

**TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

AUGUST 11, 2024

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

**Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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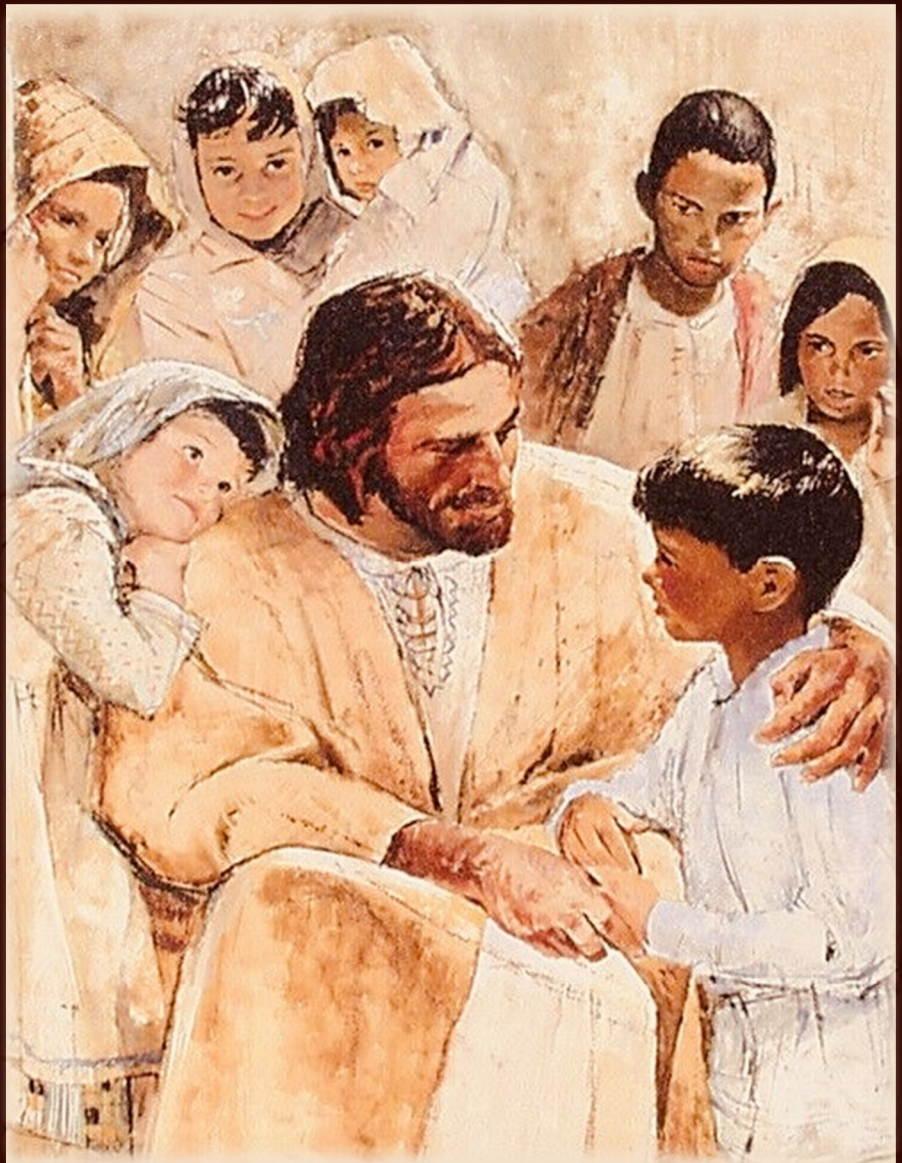
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**“Most assuredly,
I say to you,
he who believes in Me
has everlasting life.
I am the Bread of Life.”**

John 6:47-48

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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.

Next 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 - Blessed Lord, keep me from despairing amid the threats and afflictions of this mortal life, and direct my heart to Your Word that I may know and rejoice in my Savior and in grace sufficient to answer all that troubles me; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Many grumbled when Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). Perhaps we grumble as well. We are always looking for God to meet our expectations and to answer our needs as we see best. But we meet the Lord where He reveals Himself—from a manger that cradles the Son of God in flesh and blood to a cross on which the King dies to free His people from their sin, down to bread that promises His flesh and a cup, His blood. Where we will meet Him on the ground of faith, He will not leave us wanting. He will bestow upon us far more than we ask or dare to desire—

the communion of His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and as pledge of the eternal life to come. What a blessed mystery is given to us by faith.

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PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

How Can I Thank You, Lord

LSB 703



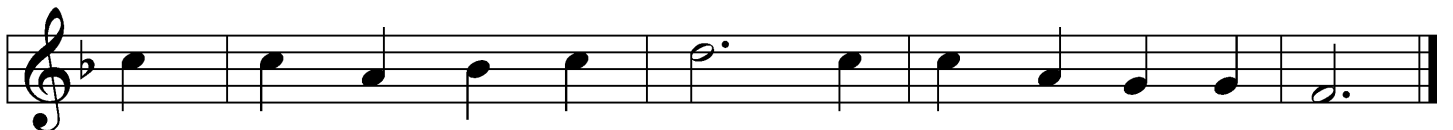
1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en
△ 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli - ca - tion;



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.
O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac - cept my ad - o - ra - tion;



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;
O Ho - ly Spir - it, be My ev - er faith - ful guide



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.
That I may serve You here And there with You a - bide.

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 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 34:8–10; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

P You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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

P Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

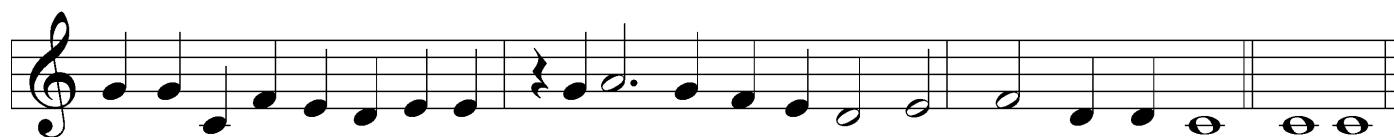
C The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

P You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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

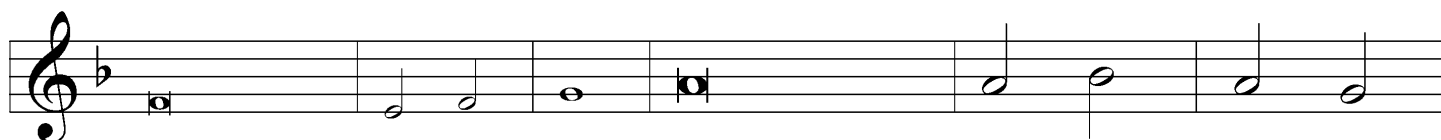


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

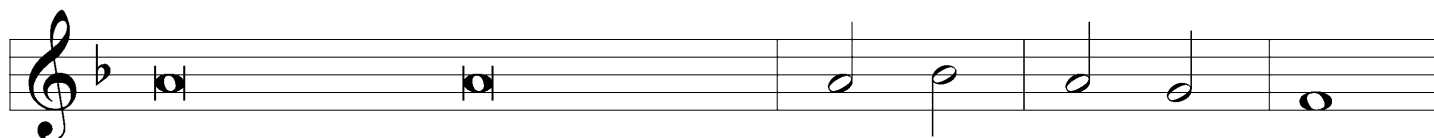
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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



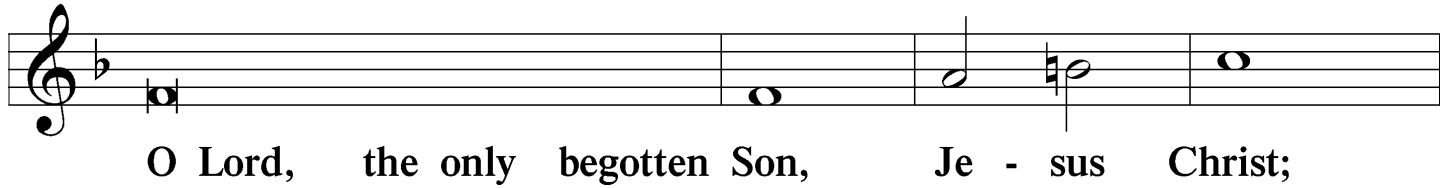
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



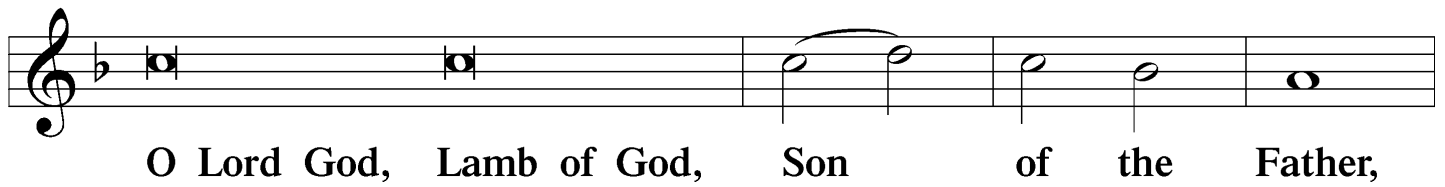
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



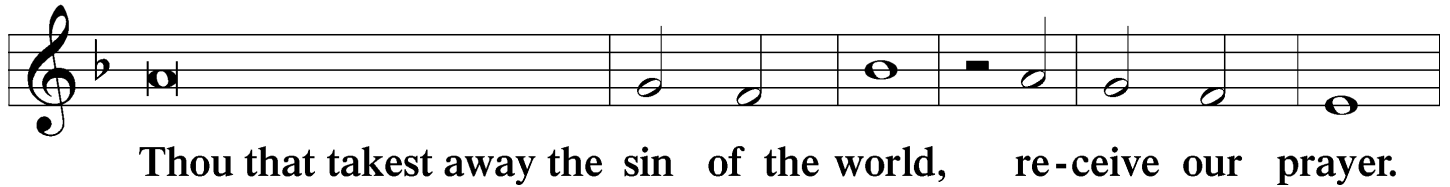
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



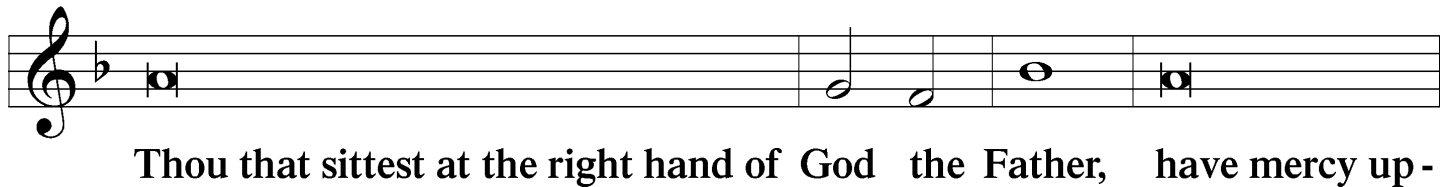
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



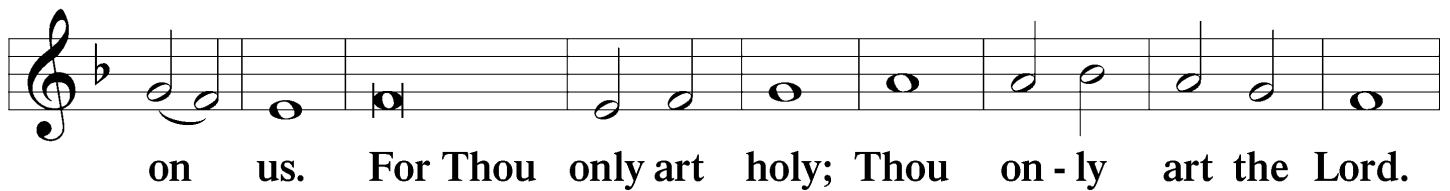
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



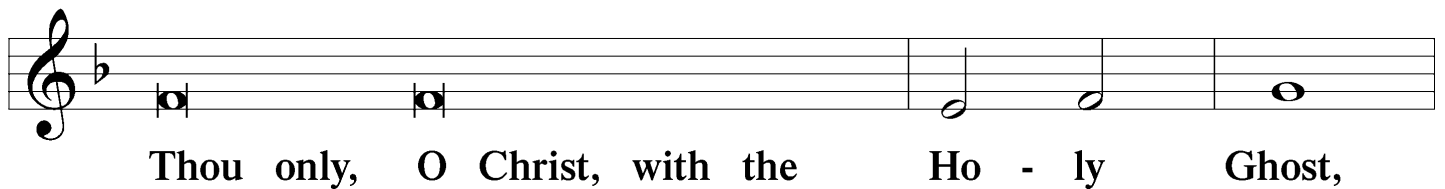
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



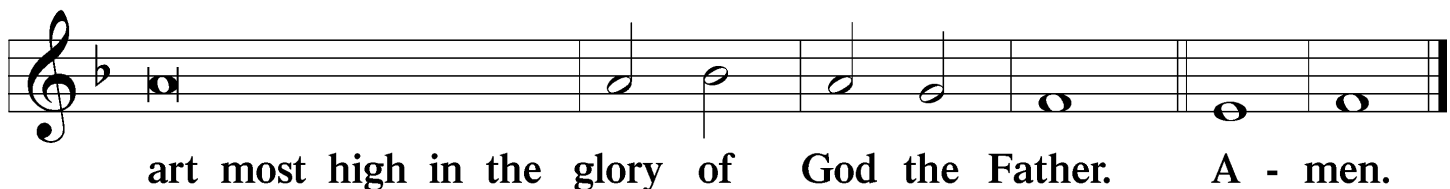
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

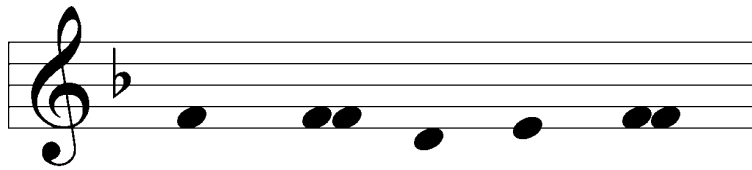


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

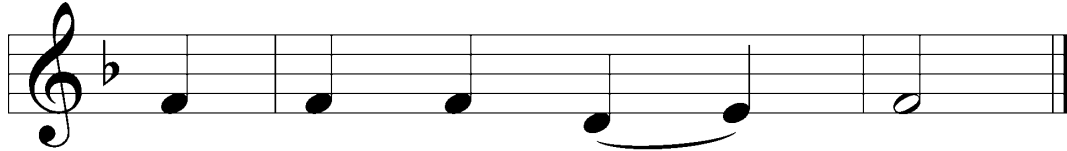


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

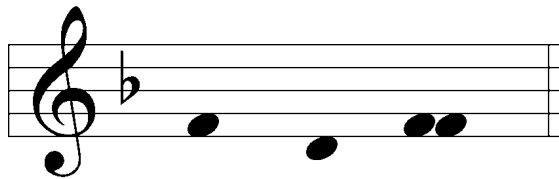
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

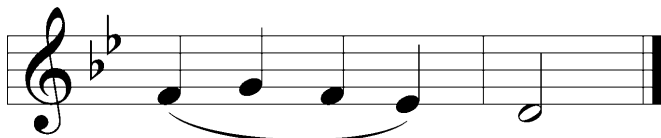


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:1-8

(Arise and eat for your journey is great.)

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

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5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." 6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." 8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 34:1–8; antiphon: v. 3*

P Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

C I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad.

C Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

P I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

C They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.

P This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

C The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

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

C Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:17–5:2*

("Be imitators of God, as beloved children.")

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer

walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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ALLELUIA



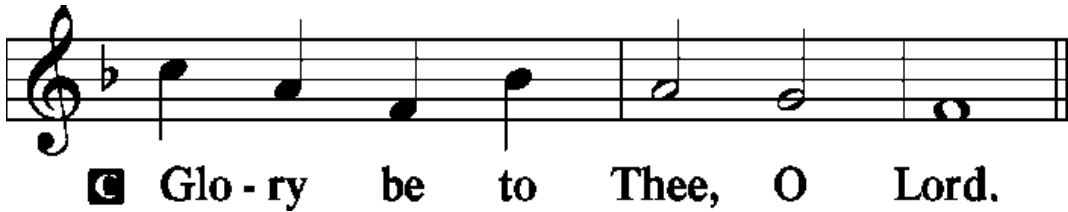
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HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:35-51*

("The bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.")

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



35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." 42 And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

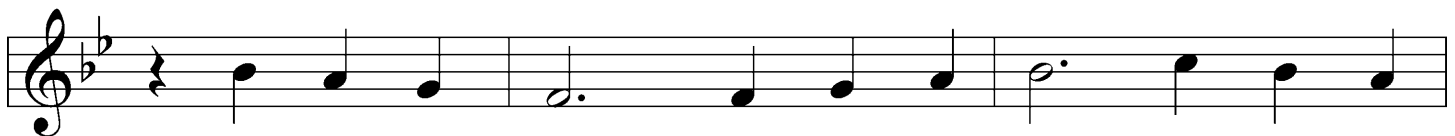
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Draw Us to Thee

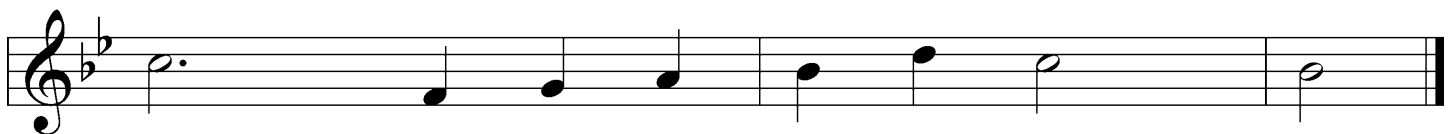
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1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy

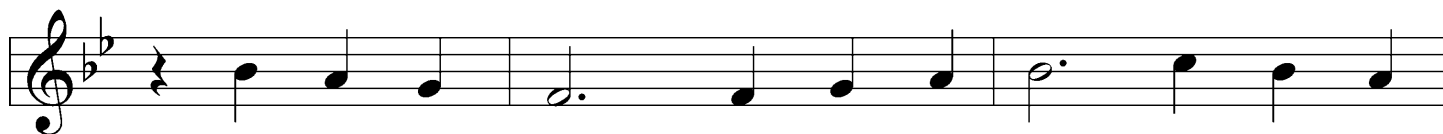


steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art



gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.

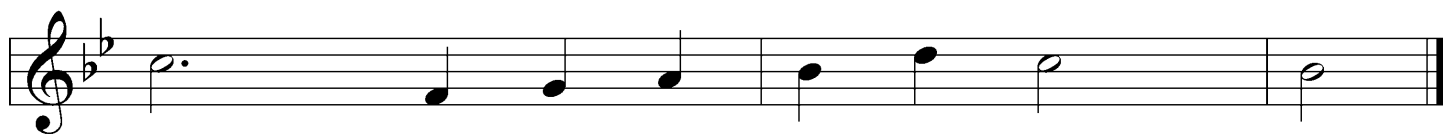
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2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the
4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly
5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy



part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should
bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and
king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry



free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.
hell No more can vex our spir - it.
share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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SERMON

"The Eternal Life-Giving Bread for all people – Jesus Christ"

(John 6:47-51)

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate* **LSB 540 vs. 1,2,5**



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,

Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* [through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P O gracious God, You gave Your Son to be the living bread given for the life of the world. How can we not trust in Your divine providence to provide all things for those whom He has made Your own children?

Blessed Lord, once our fathers ate manna in the wilderness and died. Give us heaven's bread that by our communion of the body and blood of Jesus we may live forever. Nourish us upon Christ, our Lord, that we may be sustained in faith and delivered at last into Your presence on high forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Redeemer, Your compassion reigns over all our trouble. Grant us grace that we show forth Your care to those in need and sustain all who are afflicted, [especially . . .]. Keep them through the day of their trouble until at last You deliver them into Your perfect peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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C hear our prayer.

P Mighty Lord, You manifest Your power over all things through the leaders in this and every land. By Your grace, make all those who serve us in government wise, just, and honest, and guide them toward the common good that we may serve You without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gentle Savior, You came not to condemn but to heal and save. Grant to us hearts of mercy that we may forgive as we have been forgiven, and by our acts of mercy display Your great compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Good Shepherd, raise up good and faithful shepherds for Your people that the church may be blessed with passionate preaching and faithful teaching. Bless Rev. Matthew Harrison presiding in Synod; Rev. Mike Newman, our district president; and Rev. Ed Weber, our pastor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Lord, give guidance and counsel to those unemployed and underemployed, that they may be equipped to supply the bread of the day to their families and share with the hungry from their abundance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, in our wounds, You are wounded. Be with those who suffer any burden of the body or mind, and deliver them from all their sufferings according to Your mercy, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

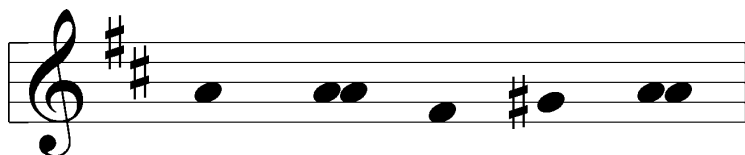
P Almighty God, You have not withheld from us anything needful for this body and life. Help us now to trust in You for answer to our prayers, and give to us such confidence in Your fatherly wisdom that we may be content and at peace with Your answer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C Amen.

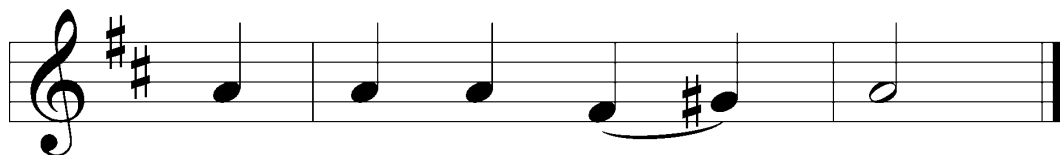
LORD'S PRAYER

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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

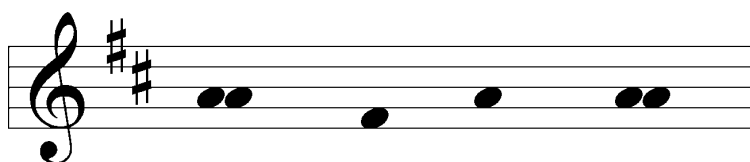
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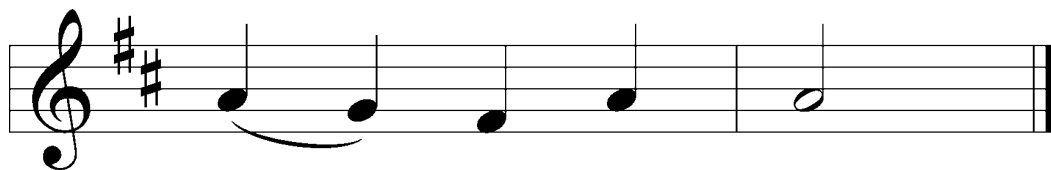
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

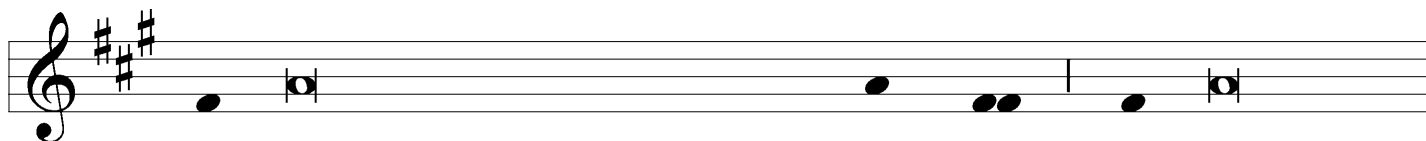


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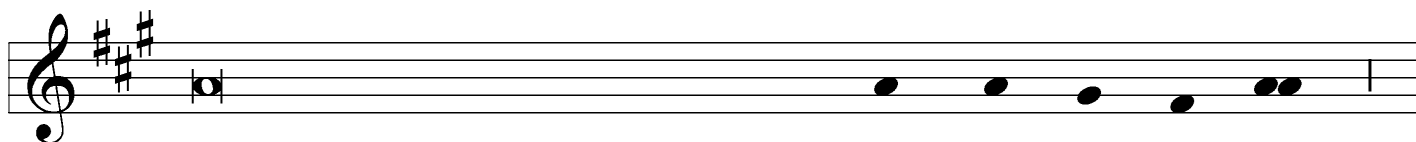


C Thanks be to God.

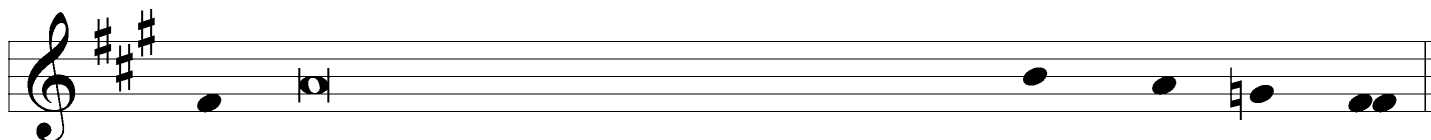
BENEDICTION



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

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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1 From all that dwell be - low the skies	Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord;	E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,	All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise;	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung	Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore	Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore	For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
set no more.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more:	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for July to September 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study
at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Rev. Weber is leading the class.

August Activities

Family Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

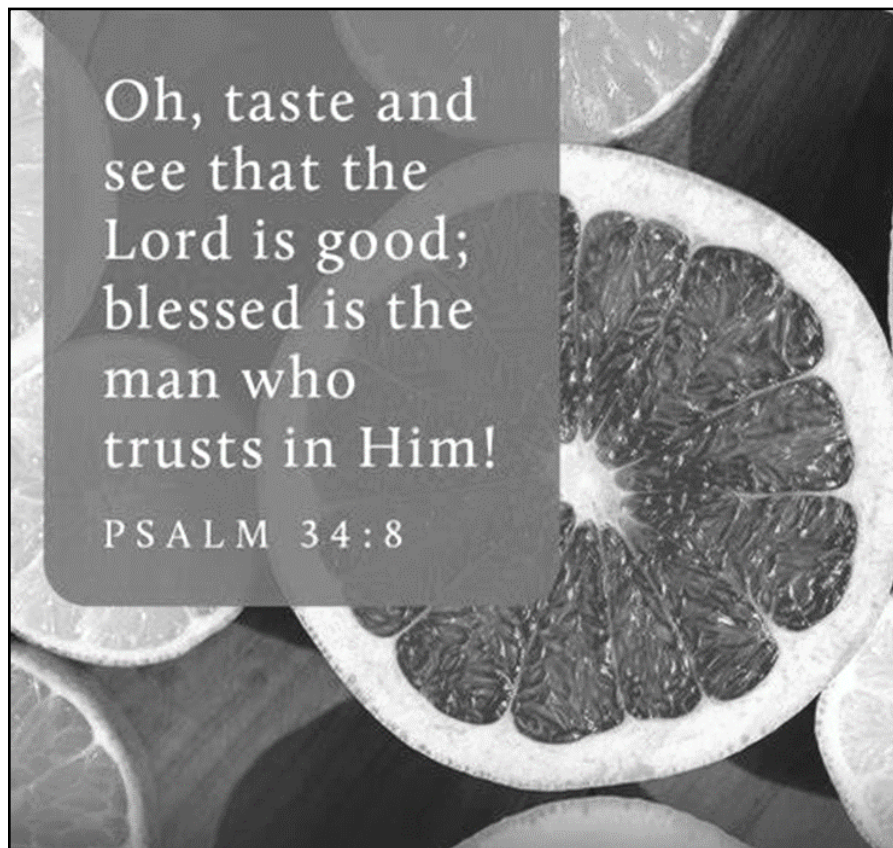
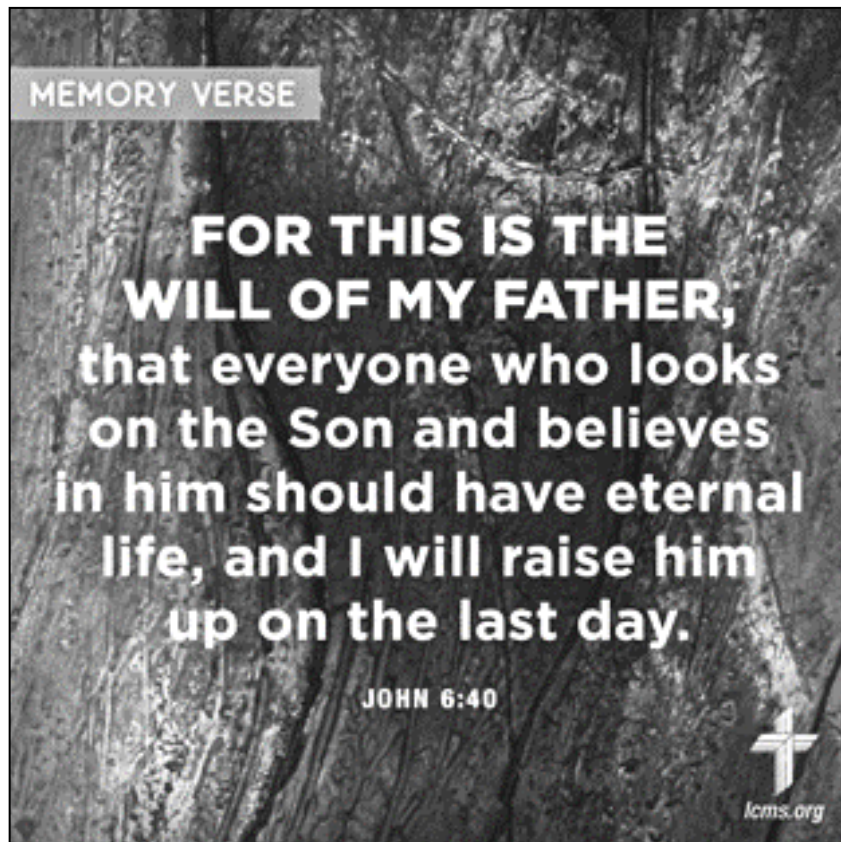
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Meet the Teacher
Sunday, August 18th
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Classroom # 1

School Year 2024-2025
First Day of School
Monday, August 19th
8:15 a.m.

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's



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Congratulations
on your

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Wedding Anniversary

Rev. Ed Weber
And
Maggie

25 years together

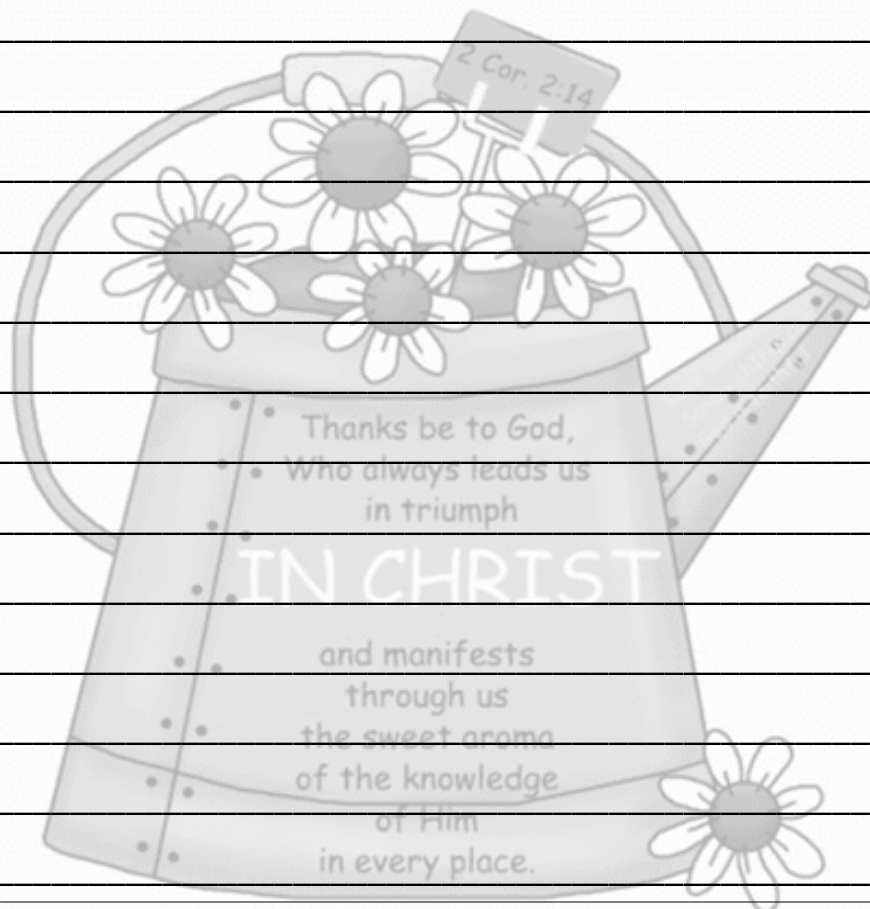
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Sermon Notes



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8/4/2024

Sunday Worship	56	
Plate:		\$ 221.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,513.00
Envelopes-Other:		
On-line:		\$ 500.00
Donation:		
	Total:	\$ 2,234.00
Bible Class:	No class for this Sun.	

***Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost Readings:
(Proper 15)***

***Proverbs 9:1-10 or
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:12-22
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69***

The Lord Jesus Feeds Us with His Flesh, in Order to Strengthen Us with His Own Life

God the Father sent His Son into the world, so that the world might have life in Him. Now He “draws” you to His Son, Christ Jesus, by the preaching of His Gospel. “Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father” comes to Jesus, who will never cast him out but “will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:44–45). He is “the bread of life,” who “comes down from heaven” in the flesh, that you may eat of Him and “live forever” (John 6:48–51). Although “the journey is too great for you,” in the strength of this food you shall come to “the mount of God.” Do not be afraid, and do not despair, but “arise and eat” (1 Kings 19:5–8). And “no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds” (Eph. 4:17), but “walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us” (Eph. 5:2). In Him, you have been “created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:24). Therefore, “be imitators of God, as beloved children” (Eph. 5:1), by “forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph. 4:32).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	August Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson/Lorri Marchant/Imelda Aguilera	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am