NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 21, 2024

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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

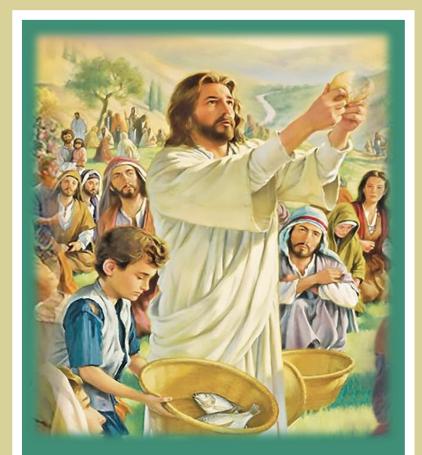
> 10:30 A.M. Adult Bible Class Sunday School

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

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"He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them;" (Mark 6:41)

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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.

This 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 - God of compassion, when You saw that I was like a sheep without a shepherd, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to shepherd me. Keep alive in me Your spirit of compassion for the world, until all people come to know Your Shepherd's care; through the same 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 -In 1969, a pop song titled "Love (Can Make You Happy)" was recorded by a group of vocalists called Mercy. Although it rose toward the top of the national music charts, it became another in a long line of "one hit wonders"—single hits by groups that were never heard from again after their initial successful number. Fame in the musical world can be fleeting. Reading through the Psalms, we are reminded that our gracious God is with us for the distance of our life and beyond, attending to us with His great goodness and limitless mercy. Two of those reassuring verses are these: "For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 100:5) and "As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!" (Psalm 40:11). By His grace, we can sing of the mercy of our God forever!

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship **PRELUDE**

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

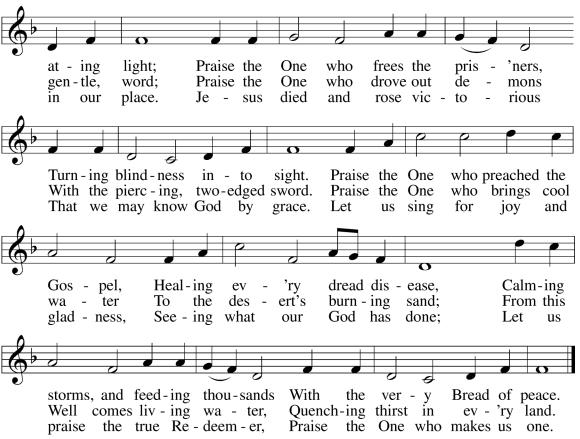
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet

3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate. Christ, who suf - fered



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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,
- 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.

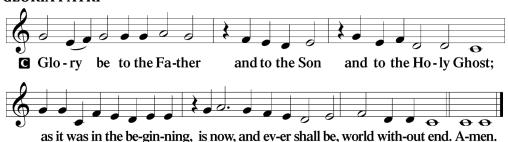
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
-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

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

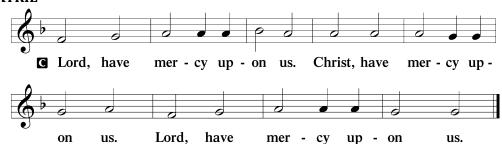
INTROIT Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

- P You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- C Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God,
- P Who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains.
- C He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- P He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
- C The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.
- P You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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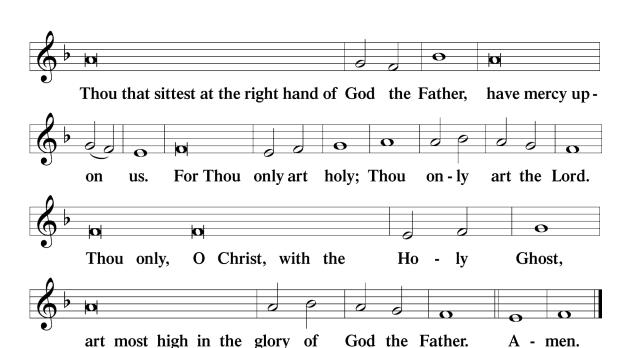


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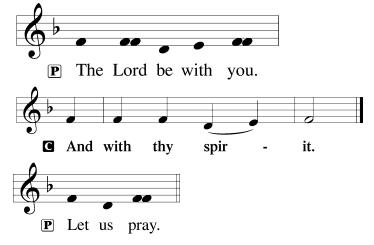


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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1–6

(The remnant of God's flock will be gathered.)

1 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the Lord. 3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the Lord.

- 5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
- 6 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called:
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

PSALM Psalm 23

- P The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.
- P He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- C Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
- C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:11–22*

(Together we are fellow citizens with God's people.)

11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation. 15 having abolished in His flesh the applity, that is, the law of commandments.

of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were

afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-44

(Jesus miraculously feeds thousands of people.)

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



30 Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. 31 And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. 32 So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

33 But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. 34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. 35 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. 36 Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."

37 But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

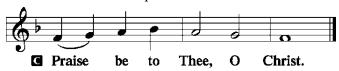
38 But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see."

And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So

they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. 41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. 42 So they all ate and were filled. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. 44 Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



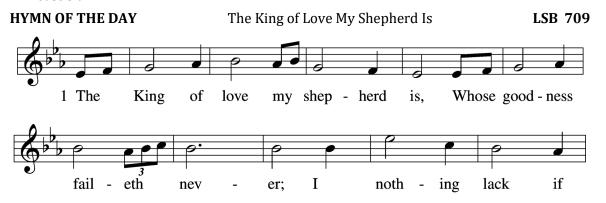
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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

Please sit.





- Where streams of living water flow,
 My ransomed soul He leadeth
 And, where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.
- Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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SERMON

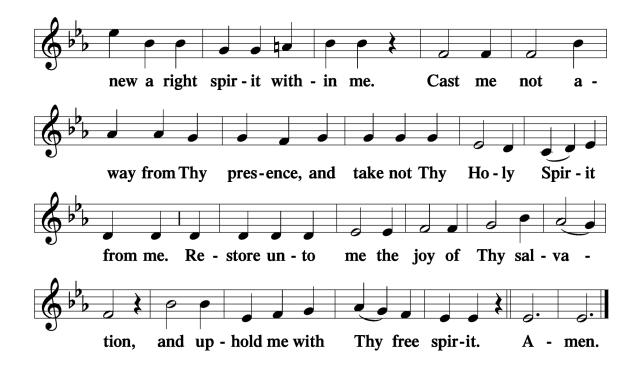
"Jesus, the Good Shepherd, provides for all our needs!"

Mark 6:34

OFFERING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the blessings of His goodness and mercy. We pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people.
- C May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior

And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;

Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

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P We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders, that we may lead peaceable lives.

C Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord;
Peace in our time, O send us!
For there is none on earth but You,
None other to defend us.
You only, Lord, can fight for us. Amen.

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- P We pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort.
- C Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

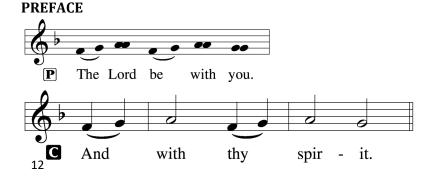
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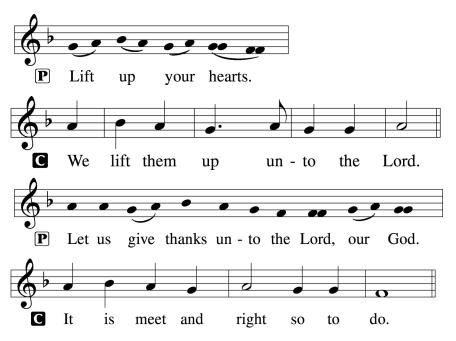
- P With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord.
- C We now remember, as we pray,
 Our dear ones in Your caring
 Who brightly shine in endless day,
 Past death and all despairing.
 At our life's end, Lord, as Your own,
 Bring us with them around Your throne,
 The joys of heaven sharing.

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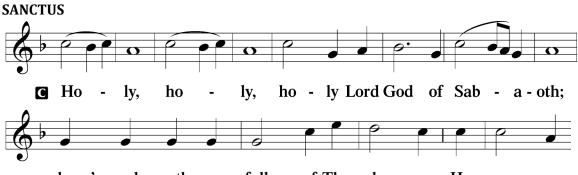
- P These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God. You are the creator of all things and great is the majesty of Your glory. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life, our Great Shepherd of the sheep has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion in this sacred fellowship of Your devoted people. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may with increased faith joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence.



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.



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LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

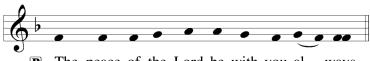
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



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."

PAX DOMINI



14 P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



AGNUS DEI



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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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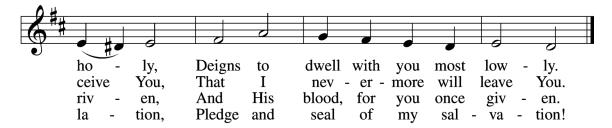
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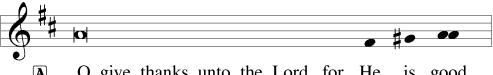
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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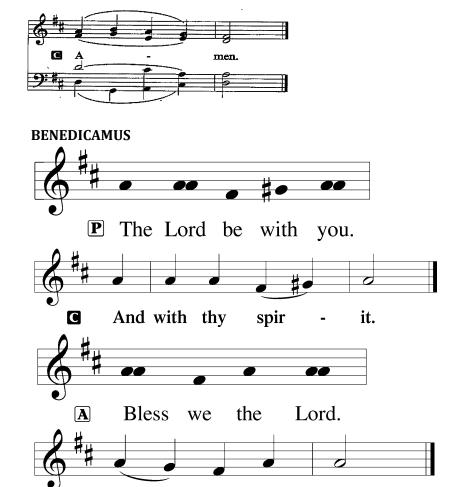
THANKSGIVING



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, \mathbf{A}



P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



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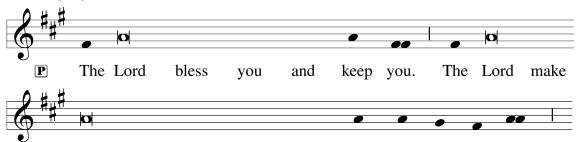
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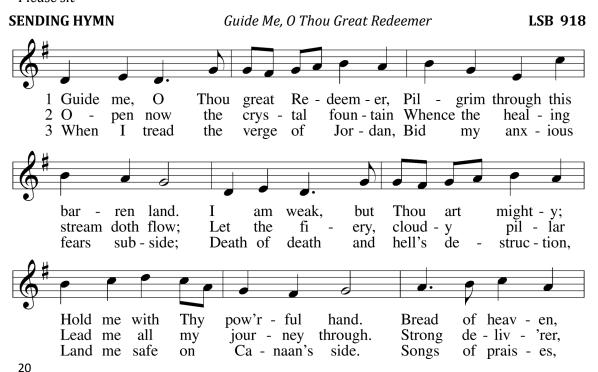
His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.

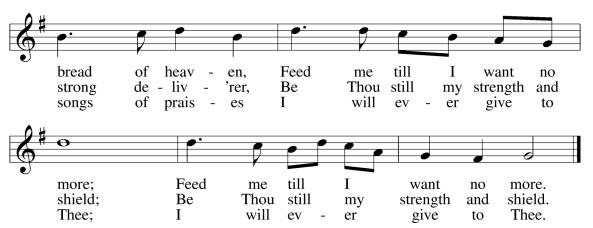


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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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 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

Congregational Potluck, please stay and join us, there will be plenty.

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's



Sermon Notes				
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MY SHEPHERD,				
I SHALL NOT WANT.				
Psalm 23:1				

The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes "the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep" (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets "shepherds over them who will care for them" (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to "reign as king and deal wisely" (Jer. 23:5). He is "our righteousness," in whom we "dwell securely" (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples "to set before the people" (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace "to you who were far off," and "by the blood of Christ," He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were "separated from Christ" by your sin, "having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12), now "you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19).

7/14/2024

Sunday Worship Plate: Envelopes: Envelopes-Other:	33	\$ 38.00 \$ 653.00	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Readings: (Proper 12)		
On-line Donation:			Genesis 9:8-17		
Donation.		Psalm 136:1-9			
Memorial:			Ephesians 3:14-21		
Bible Class:	Total:	\$ 691.00 \$ 13.00	Mark 6:45-56		
	Bi-Weekly C	vity Schedule			
	July Sunday Servants:				
Elder:	Dan Wehling				
Altar Guild:	S Wehling/R Cisneros/M Perez				
Music:	Doris Pickering				
This Week	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost				
Usher:	Don Vogel				
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am				
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am				
Next Week	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost				
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