

**EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

JULY 14, 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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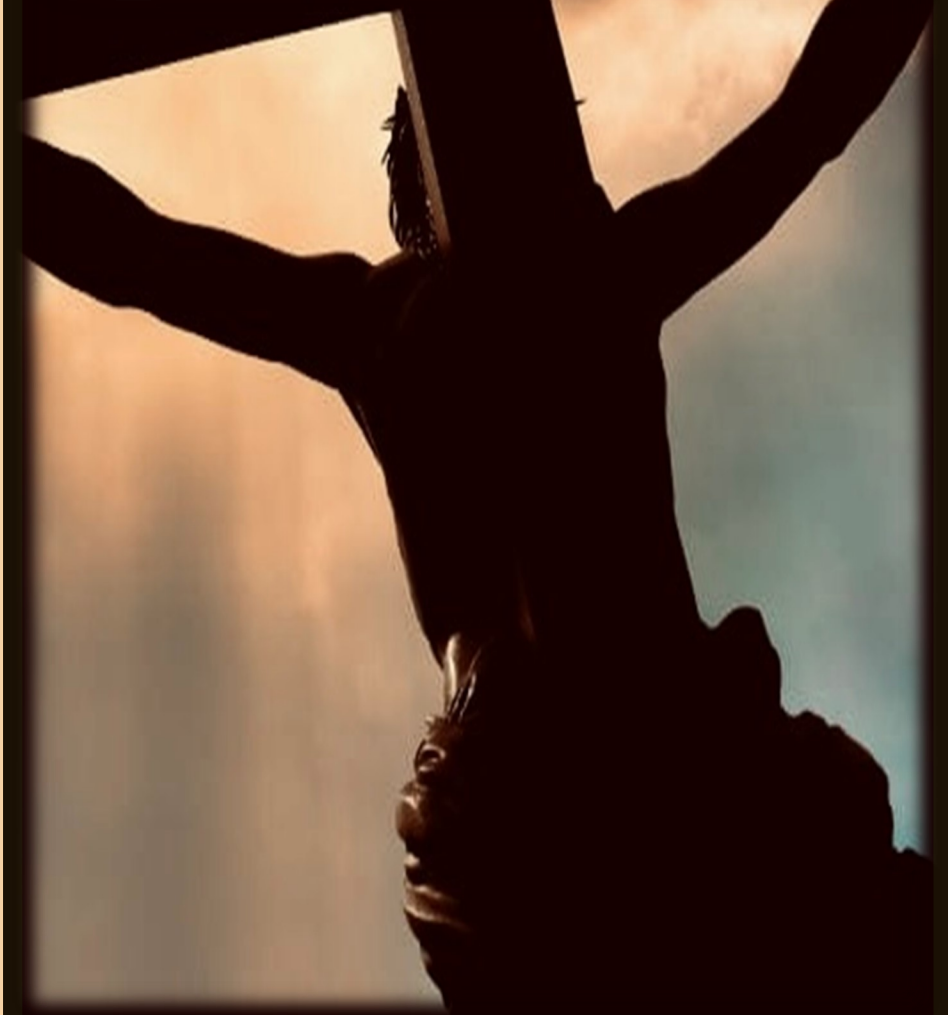
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Office Hrs., M-F

8 am to 12 pm

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**“ In Him we have
redemption through
His blood, the
forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches
of His grace.”
(Ephesians 1:7)**



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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 - O Lord, amid earthly strife among nations, governments, and peoples within their own lands, remind me through Your Word and Spirit that Your kingdom is not of this world, that as I face troubles in this life, I trust in the truth that through Christ's death and resurrection You have overcome the world; 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 - We are often reminded things in this life don't last. This includes everything from material things and earthly goods to health and well-being as age increases, to relationships we treasure, and ultimately mortality, which leads to death. Yet just as things in this life are temporary, with joy we are pointed frequently to what is everlasting. Adopted as God's own children, we are given an eternal inheritance through the work of Jesus Christ. Amid the temporary things of a broken and sinful world, we keep our focus on Christ and the eternal blessings assured "to the praise of His glorious grace" (Ephesians 1:6).

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

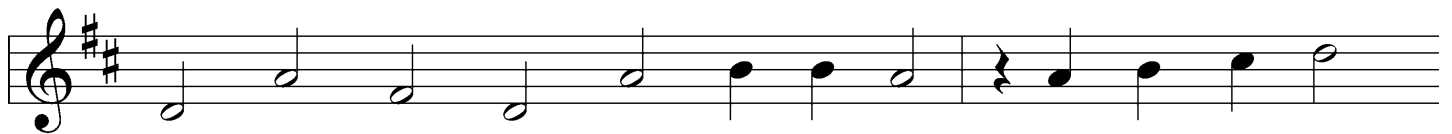
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1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

P Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

C **Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness.**

P₄ Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no

one living is righteous.

C Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust;

P Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

GLORIA PATRI



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

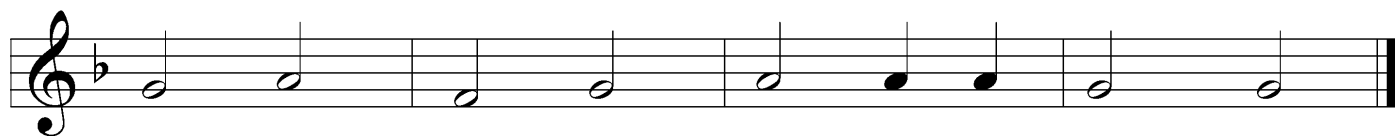


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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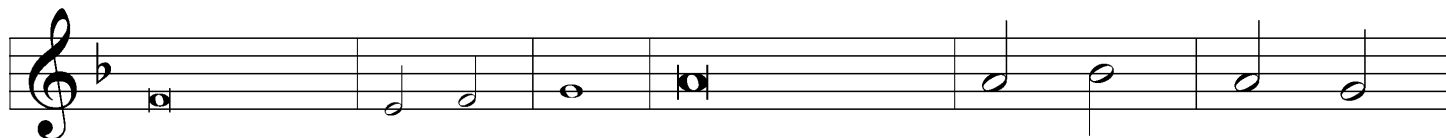


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

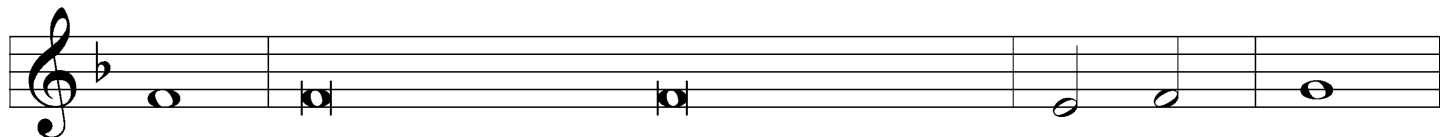


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

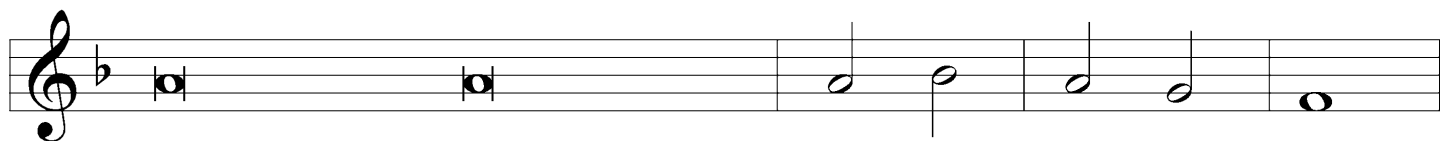
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.

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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.

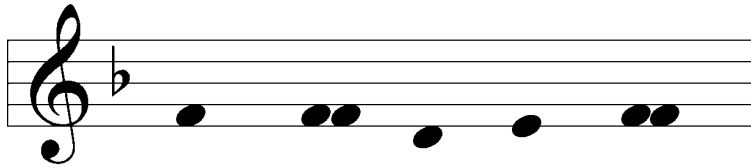
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

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

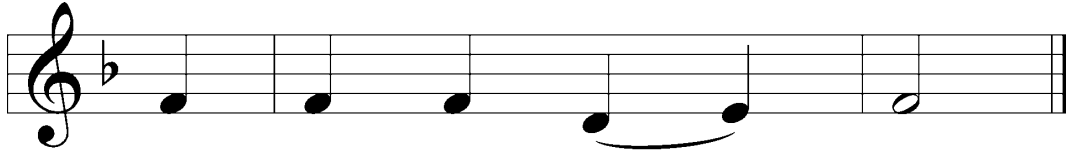
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

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

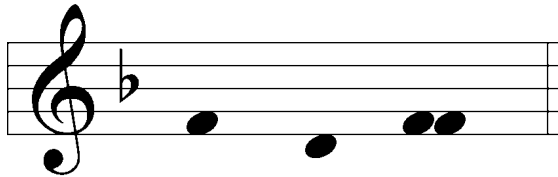
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

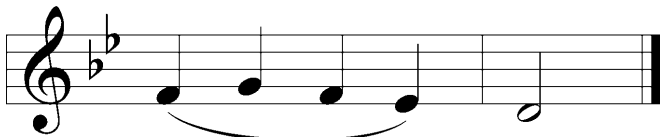


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

Amos 7:7-15

(Amos's vision and prophecy to the people)

7 Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. 8 And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said:

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore.

9 The high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the

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sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste. I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam.”

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said:

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive from their own land.’ ”

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos:

“Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread, And there prophesy.

13 But never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is the royal residence.”

14 Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

“I was no prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet, but I was a sheepbreeder and a tender of sycamore fruit.

15 Then the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said to me,

‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 85:(1-7) 8-13; antiphon: v. 7*

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

C I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

P Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

C Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.

P Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

C Yes, the Lord will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase.

P Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway.

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

EPISTLE *Ephesians 1:3-14* (*Spiritual blessings in Christ*)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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 6:14-29* (The death of John the Baptist)

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



■ **Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

14 Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

15 Others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets.”

16 But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!” 17 For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her. 18 Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

19 Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. 22 And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.” 23 He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

24 So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!”

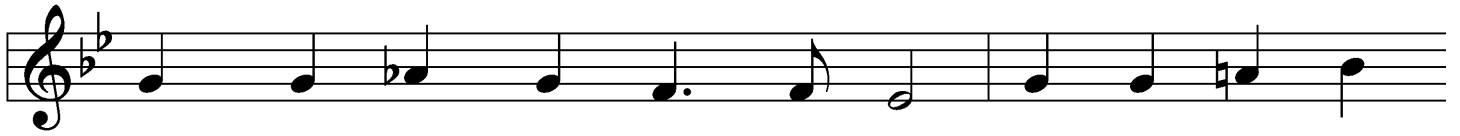
25 Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

26 And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.

27 Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.



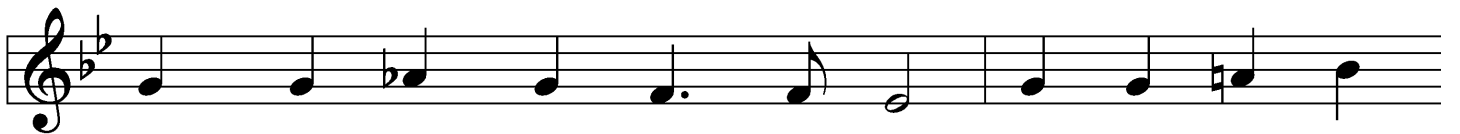
2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,
5 E - vil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not de - ceive me,
6 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!
Thine ap - peal is vain. Sin that once did blind me,
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.
Get thee far be - hind me, Come not forth a - gain.
Though the storms may gath - er, Still have peace with - in.



Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Sin - ful life, thy
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, Thou art still my



hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.
 bonds I sev - er, Leave thee now for - ev - er.
 pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

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SERMON

Message by Pastor Richardson

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY

From God Can Nothing Move Me LSB 713 vs. 1,3,4,7



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.
 △ 7 For thus the Fa - ther willed it, Who fash - ioned us from clay;



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.
 And His own Son ful - filled it And brought e - ter - nal day.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en
 The Spir - it now has come, To us true faith has giv - en;



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!
 He leads us home to heav - en. O praise the Three in One!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

“Peace be with you”

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Gracious Lord, we are citizens of the nations and places in which You have put us, with our citizenship in heaven assured. In our land, guide and direct the governing authorities over us that they may serve according to Your will. Impart in them Your truth and wisdom that life be treasured and protected, justice enacted, and order kept secure. Grant Your protection over those who serve in the military both here and abroad, and safety to all who keep roads and communities safe in their law enforcement vocation. Amid the conflicts and tribulations in any land, instill in us responsible citizenship as we await the eternal kingdom not of this world. Thy kingdom come,

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P In these summer months grant favorable weather and safe travel for all who give thanks for Your creation. In each and every season, continue to pour out Your mercy and grace that we as Your people remain faithful and trusting in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come. Thy kingdom come,

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P For all who face troubles and trials in life, in mind, body, or soul, give Your peace and comfort in times of affliction, [especially . . .]. For those who have gone before us in the faith, we give You thanks for their witness of truth and hope. Comfort those who grieve, [including . . .]. In all things, grant us Your Spirit to sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage. Thy kingdom come,

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P We lift up to You the authorities over us in our Synod, districts, and congregations. Grant wisdom and confidence for all who lead. Bless all churches and people of all ages that You gather together as Your own, that we may be courageous witnesses of Your grace and truth

to our neighbors, communities, and beyond. Thy kingdom come,

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P Your kingdom is not of this world, yet You come to us still in Your Word and Sacraments to strengthen us, nourish us, and forgive our sins. Bless our unity and fellowship at Your Table as we receive Jesus in His body and blood until the eternal feast You have prepared for those who keep faith in You. Thy kingdom come,

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Additional petitions may be added.

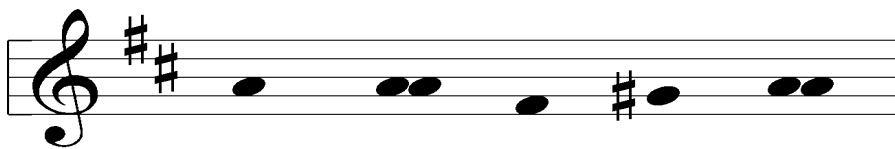
P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

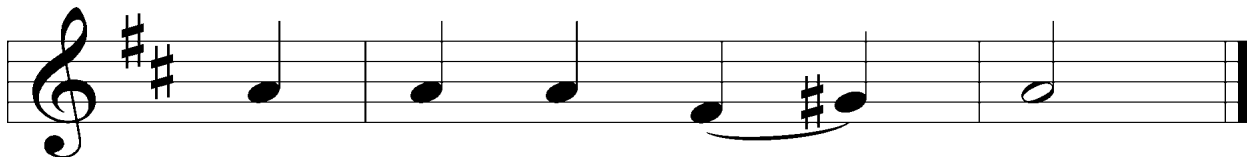
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

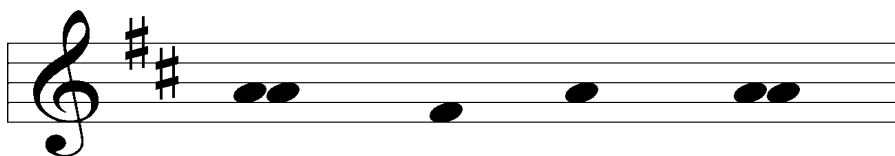
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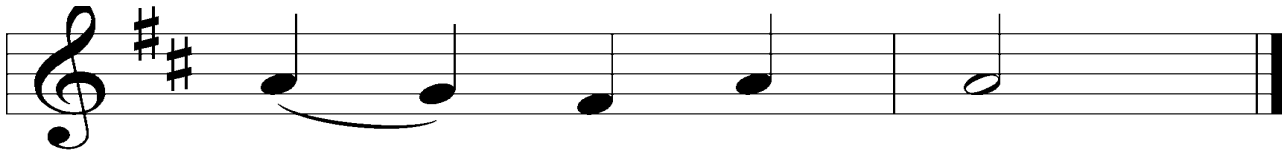
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

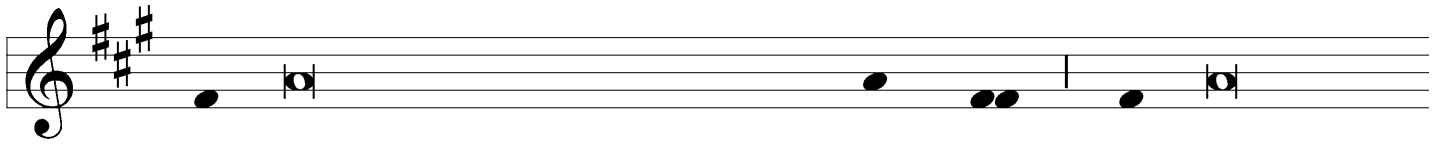


A Bless we the Lord.

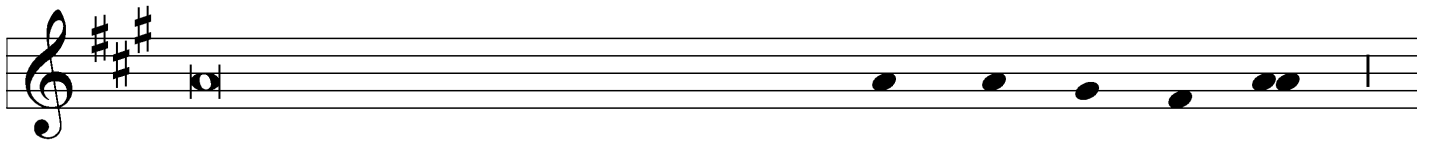


C Thanks be to God.

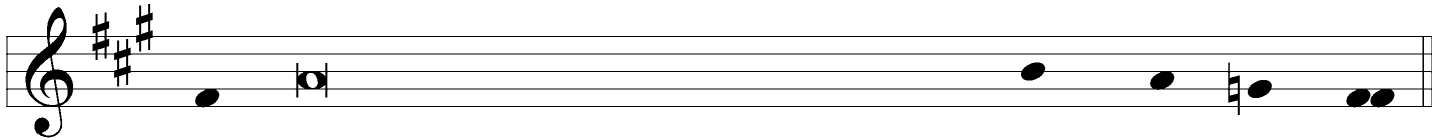
BENEDICTION



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.

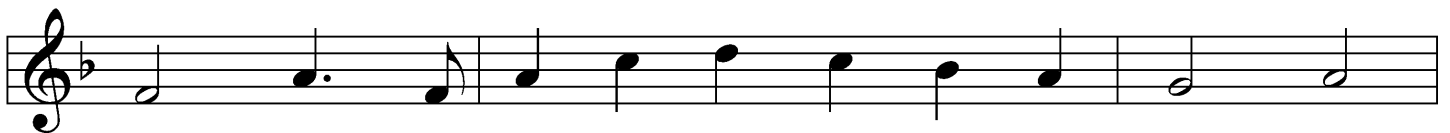


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses **LSB 667**



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"
gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—
With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
You fail us never!

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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 July to September 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.

July Activities

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

Welcome Pastor Richardson and a heartfelt Thank You from our congregation for supplying our pulpit today; may the Lord Almighty blessings be with always.

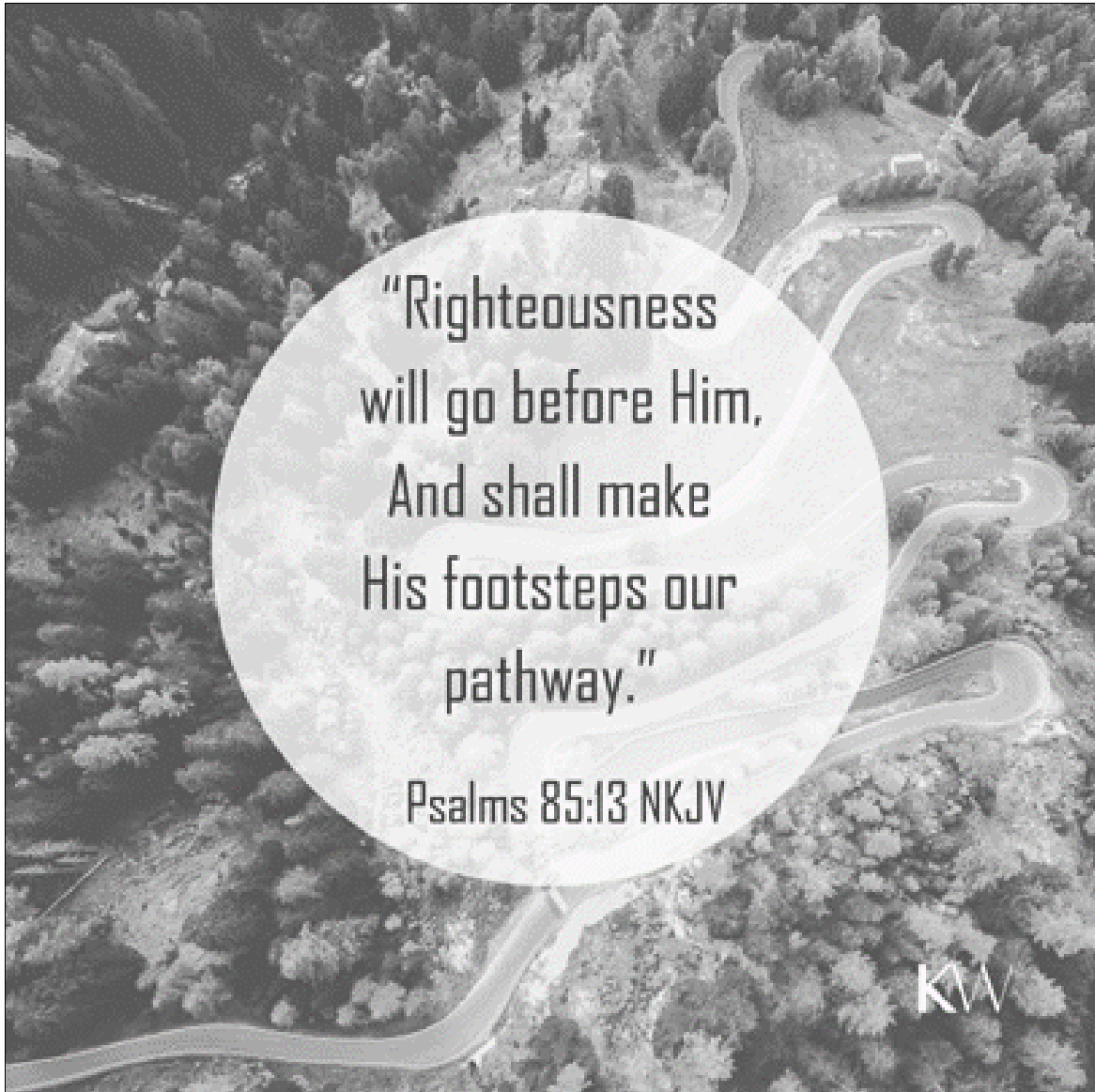
Voters' Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2024
7:30 p.m.

Congregational Potluck
Sunday, July 21st



Sermon Notes





"Righteousness
will go before Him,
And shall make
His footsteps our
pathway."

Psalms 85:13 NKJV

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Memory Verse Challenge

This week's

I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who
lives in me. And the life I now live in the
flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:20

MEMORY VERSE

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Sunday Worship	24	
Plate:		\$ 45.00
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Envelopes-Other:		
On-line:		\$ 500.00
Donation:		
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Bible Class:	13	\$ 15.00

***Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost Readings:
(Proper 11)***

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-44

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him “from following the flock” and said to him, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel” (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would “die by the sword,” and Israel would “go into exile away from his land” (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod “sent and seized John and bound him in prison,” even though he knew that John “was a righteous and holy man” (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod “sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head” (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist “has been raised from the dead” dead (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself “before the foundation of the world,” and even now by faith, “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” has blessed us in Christ “with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also “were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).

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