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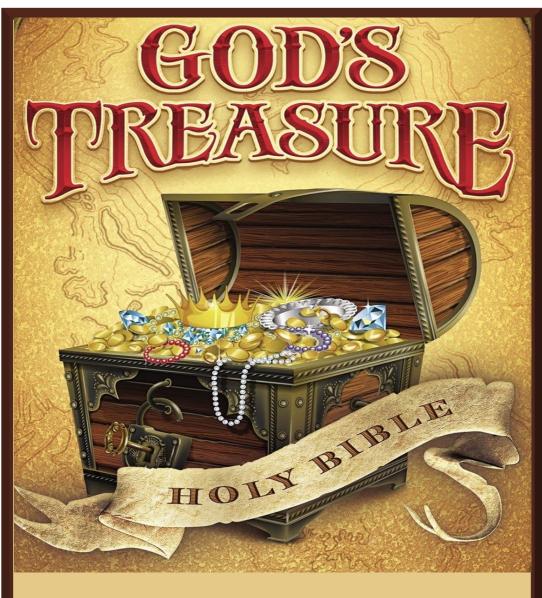
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Then He said to them,

"Therefore every scribe
instructed concerning the
kingdom of heaven is like a
householder who brings out of
his treasure things new and old."

Matthew 13:52

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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 prayer that you will be spiritually nourished through God's Word, and we look forward to seeing you in person when we gather together in God's house again.

- A Prayer Upon Entering Church Mighty God, Your love once called a people and made them Your chosen instrument from which You would bring forth Your Son. Grant to me the same love and grace that I may be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- AS WE GATHER WITH OUR FAMILIES Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God's own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

- What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

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OPENING HYMN Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

Today Your mercy calls us 1 To wash away our sin.

However great our trespass, Whatever we have been. However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away, Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

- 2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n, A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits; His blessèd angels gather Around the heav'nly gates. No question will be asked us How often we have come; Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.
- O all-embracing Mercy, 4 O ever-open Door, What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair, We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION

- L In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- A Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.
- L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- A But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- A Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- L "In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to Become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

A Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

- L Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!
- A Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works!
- L Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!
- A Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore!
- L Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,
- A O seed of Abraham His servant, you children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
- L Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 7:6–9

(Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.)

6 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for

Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. 7 The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8 but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- A Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 125; antiphon: v. 2

- L As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.
- A Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- L As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.
- A For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.
- L Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.
- A As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them away with the workers of iniquity.

Peace be upon Israel!

L As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (see video)

EPISTLE Romans 8:28–39

(Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior.) 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

"For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- A Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:44–52 (The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

A Glory to You, O Lord.

44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." 51 Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 52 Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is

like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

- L This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- A Praise to You, O Christ

APOSTLES CREED

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Great Thou Art

LSB 801

- O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain**
- ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain

- ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**
- When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain** © 1949, 1953 The Stuart Hine Trust; admin. EMI CMG; admin. Hope Publishing Co.

SERMON "Accident or Divine Providence?"

(Matthew 13:52)

OFFERING Given with cheerful and joyful hearts

HYMN Make Songs of Joy LSB 484

- 1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head;Alleluia!He lives again who once was dead!
- Alleluia!
- Our life was purchased by His loss;
 Alleluia!
 He died our death upon the cross.
 Alleluia!

- O death, where is your deadly sting?
 Alleluia!
 Assumed by our triumphant King!
 Alleluia!
- 4 And where your victory, O grave,
 Alleluia!
 When one like Christ has come to save?
 Alleluia!
- 5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia! Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!
- 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
 Alleluia!
 The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise. Grant to us faith that we believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace. In Your gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Blessed Father, Your love is our great treasure and Your kingdom Your gift. Grant that we with bold voice make known Your salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Merciful God, You established Your Church and endowed her with Your Word and Your Sacraments. Bless all pastors and missionaries as they serve us in Your name with Your gifts and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers. Bless our president, The Congress of these United States, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying, [especially . . .]. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves. Give us a generous heart that we give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Give us hearts of faith and fill us with repentance that what we receive from Him we keep faithfully until that day when we join all Your saints to rejoice in Your presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

(Local concerns may be added here.)

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

A Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

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

BENEDICAMUS

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- A Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

L The Lord bless us and keep us,
The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us
The Lord lift His countenance upon us and grant us peace

A Amen

SENDING HYMN Son of God, Eternal Savior LSB 842

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:

- Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- As You, Lord, have lived for others,
 So may we for others live.
 Freely have Your gifts been granted;
 Freely may Your servants give.
 Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
 Yours the wealth of land and sea;
 We but stewards of Your bounty
 Held in solemn trust will be.
- Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of Peace;
 Hush the storm of strife and passion,
 Bid its cruel discords cease.
 By Your patient years of toiling,
 By Your silent hours of pain,
 Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 Hallows all our human race:
 By Your praying, by Your willing
 That Your people should be one,
 Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
 Here on earth Your will be done.

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- In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus
- Just about the break of day, Just about the break of day, Just about the break of day, Give me Jesus. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, You may have all the rest, Give me Jesus.

- 3 O, when I come to die,O, when I come to die,O, when I come to die,Give me Jesus.
- 4 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing, Give me Jesus. (Refrain)

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Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

This week's memory verse: John 16:33

"'I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.'



Family Worship at Home

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2020

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 OLD TESTAMENT READING

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HOLY GOSPEL

SERMON *************

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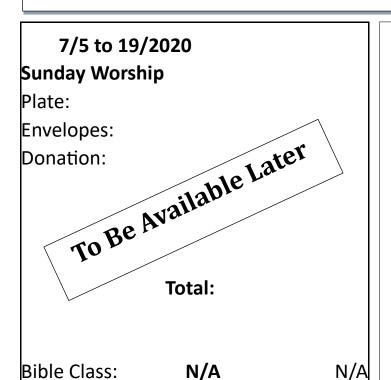
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The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be "his treasured possession," not because of any strength in us, but solely "because the Lord loves" us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He "keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments" (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us "great value" by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His Kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are "hidden in a field," covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but "to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29). Since we "are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us "at the right hand of God" (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:39).



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Readings :

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26)

Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)

Matthew 14:13-21