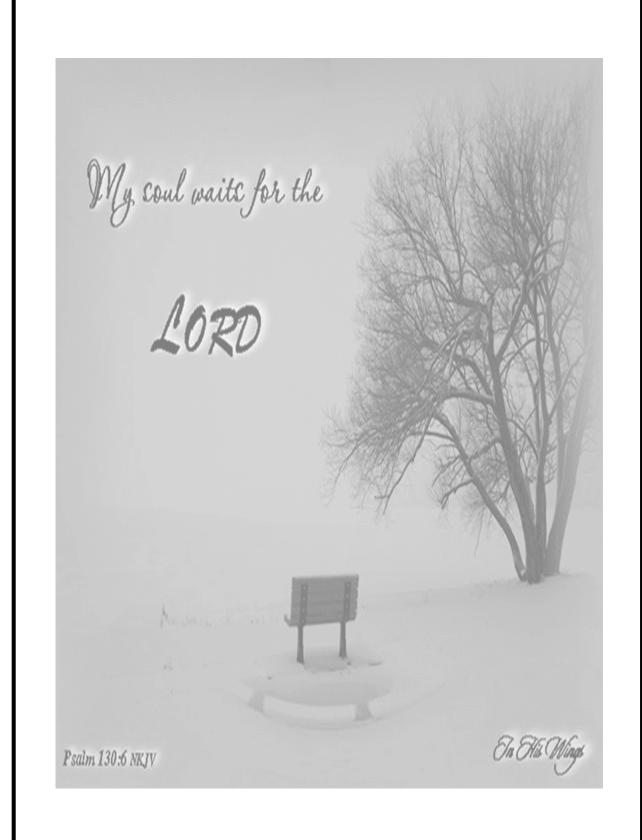
June 13th to 15th in Corpus Christi

Father's Day Sunday, June 16th

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

Sermon Notes	
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## Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse:



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Sunday Worship 35

Plate: \$ 97.00

Envelopes: \$ 1,088.00

Envelopes-Other:

On-line:

Donation:

**Total:** \$ 1,185.00

Bible Class: 17 No collection taken

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Readings:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 1

2 Corinthians 5:1-10(11-17)

Mark 4:26-34

## Jesus Has Defeated the Devil and Released Us from the Bondage of Sin and Death

The devil deceived us, enticing us to disregard and disobey the Word of God and driving us to hide "from the presence of the Lord God." But the Lord, in His mercy, promised a Savior, who would set Himself against the devil on our behalf (Gen. 3:8–15). The Son of Man came, the incarnate Son of God, conceived and born of the woman. He "first binds the strong man," Satan, by atoning for the sins of the world, thereby removing the condemnation of the Law and the fear of death (Mark 3:27). Now He plunders the devil's house by calling all men to repent. Though He appears to be "out of his mind" (Mark 3:21), He fulfills the will of God and makes of us His own brothers and sisters. Therefore, "we do not lose heart," despite the suffering, sin and death that we experience in this fallen world. "He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus." By His grace, we are "being renewed day by day." For the Gospel is daily bringing us into His presence, not for punishment, but for "an eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:14–17).

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