THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 29, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

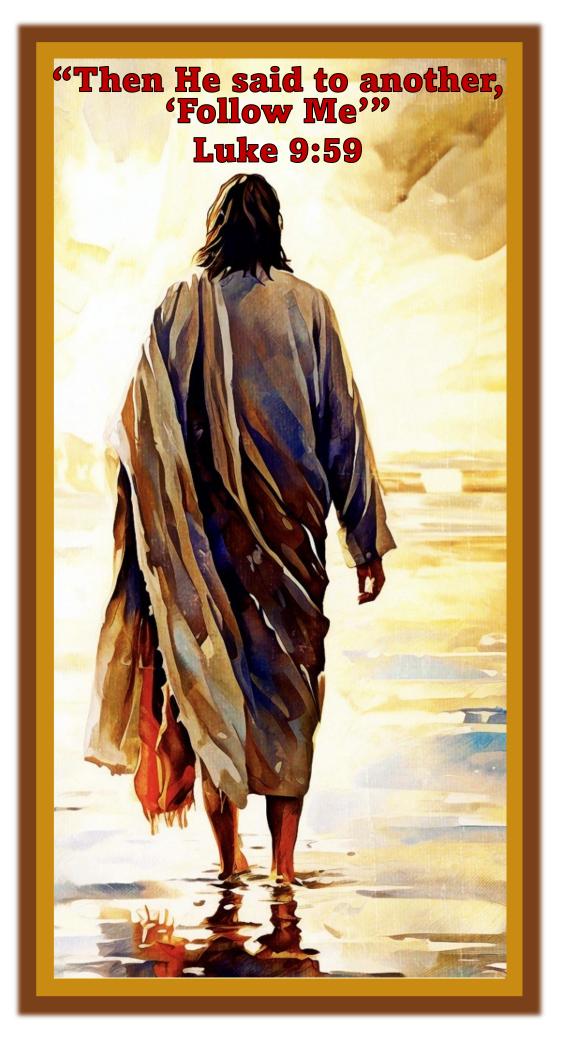
> > 10:30 A.M.

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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32). Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Holy Spirit, who brings forth life from desolation, cultivate in my believing heart fruits of righteousness that I might be led to desire that which You call good; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or

plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes an other approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship) **WELCOME**





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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and

confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- Our help is in the name of the Lord, P
- \mathbf{C} who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, P
- \mathbf{C} and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
- O almighty God, merciful Father, P
- \mathbf{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.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7 INTROIT

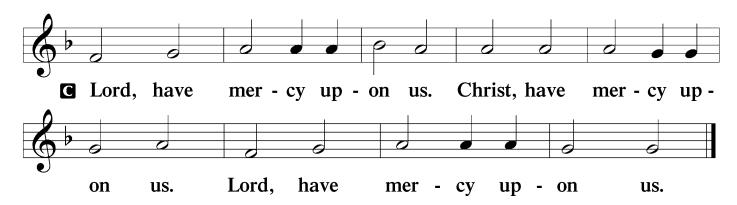
- Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation.
- I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak \mathbf{C} peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may P dwell in our land.
- Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace C have kissed.
- Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps P our pathway.

C Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

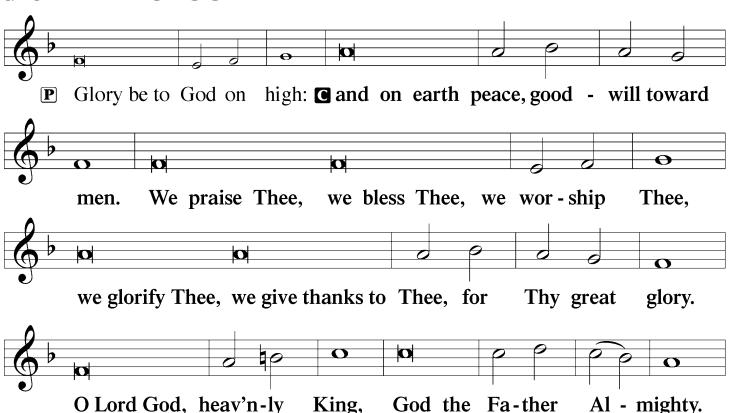
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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, instill into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:9b-21

(The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.)

9 and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 So he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the

mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

15 Then the Lord said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria.

16 Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. 17 It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

19 So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you."

And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" 21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 11

P You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- C Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.
- P O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my goodness is nothing apart from You."
- C As for the saints who are on the earth, "they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."
- P Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names on my lips.
- C O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.
- P The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance.
- C I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.
- P I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
- C Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.
- P For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- C You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13–25*

(Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.)

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the

flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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

Please stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

(Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.



51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, 52 and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. 53 But they did not receive Him,

because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. 54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me."

But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

- 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."
- 61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."
- 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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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.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

LSB 856



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



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



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

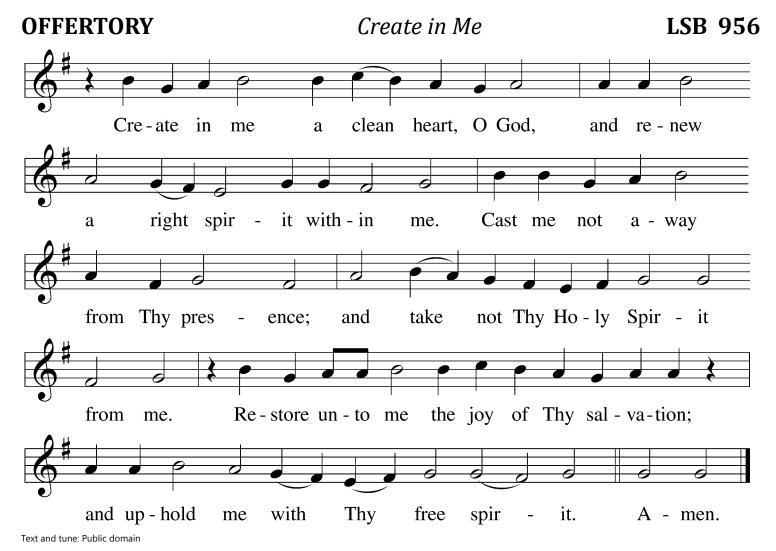
To risk se - cu - ri - ty And, By Your em-pow'r-ing Word. True Where hope has near - ly died And Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



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

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [American Sign Language] PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 Gracious Holy Spirit, grow the faith of all those who believe. Bring forth the fruit of holiness and supply them with opportunities to display that fruit for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Abiding Holy Spirit, be a companion for all who feel lonely and isolated, and preserve them from depression and despair. Send us, Your people, to be visible and tangible witnesses that Your presence is

with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ministering Holy Spirit, safeguard and support all those You have called into ministry. Encourage them amid the challenges of their Gospel work that they do not face the trials and triumphs of this mission alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Interceding Holy Spirit, plead for all who face sorrow, sickness, or adversity, comforting them with Your tender care, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Sanctifying Holy Spirit, strengthen Your church. Give all the baptized passion for Your Word, eagerness for service, and courage to reject the world's faulty wisdom and misplaced priorities. Fan into flame hearts that might be a beacon for those in darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

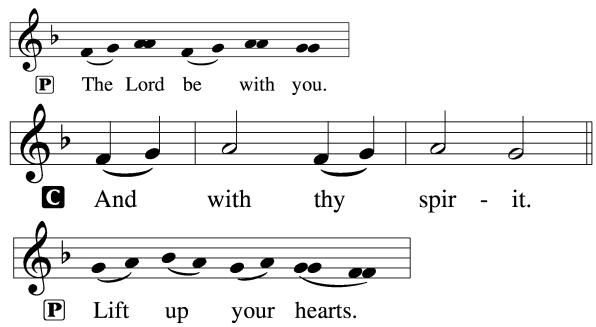
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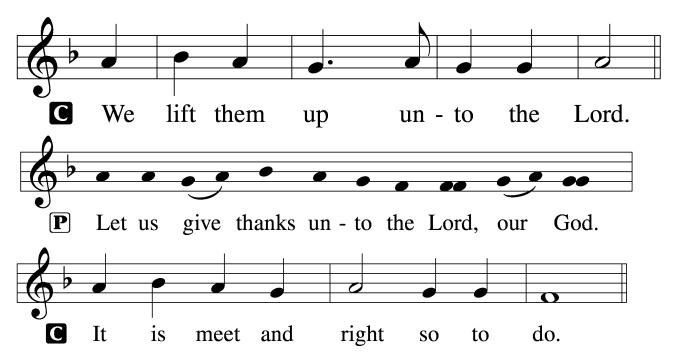
P Eternal Holy Spirit, preserve Your church until the day of the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

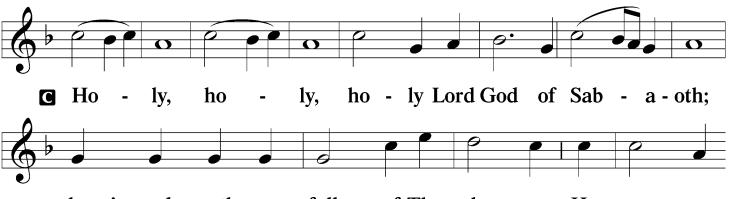
PREFACE





P It is truly valid, worthy, and constructive 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 by His perfect obedience fulfilled the Law on our behalf, and by His death and resurrection secured the blessings of salvation for all who would believe and trust in Him. You feed Your faithful people, grafted as branches onto Christ, the Vine, in this Supper with the fruits of His cross, that in receiving the true body and blood of the Savior, we might be forgiven and equipped for every good work, until in eternity we join with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to honor and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



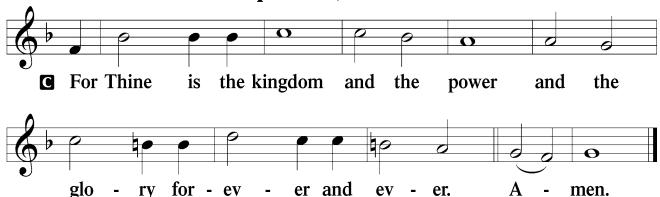
bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

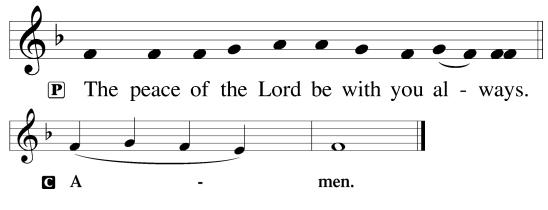


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

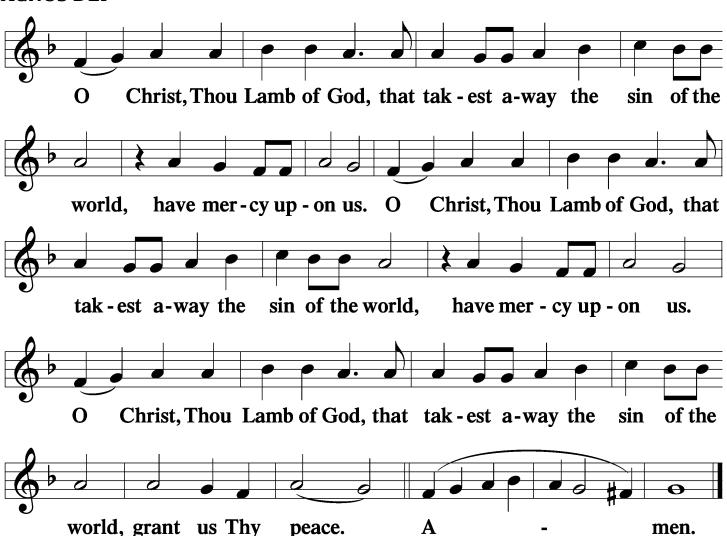
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you

for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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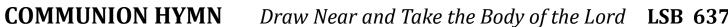
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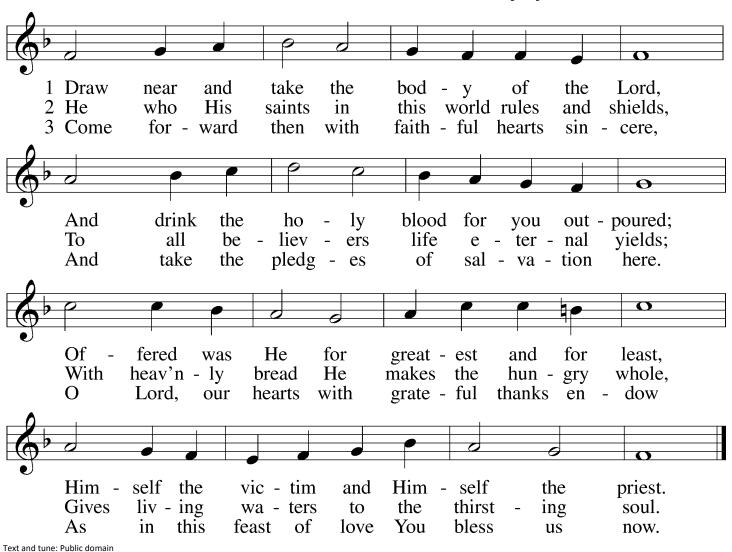


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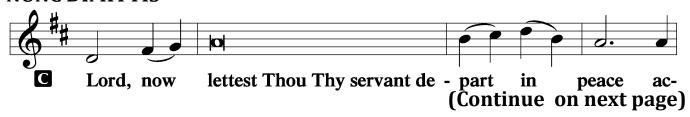
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal 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.

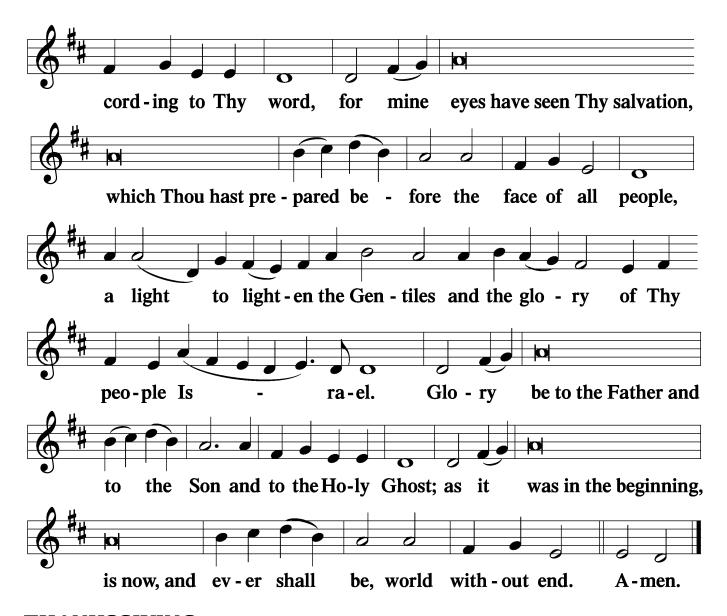




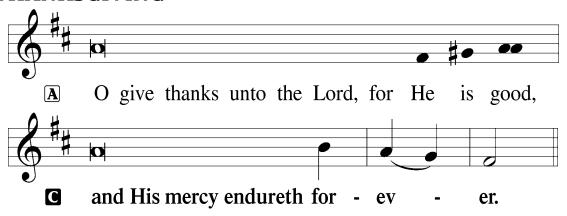
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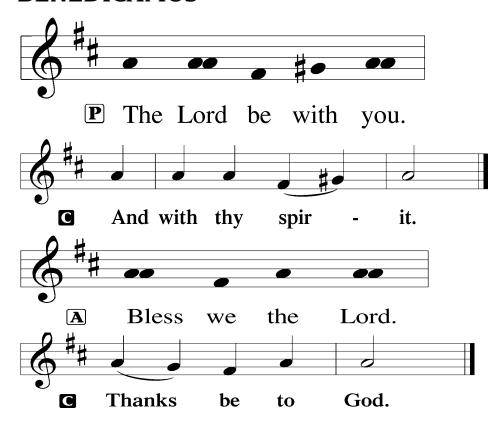


P Let us pray. Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and Living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may

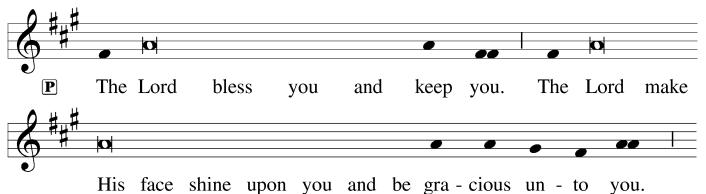
be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

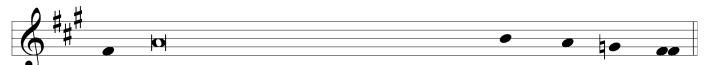


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BENEDICTION





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



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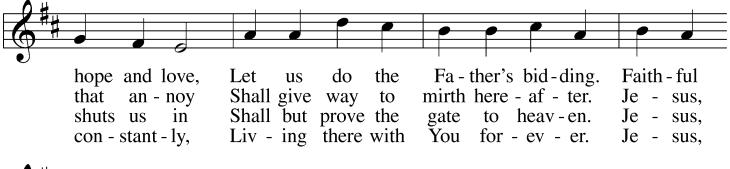
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shall fol - low Lord, with me a - bide; where You guide. Help me there Your share Your woe; joy know. here to high. with You die, There to live with You here on me faith - ful be. Life let e - ter - nal grant to me.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Voters have agreed to ask for a \$25 offering to cover the cost of the annual subscription to the <u>Lutheran Witness Magazine</u>. If you would like to continue receiving it or begin receiving it, please fill out the <u>green envelope</u>; and return it by placing in the offering plate or to any of the Elders. Thank you.

Portals of Prayer for <u>July to September 2025</u> 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.

July Activities

- > Elders' Meeting Tuesday, July 1st @ 9:00 a.m.
- > Fourth of July, (Friday) Independence Day have a safe and enjoyable day! Office will be closed.
- > Office will be closed, July 9th through the 23rd! Vacation Time!!!
- > Voters' Meeting 2nd Quarter Tuesday, July 15th @ 7:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran School

Roundup Time

for 2025-2026

Tuesday, July 29th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please bring the student's vaccination record (to bring our records up to date. Thank you!)

CDs and MP3 Thumb drives of School Chapel Hymns and Songs are available in the narthex



Free will donation for the church Please share the music with others **Soli Deo Gloria**

Memory Verse Challenge:

This Week's

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

6/22/2025

Sunday Worship 41

Plate: \$ 618.00

Envelopes: \$ 2,103.00

Envelopes-Other:

Donation: **F. H. Rental** \$ 200.00

On Line

Memorial:

Total: \$ 2921.00

Bible Class: **20** \$ 23.00

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 9)

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-7

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Luke 10:1-20

Sermon Notes		
Supplied in		
Summer time		

Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, "the word of the Lord came to him" (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him "on the mount before the Lord" (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, or in an earthquake, or in the fire, but in "the sound of a low whisper" (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends "messengers ahead of him ... to make preparations for him" (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they "go and proclaim the kingdom of God," and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its "yoke of slavery," but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which "Christ has set us free" (Gal. 5:1).

	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	Third Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship	Service 9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bibl	e Study 10:30 am	
Next Week	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship	Service 9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bibl	e Study 10:30 am	