

**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 7, 2024**

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***Sunday***

**9:00 A.M.**

**Worship Service**

**10:30 A.M.**

**Adult Bible Class/  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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**“He began to teach in the  
synagogue. And many hearing Him  
were astonished, saying,  
“Where did this Man get these  
things? And what wisdom is this  
which is given to Him.” (Mark 6:2)**



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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** - O Lord, though I am unworthy, You show mercy. Though I am underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though I fail, You grant me forgiveness. In my calling in faith and sent as Your child, sustain me through Your Spirit that I may serve You in joy and gladness; 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** - Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today we encounter a few people who faced difficulty and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his "thorn . . . in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth. Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living

as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord:  
“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in  
weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

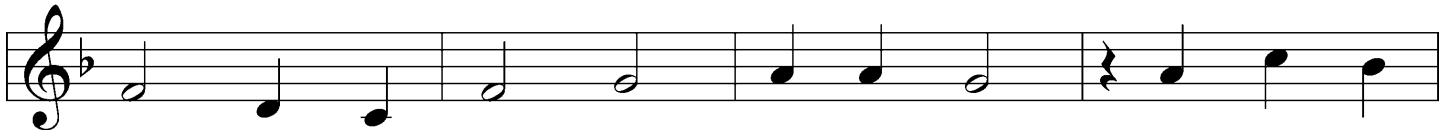
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**PRELUDE** (A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

**WELCOME**

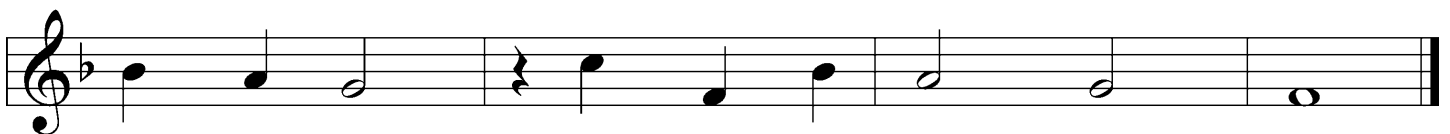
**OPENING HYMN** *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds* **LSB 867**



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -  
2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of  
3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -  
4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of  
5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger  
pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His  
gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions  
God's own Word, To place in Him their  
cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.  
won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.  
con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,  
doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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*Please stand*

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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## 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 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

P Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

**C For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:**

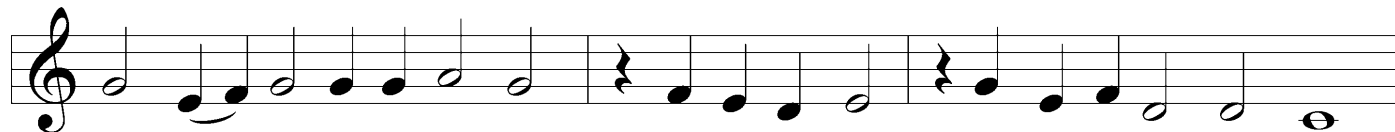
P “This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

**C I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

P I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

**C** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

## GLORIA PATRI



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

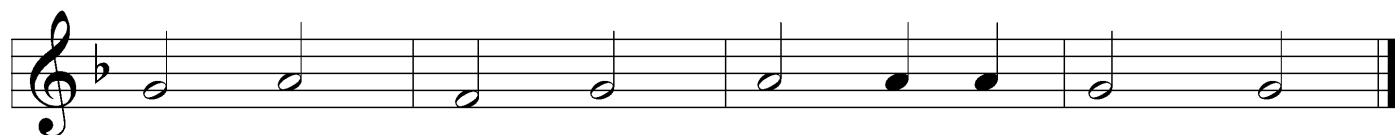


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## KYRIE

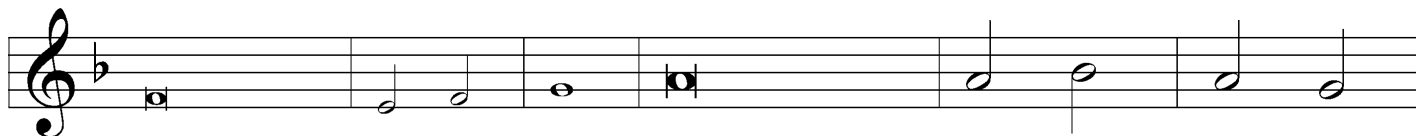


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

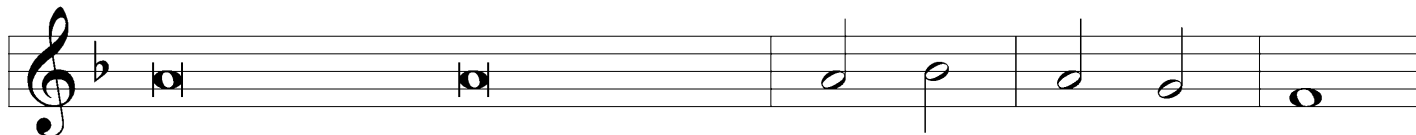
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

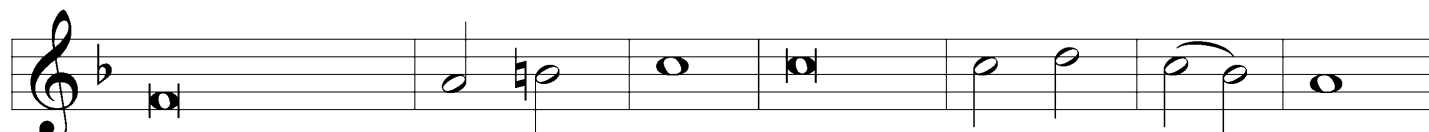


men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

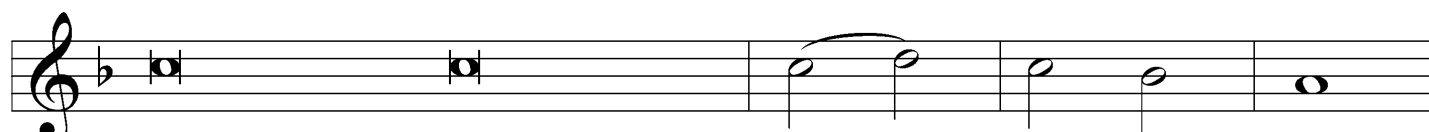




O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



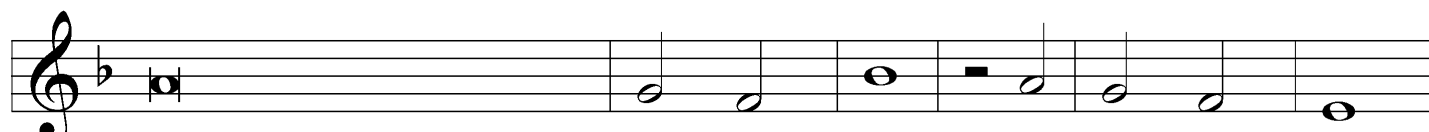
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



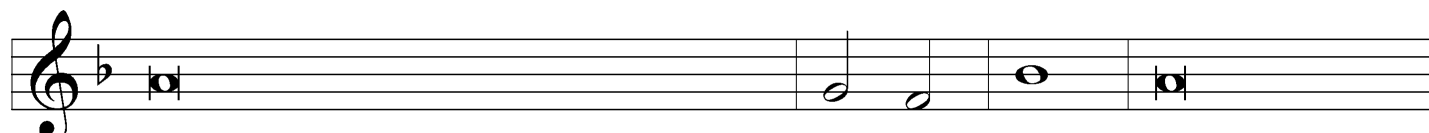
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



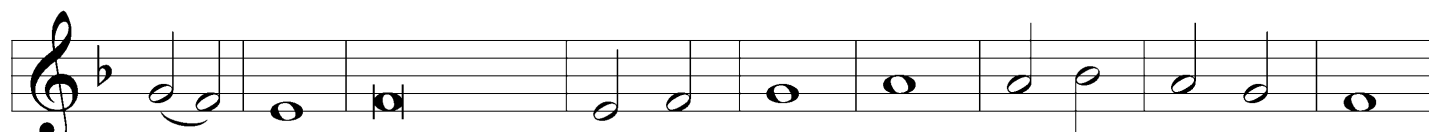
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



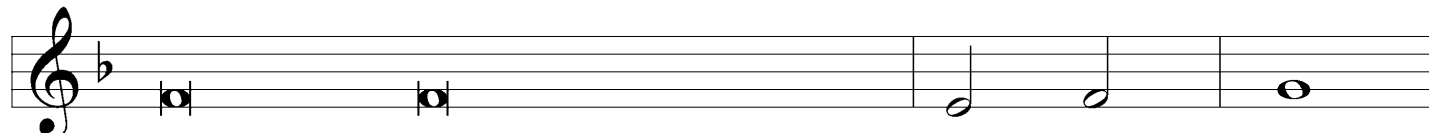
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.




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.

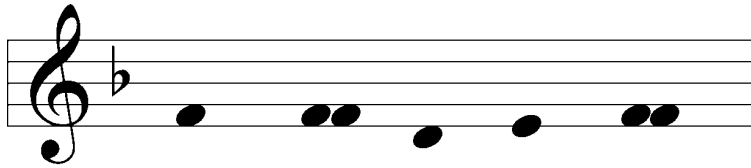


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

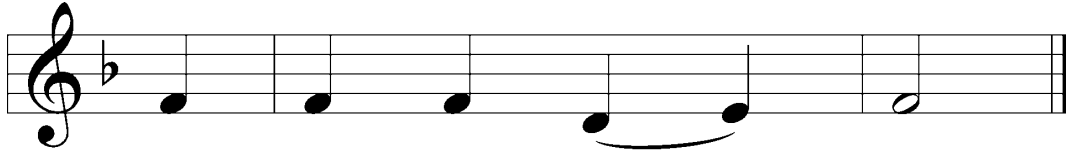


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

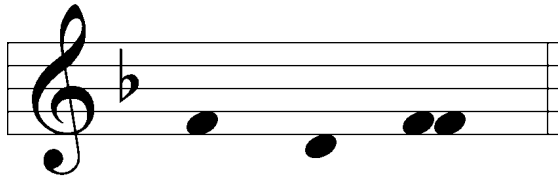
## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, 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 *Ezekiel 2:1-5* (*Ezekiel's call*)

1 And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you." 2 Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. 3 And He said to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. 4 For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' 5 As for them, whether they hear or whether they

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refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**        *Psalm 123; antiphon: v. 1*

P Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.

**C Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy on us.**

P Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

**C Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorn of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud.**

P Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.

**EPISTLE**        *2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

*(Paul's vision and his thorn)*

1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. 6 For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made



perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13*

(Jesus rejected at Nazareth)

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

1 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!

3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him.

4 But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” 5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

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7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. 8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts— 9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

10 Also He said to them, “In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. 11 And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!”

12 So they went out and preached that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**P** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

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

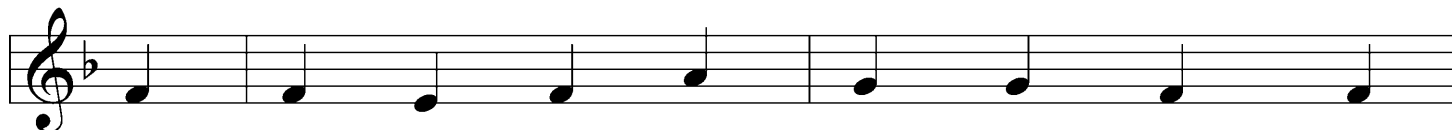
*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*    **LSB 857**



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way    Wher -  
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You  
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way    Wher -



ev - er love may lead    And, bend - ing low, for -  
 pow'r You laid a - side.    You lived Your years in  
 place with - in the hands    Of those who seek to  
 count our - selves a - bove    The low - est place, the  
 ev - er love may lead    And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self,    Each serve the oth - er's need.  
 ser - vant - hood;    In low - li - ness You died.  
 fol - low You    And live by Your com - mands.  
 mean - est task    That waits the gift of love.  
 get - ting self,    Each serve the oth - er's need.

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**SERMON**

***"Hometown hero or heel?"***

**Mark 6:4**

**OFFERING**

*Please stand*

**OFFERTORY**

*Create in Me*

**LSB 192**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**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, for His church, and for all people according to their needs. God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Sending Father, when Your Son was in this world, He was rejected in His hometown. Though despised, He continued on in the mission for our salvation and forgiveness of sins all the way to the cross. As disciples continued to proclaim a message of repentance, build us up as Your disciples within Your church to proclaim and receive the forgiveness of sins won for us through His death and resurrection. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and others in a churchly vocation to be sent by You to proclaim Your message of Law and Gospel. Strengthen laity to live as Your church each day among our neighbors, pointing to Your light and Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Compassionate Father, we face daily the trials of this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh. Often a “thorn in the flesh” is a barrier to our faith and trust in You. Remind us Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. For those who are weak in body, mind, and spirit, grant Your continued presence. Heal according to Your will, and use us as Your church to encourage, support, and reflect Your grace to all who are in need, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Sustaining Father, You gather us together as Your people to hear Your Word and to receive Your means of grace. As Your church, strengthen our fellowship as we receive the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fed, nourished, and strengthened in faith, enable us to faithfully uphold Your calling to us as we are sent by You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

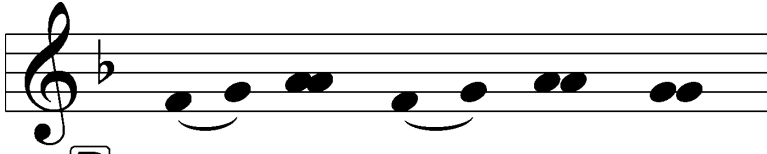
*Additional petitions may be added.*

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

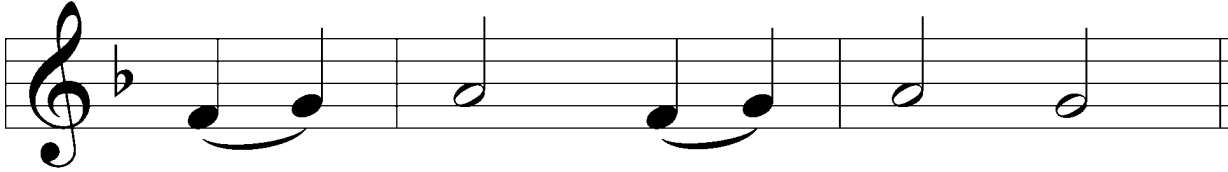
**C** **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

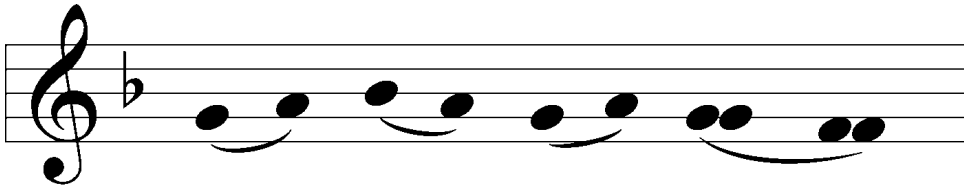
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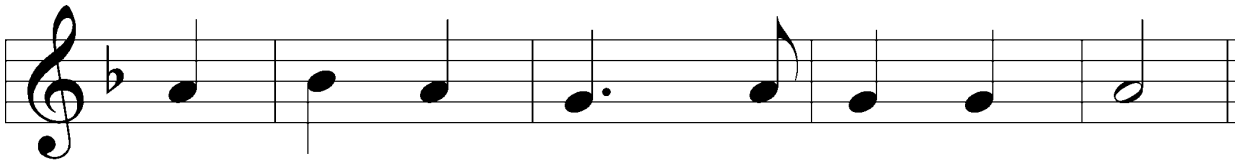
**P** The Lord be with you.



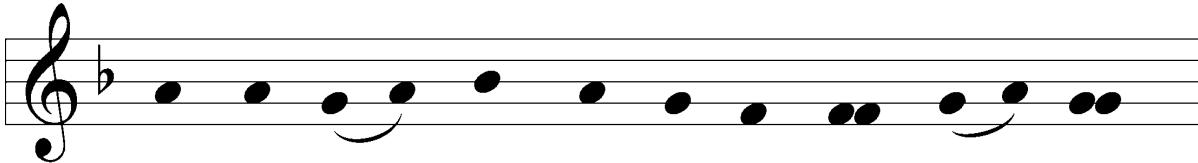
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,  
evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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 com-eth 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## 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."  
 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

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

**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please sit*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING**

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.

## **COMMUNION HYMN** *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

**LSB 637**

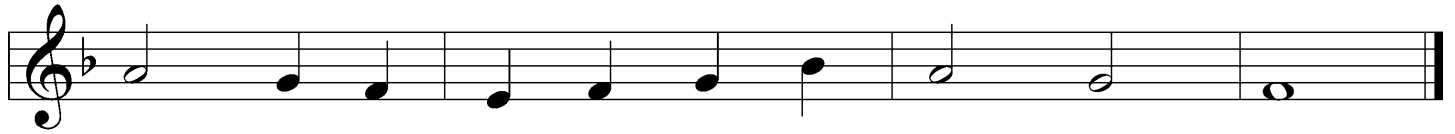
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;

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Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.

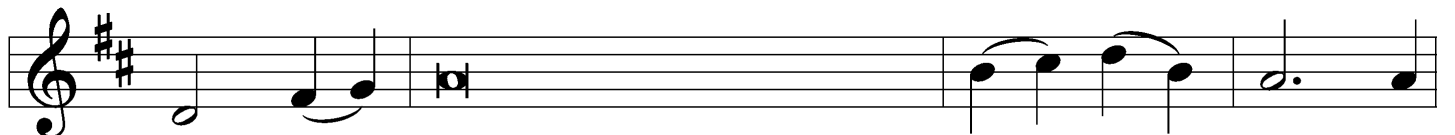
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

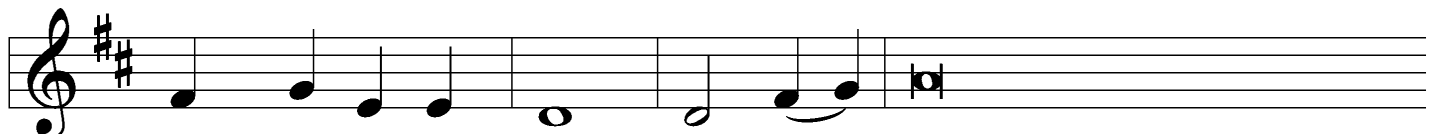
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*Please stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

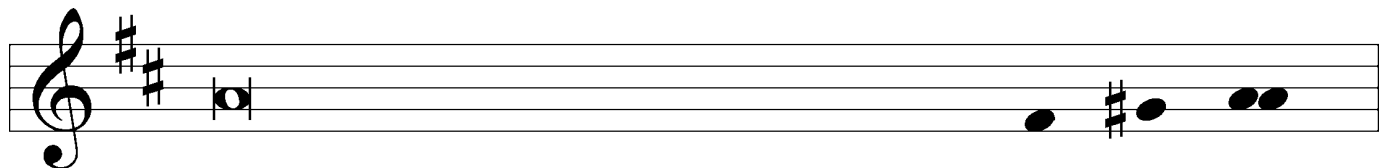


a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy




peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## THANKSGIVING

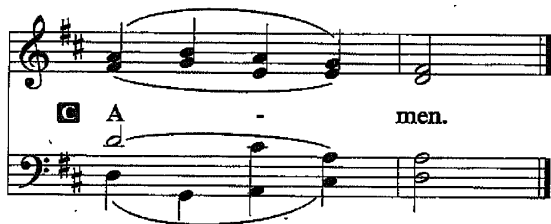


**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



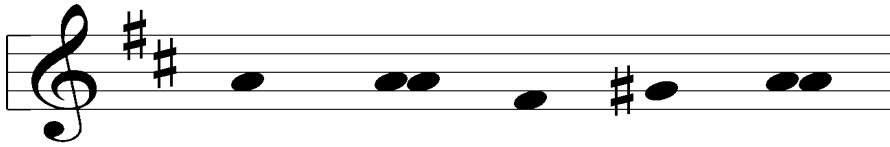
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

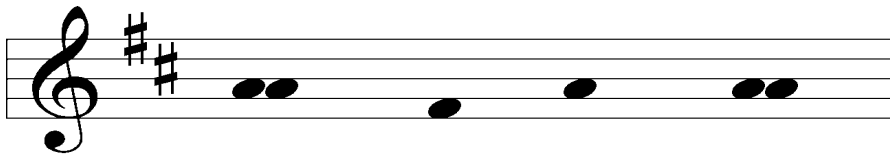
## BENEDICAMUS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

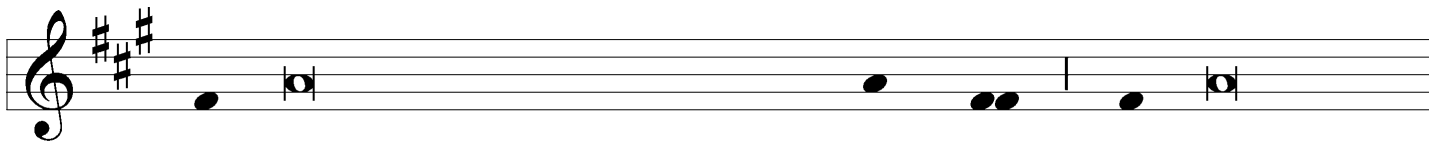


**A** Bless we the Lord.

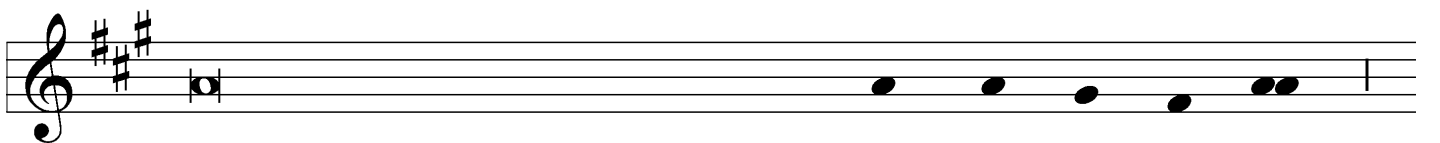


**C** Thanks be to God.

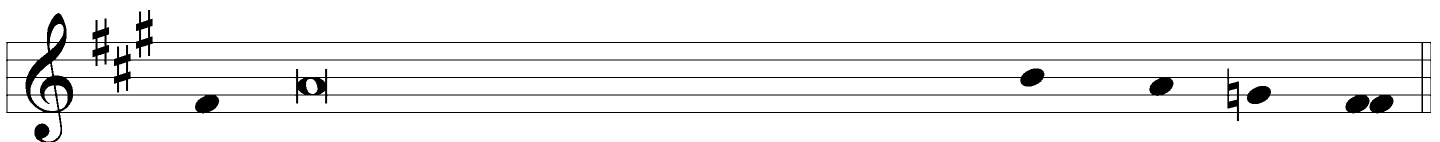
## BENEDICTION



**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*

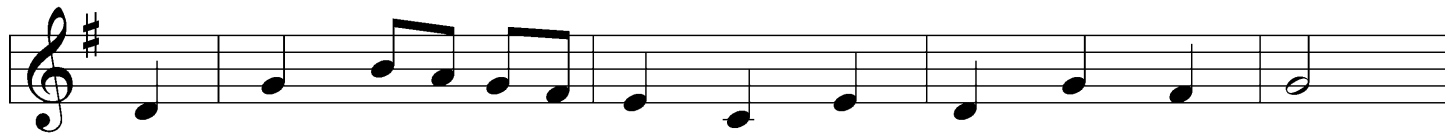
## SENDING HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

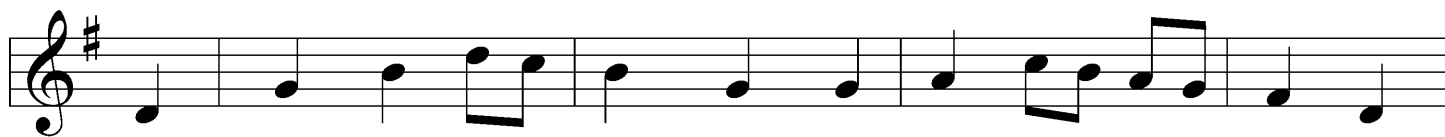
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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



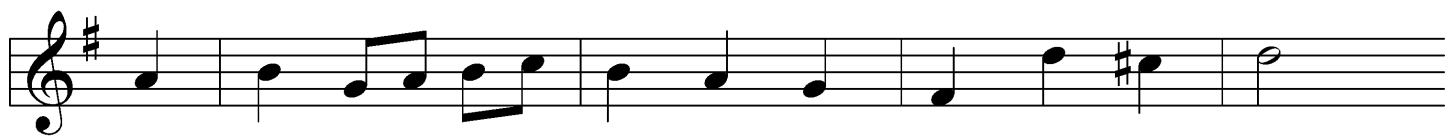
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



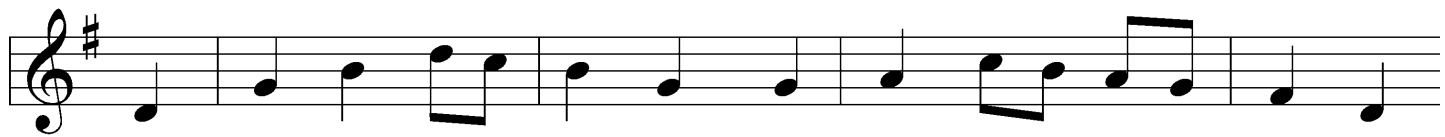
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



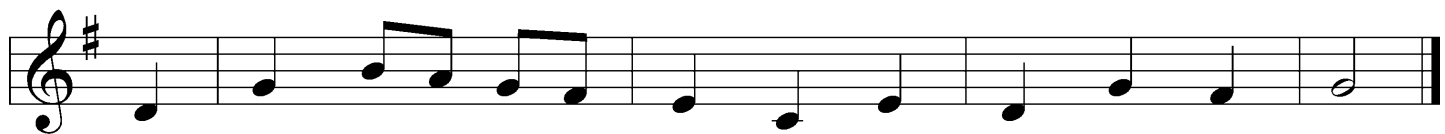
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

## **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

**Our Redeemer Church of Irving, TX**  
July 7th thru 12th

**Camp Lonestar Retreat**  
July 12th thru 14th  
Guest speaker: Rev. Richardson (from San Benito)  
July 14, 2024

*Congregational Potluck*  
*Sunday, July 21, 2024*





UNTO YOU  
I LIFT UP

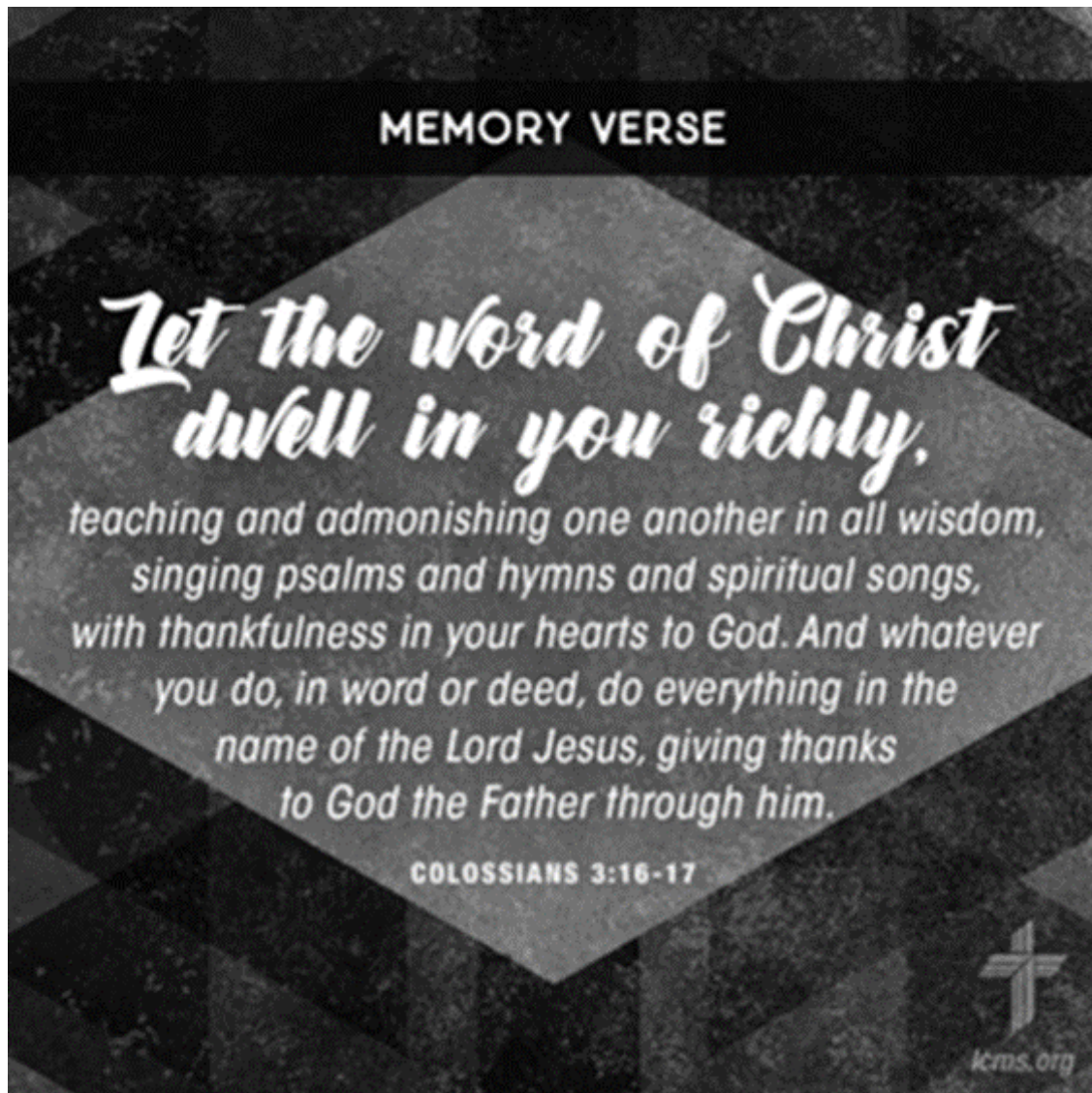
— MY EYES —

O YOU WHO  
DWELL IN THE  
HEAVENS.

Psalm 123:1, NKJV

## ***Memory Verse Challenge***

This week's


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**MEMORY VERSE**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,*

*teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**COLOSSIANS 3:16-17**

  
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<b>6/30/2024</b>		
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>44</b>	
Plate:		\$ 82.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,367.00
Envelopes-Other:		
On-line:		
Donation: <b>Baseball field</b>		\$ 50.00
<b>Dormitory Dedication Offering</b>		\$ 69.00
Memorial:		
	<b>Total:</b>	\$ 1,568.00
Bible Class:	<b>14</b>	\$ 31.00

***Eighth Sunday after  
Pentecost Readings:  
(Proper 10)***

*Amos 7:7-15  
Psalm 85:(1-7) 8-13  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29*

## **The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life**

The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: “Thus says the Lord God,” whether the people “hear or refuse to hear” (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus “went about among the villages teaching” (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, “many who heard him were astonished,” marveling at His wisdom and at the “mighty works done by his hands,” and yet “they took offense at him” (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His “authority over the unclean spirits” (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, “cast out many demons” and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God’s grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ “is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

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