SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 5, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod



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> > 10:30 A.M.

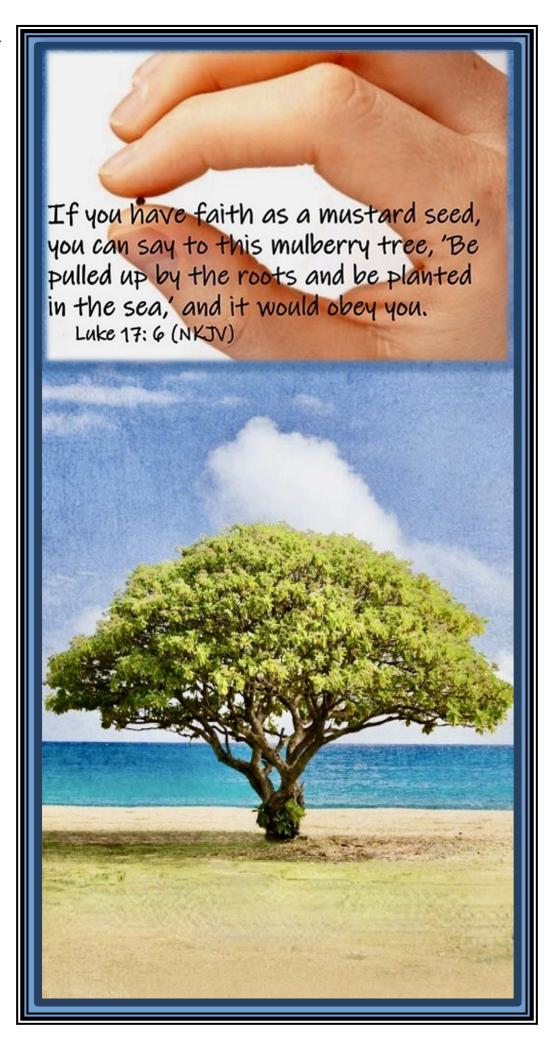
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# **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

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

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty and gracious God, I give You thanks for raising up faithful servants for the ministry of Your Word and Sacrament through which You nurture me in Your truth and feed me with the holy food of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that all pastors may continue to follow in word and deed the example of Your Son, and that I may serve You faithfully now in the church on earth and evermore praise You in the kingdom of

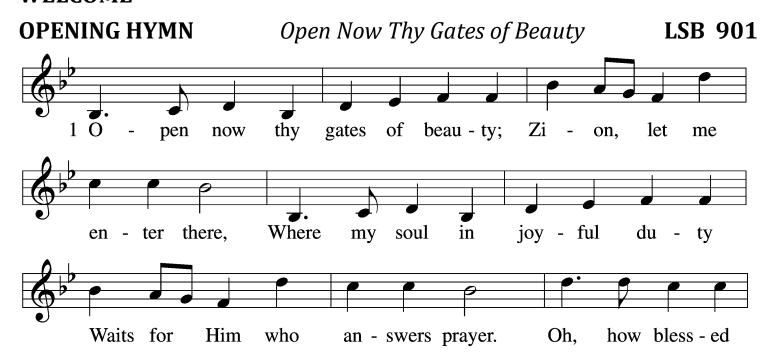
heaven; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Nobody likes to suffer. Yet, the reality is, in our broken and sinful world, suffering is inevitable. More than that, we who bear the name of Christ from Baptism will face suffering in our primary vocation as followers of Christ. Though the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh are enemies that are never to be taken lightly, we are reminded that in the sufferings of Christ, all sufferings are overcome—not by our efforts or fortitude, but by and through Christ alone, who has suffered for us, endured the cross and its shame, and risen to declare the ultimate victory won. This is what Paul knew and, more than that, believed throughout his many times of suffering and even imprisonment as he writes to Timothy. Nobody likes to suffer, but in times of suffering, we are empowered by faith to endure, knowing the salvation that is in and assured through Christ Jesus.

# **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

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





# 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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the

- name of the Lord.
- $\mathbf{C}$ who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- $\mathbf{C}$ and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
- O almighty God, merciful Father, P
- $\mathbf{C}$ I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and P ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

- Lord, I hope for Your salvation, and I do Your commandments.
- $\mathbf{C}$ I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure.
- Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. P
- $\mathbf{C}$ Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.
- P My soul keeps Your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Lord, I hope for Your salvation, and I do Your commandments.

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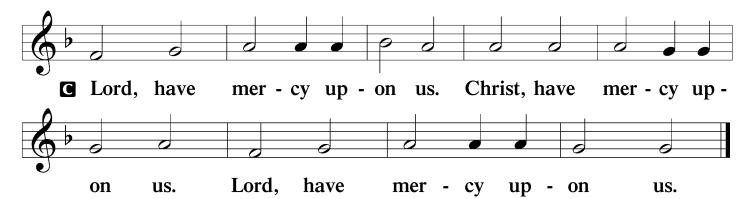


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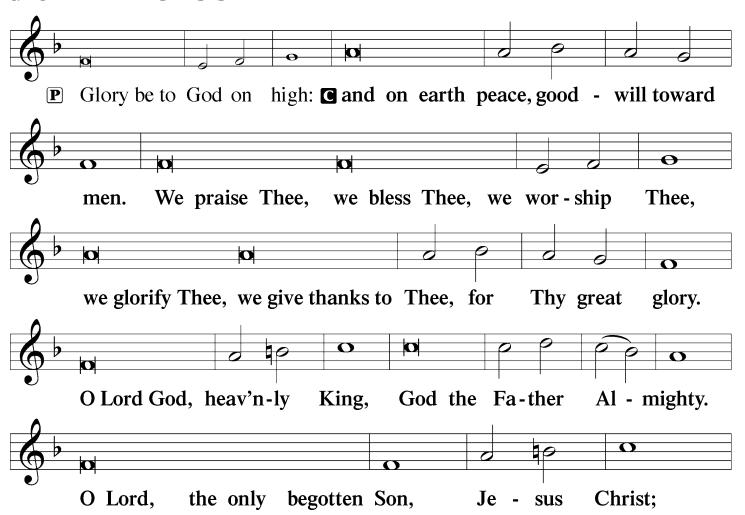


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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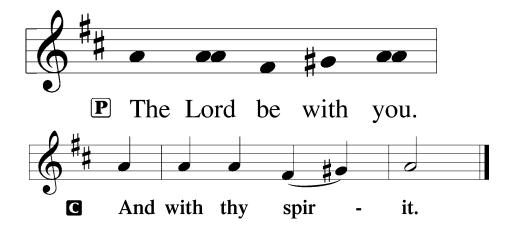


#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**





# SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY





P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# Please sit

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4* (Though evil seems to prevail, "the righteous shall live by his faith.")

1 The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

- O Lord, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save. 3 Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; there is strife, and contention arises. 4 Therefore the law is powerless, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore perverse judgment proceeds.
- I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.
- 2 Then the Lord answered me and said:

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.

- This is the Word of the Lord. P
- $\mathbf{C}$ Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM** Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 1

- P Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation.
- He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall  $\mathbf{C}$ not be greatly moved.
- How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, like a P leaning wall and a tottering fence.
- They only consult to cast him down from his high position; they  $\mathbf{C}$ delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.
- P My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.
- He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall  $\mathbf{C}$ not be moved.
- In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my P refuge, is in God.
- Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before  $\mathbf{C}$ Him; God is a refuge for us.
- Surely men of low degree are a vapor, men of high degree are a lie; if P they are weighed on the scales, they are altogether lighter than vapor.
- Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if riches C increase, do not set your heart on them.
- God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: that power belongs to P God.
- C Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; for You render to each one according to his work.
- P Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation.

#### **EPISTLE** 2 Timothy 1:1-14

("Guard the good deposit entrusted to you.")

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, a beloved son:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, 5 when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. 6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. 12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. 13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

# C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

# **ALLELUIA**



**HOLY GOSPEL** 

Luke 17:1-10

(Temptations to sin)

P <sub>10</sub> The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



1 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. 3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. 7 And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? 8 But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. 10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' "

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **NICENE CREED**

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

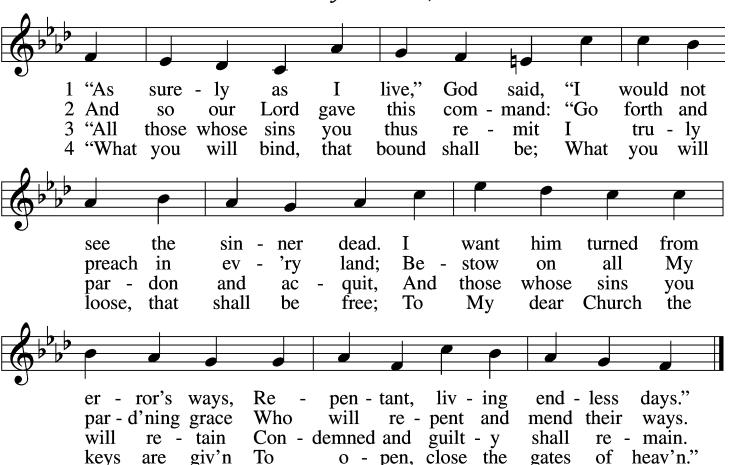
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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 "As Surely as I Live," God Said LSB 614 vs.1-6



- 5 The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live; The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;

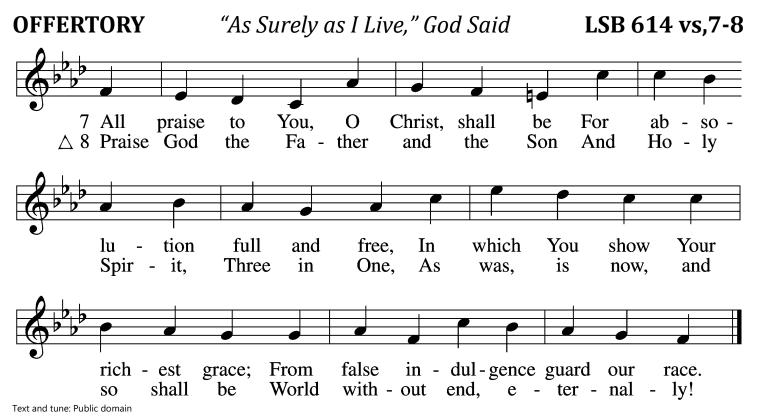
He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.

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# **SERMON** "God-given, saving, good work producing, mustard seed faith!" Luke 17:5-6

# **OFFERING**

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

P Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praise to You and thanksgiving for Your great glory demonstrated by Your righteous rule over Your whole creation, for the beauty of the earth, and for Your provision of everything good. We praise is due to You especially for Your care and deliverance of the world by the salvation of all people through the redemption of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His death and resurrection, He has destroyed death and brought life and new hope to light through forgiveness for the sins of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Bless all pastors and all Your people in every corner of the world to proclaim the Good News of Your grace and deliverance. Defend all who serve in Your church, giving them the help of Your Spirit to be faithful in their calling. Bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Holy Sacraments to enable us and all people to repent and believe in Your deliverance and help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Cause the proclamation of Your Word to sanctify and bless the ministration of all those in the authority of the government that peace may prevail in our country and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P We lift up to Your loving care..., be the consolation, healer, and help of all who are in any need, in sickness or injury, or in fear or loneliness, that many may turn their hearts to trust in Your never-failing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P For all Your saints of old, especially those You called and sent to deliver Your Word through the ages, for prophets and apostles, and all messengers of Your grace, we give You thanks. Keep us strong in faith until You call us to Your nearer presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

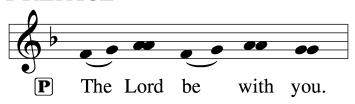
# C hear our prayer.

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

# C Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

# **PREFACE**

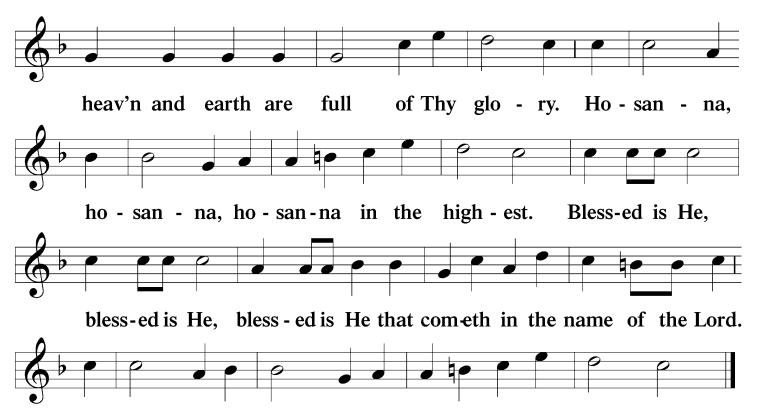




P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. 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**

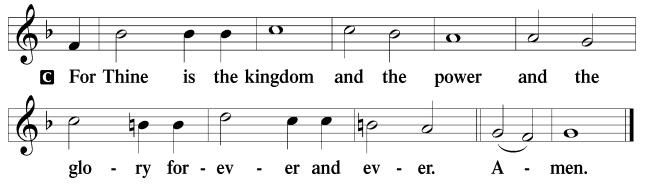




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# **LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9–13)

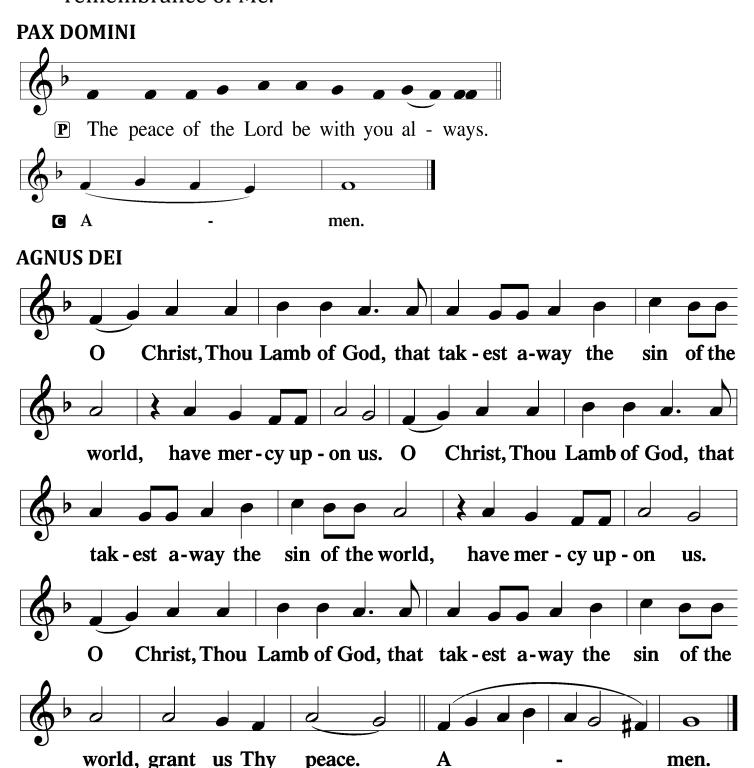
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



# 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."



Please sit

# SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

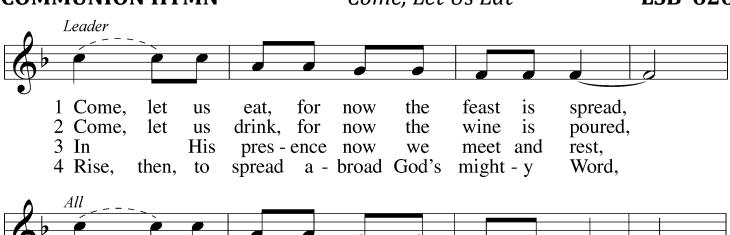
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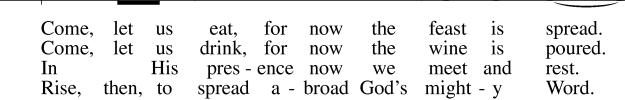
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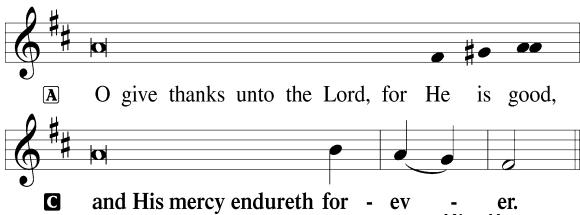
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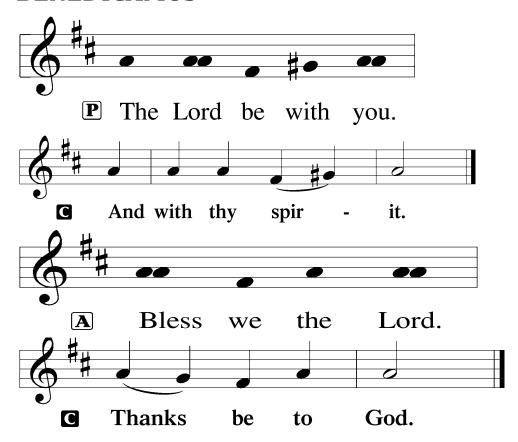


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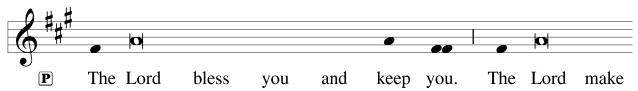
P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

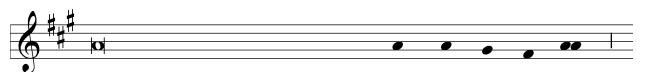


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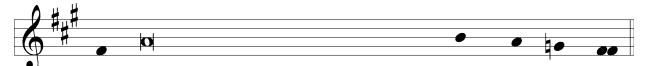


## **BENEDICTION**





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



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



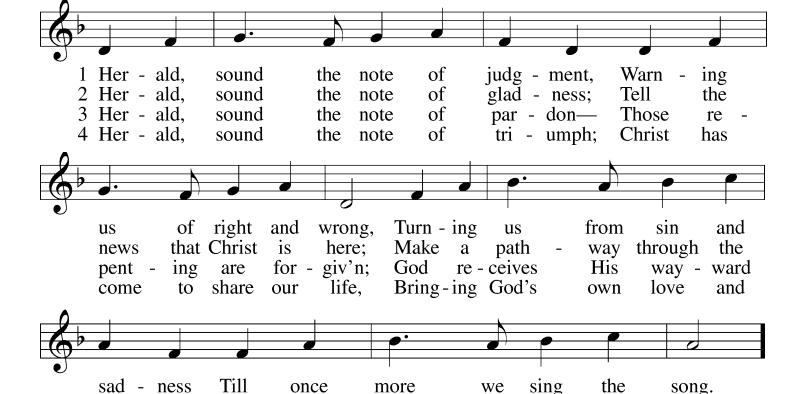
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**SENDING HYMN** 

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Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment



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Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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#### **DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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**Total:** \$ 1,450.00

Bible Class: **14** \$ 27.00

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Proper 23)

Ruth 1:1–19a
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:1–13
Luke 17:11–19

**Memory Verse Challenge: 1 Peter 3:15** 

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

# OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for October to December 2025 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.

- > Plastic caps are no longer being collected.
- > Family Confirmation Class Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class Fridays at 12 noon.
- > Elders' Meeting Tuesday, October 7th at 9:00 a.m.
- > 3rd Quarterly Voters' Meeting Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m.
- > Men's Bratwurst Night/Bible Study Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend!

# CONTINUATION OF OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Immanuel Lutheran School

> Kettle Popcorn Fundraiser- Place your order October 6th thru the 17th. You can place your order by calling the office or Pastor Weber.

(Bag Sizes)

Mini \$7.00

Small \$10.00

Large \$15.00

- > School will be closed Monday, October 13th due to Columbus Day.
- > Open House Wednesday, October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to come and visit the classrooms and the newly revamped Library.

There will be light refreshments to enjoy!

> Mini Pumpkin Fest- Saturday, October 25th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Christ's Corner Baseball Field. Donations of pumpkins are welcome!

Sermon Notes
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 Blessings

# We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness

We are surrounded by "destruction and violence" (Hab. 1:3) because the Law "is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth" (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4). "Temptations to sin are sure to come" (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus "increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His "unworthy servants" (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, "by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings "life and immortality to light" (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, "follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard," by which He guards you "in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:13).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	October Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Dan Wehling		
Altar Guild:	Laura Estevanes/Maggie Weber		
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	
Next Week	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Ken Eilers		
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