#### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**JULY 13, 2025** 

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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

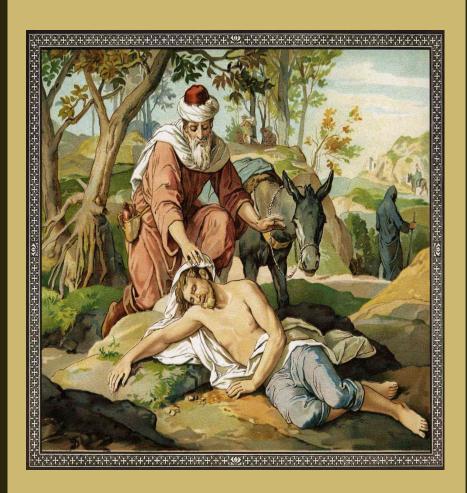
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"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion."

**Luke 9:59** 

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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 - Gracious God, I give thanks that Your Son has done all that is needed for me to live in Your presence. Strengthen my faith that I may receive Your gifts each day and seek ways to thank You with all that I am and have; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Today's Old Testament Reading is full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already poured out on us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). But we try to limit the definition of "neighbor." We don't have to! Today we thank God for giving us, for Jesus' sake, "the inheritance of the saints in light," as Paul writes in the Epistle (Colossians 1:12). It is time to set aside our daily activities to let God put us in our place as His friends, followers, and family.

#### **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

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

**OPENING HYMN** 

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814 VS. 1-5





And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors di - vine. are un-thank-ful-ness And with-out prais - es For - got - ten in die! 'Tis He that heals thy sick-ness - es And makes thee young a gain. He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to The Lord hath judg-ments for the proud And for the op-pressed. ius - tice

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#### Please stand

#### **INVOCATION**

- 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.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
  (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

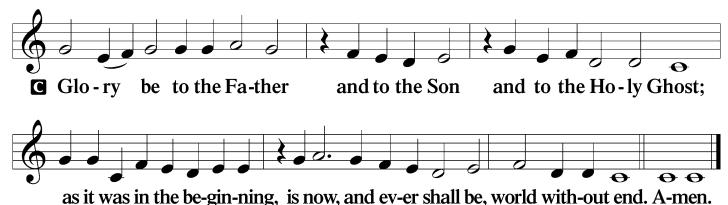
#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1

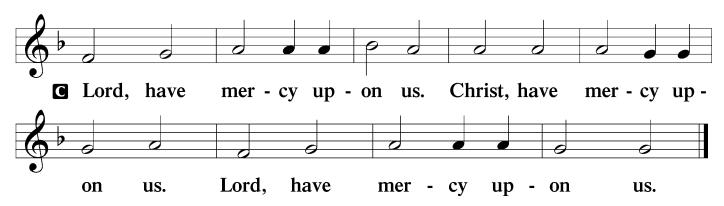
- P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
- C Who remembered us in our lowly state, for His mercy endures forever;
- P And rescued us from our enemies, for His mercy endures forever;
- C Who gives food to all flesh, for His mercy endures forever.
- P Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.

# C Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

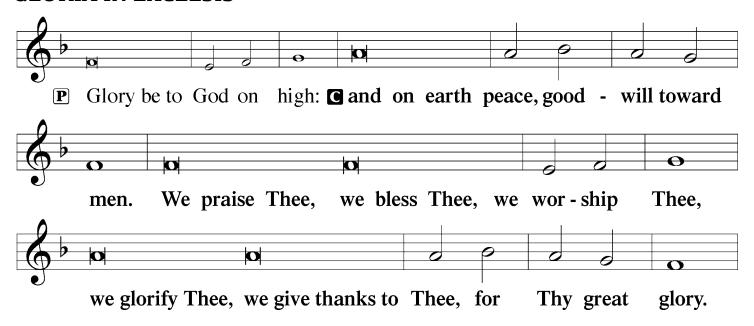
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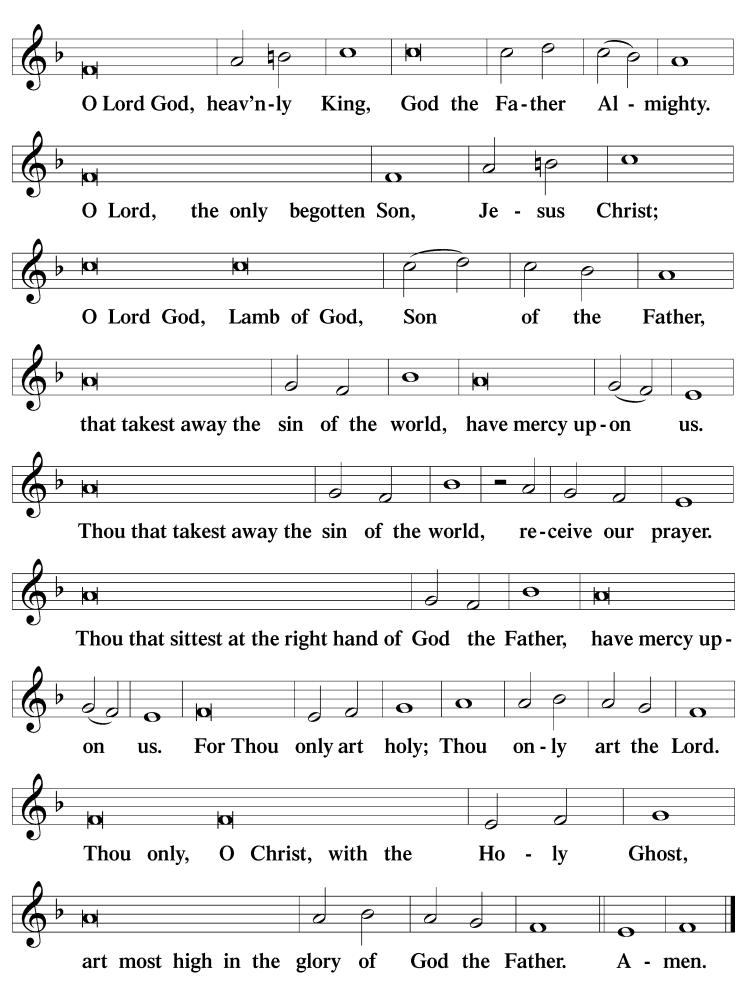


#### **KYRIE**



#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**





#### **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**



P Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Please sit

#### **OLD TESTAMENTREADING**

Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18

(God tells Moses to explain what it means to love one's neighbor as oneself.)

- 9 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God.
- 11 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. 12 And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.
- 13 'You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who

is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

15 'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

17 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM** Psalm 41

(The psalm includes a prophecy of Jesus being the poor man, betrayed by even one of His followers.)

- P Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.
- C The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.
- P The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed.
- C I said, "Lord, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."
- P My enemies speak evil of me: "When will he die, and his name perish?"
- C And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies; his heart gathers iniquity to itself; when he goes out, he tells it.
- P All who hate me whisper together against me; against me they devise my hurt.
- C "An evil disease," they say, "clings to him. And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more."

- P Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.
- C But You, O Lord, be merciful to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.
- P By this I know that You are well pleased with me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.
- C As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, and set me before Your face forever.
- P Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

#### **EPISTLE** Colossians 1:1–14

(Paul rejoices with the Colossians and tells them of his prayers.)

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; 7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the

forgiveness of sins.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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#### **ALLELUIA**

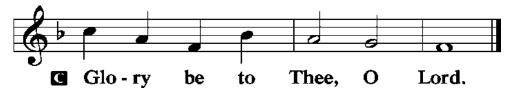


#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 10:25-37

(The Good Samaritan shows us how to love our neighbor.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



- 25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
- 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"
- 27 So he answered and said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"
- 28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."
- 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
- 30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he

saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P 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.

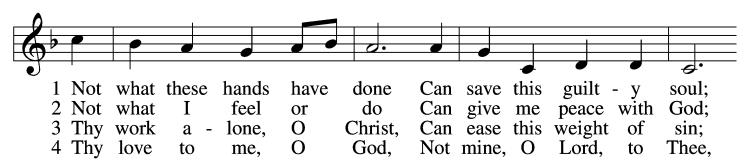
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven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

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Not What These Hands Have Done* 

LSB 567





Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole. Not all my prayers and sighs and Can bear my aw - ful tears load. Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God. Can give me peace with - in. rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it

- 5 Thy grace alone, O God, To me can pardon speak; Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God,
  I rest on love divine,
  And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
  I call this Savior mine.

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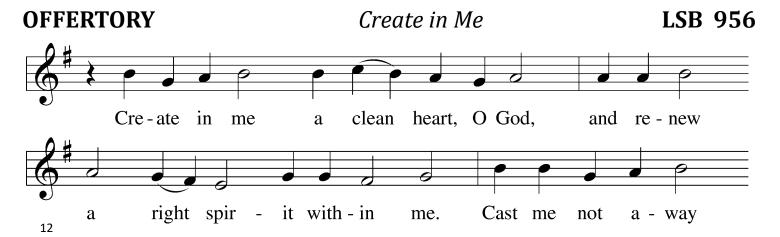
#### **SERMON**

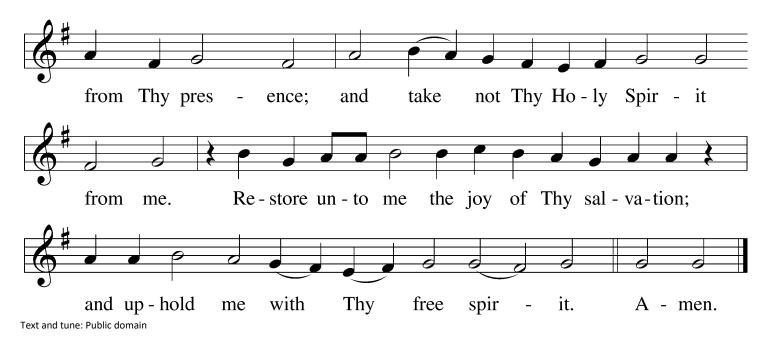
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Luke 10:25-37

#### **OFFERING**

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

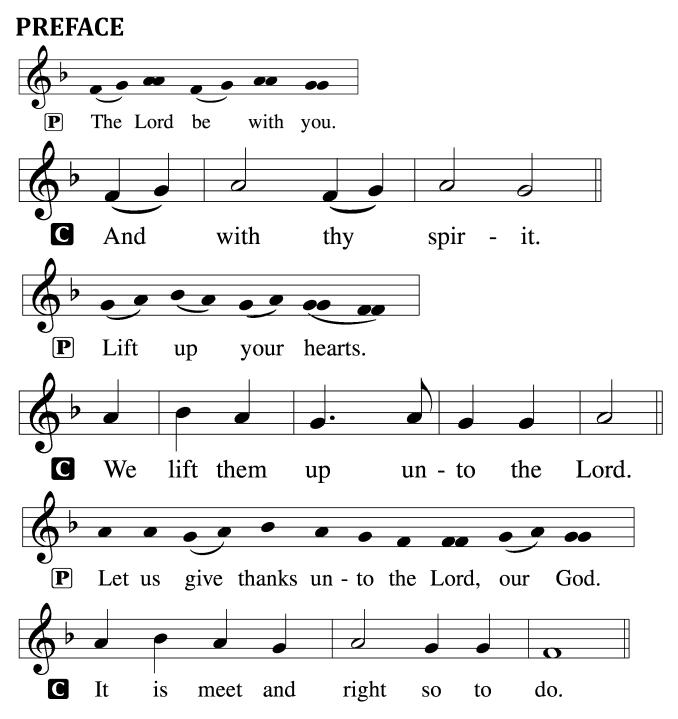
#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P That God would guide and protect the leaders of this world, that conflict and warfare might cease, and peace and harmony break out for all people, let us pray to the Lord,
- C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P That our heavenly Father would so order the rain and snow that crops would grow for the benefit of all who need nourishment and strength, let us pray to the Lord,
- C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P That our gracious Lord would keep the church around the world in His protective care and provide opportunity for the spread of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord,
- C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P That the Holy Spirit would strengthen the skills of professional and neighboring caregivers so that healing and health may flourish, [especially for . . .], let us pray to the Lord,
- C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P That God would enable the caring organizations here and abroad to focus on the needs of the downtrodden, oppressed, and forgotten so (Continue on next page) 13

that many may give Him praise and glory as they find new opportunity to face each day in confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord,

- C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

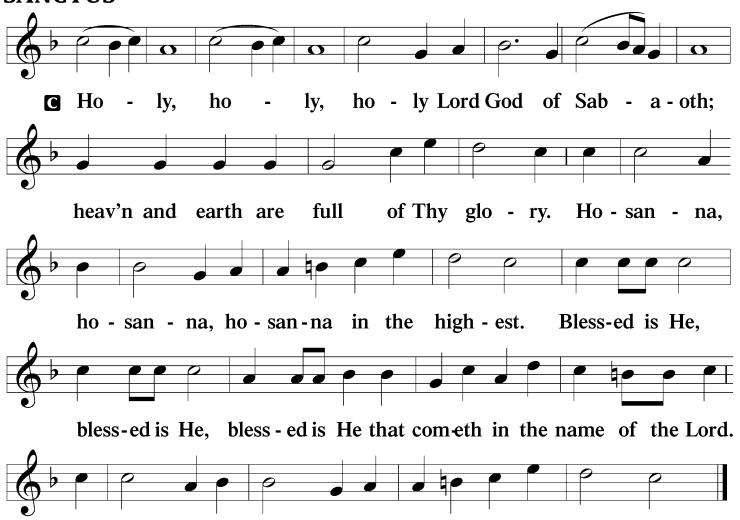
#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in

all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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**



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

# **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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 (Continue on next page)

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."

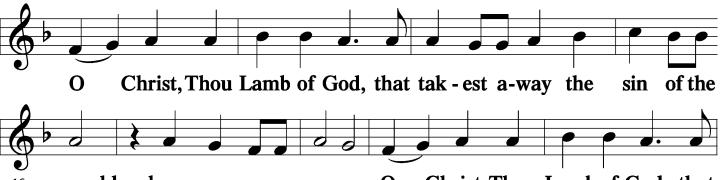
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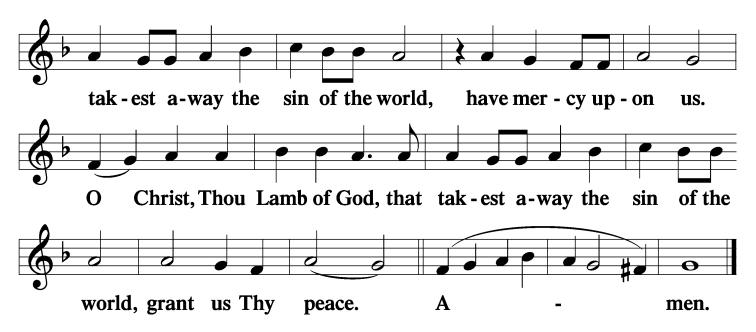
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



### **AGNUS DEI**



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

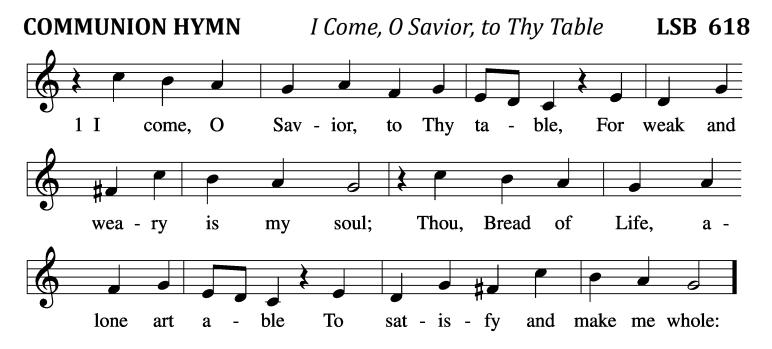


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#### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### 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.



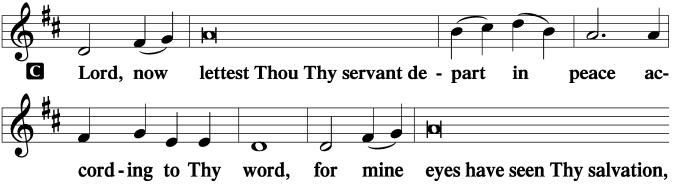


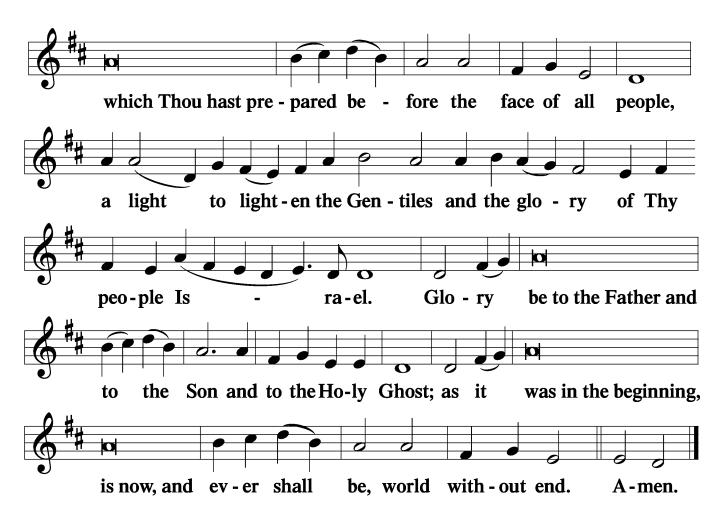
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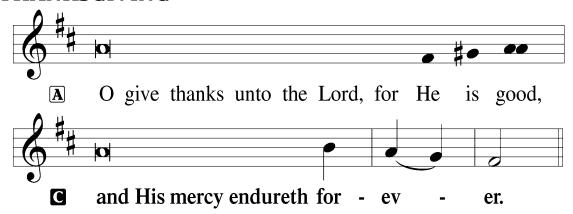
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#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**





#### **THANKSGIVING**



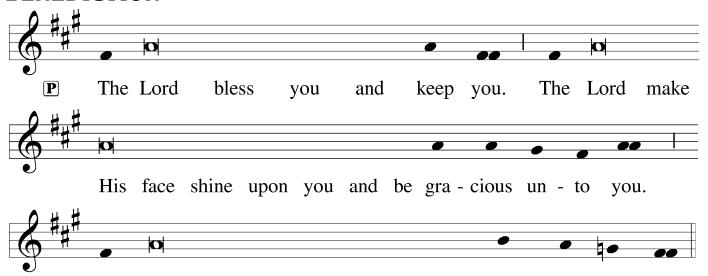
P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and 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.



# **BENEDICAMUS**



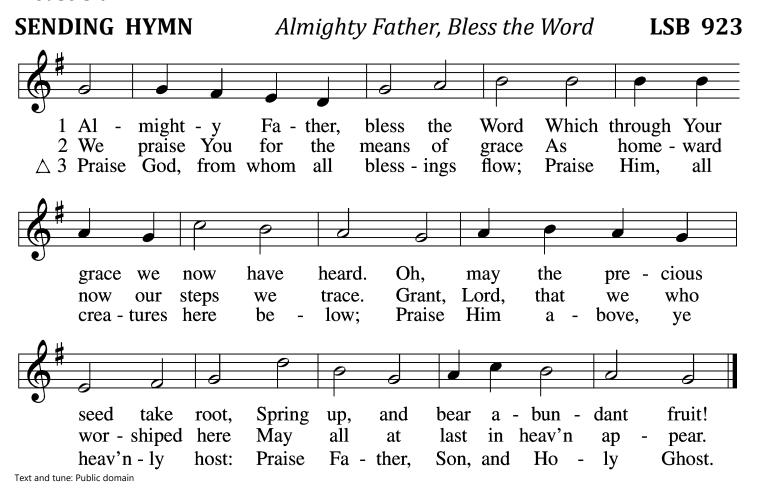
# **BENEDICTION**



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



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#### **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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# Memory Verse Challenge:

This Week's

## Psalm 119:11

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Voters have agreed to ask for a \$25 offering to cover the cost of the annual subscription to the <u>Lutheran Witness Magazine</u>. If you would like to continue receiving it or begin receiving it, please fill out the <u>green envelope</u>; and return it by placing in the offering plate or to any of the Elders. Thank you.

Portals of Prayer for April to June 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. (For today, Rev. Richardson will be leading the class.)

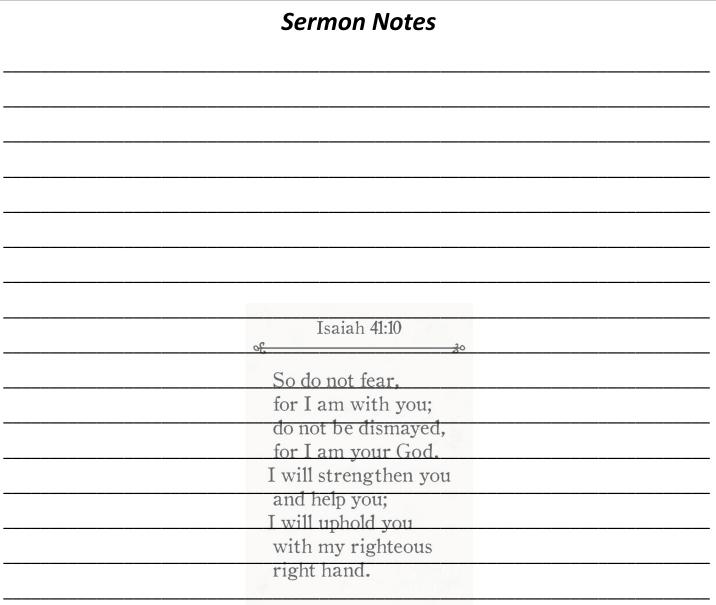
# July Activities

- > Family Confirmation Class Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class Fridays at 12 noon.
- > A heartfelt thank you to Rev. Richardson for his serve to the Lord by supplying the pulpit today for Pastor Weber.
- > Voters' Meeting 2nd Quarter, changed, to Tuesday, July 22nd @ 7:30 p.m.
- > Immanuel Lutheran School 2025-2026 Roundup on Tuesday, July 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Parents, please bring your child's vaccination card so that the school can update their file.)

CDs and MP3 Thumb drives of School Chapel Hymns and Songs are available in the narthex



Free will donation for the church Please share the music with others **Soli Deo Gloria** 





# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 11)

Genesis 18:1–10a (10b–14)
Psalm 27:(1-6) 7-14
Colossians 1:21–29

Luke 10:38-42

## Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan

The Law commands that "you shall love the Lord your God" with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall "love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). By such mercy, He proves "to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers" (Luke 10:36). Therefore, "you go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). By "your faith in Christ Jesus" and "because of the hope laid up for you in heaven" (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule
	July Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Susanne Wehling/Rose Ann Cisneros/Maribel Perez
Music:	Doris Pickering
This Week	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Ken Eilers
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Next Week	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Don Vogel
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am