

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

AUGUST 13, 2023

**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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8 am to 12 pm
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**“And when the disciples saw
Him walking on the sea, they
were troubled, saying, ‘It is a
ghost!’ And they cried out for
fear. But immediately Jesus
spoke to them, saying,
‘Be of good cheer!
It is I; do not be afraid.’”
(Matthew 14:27)**

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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 - Heavenly Father, ruler of this world, comfort me, I pray, with the message that Your rule is good for the whole Church and also for me as Your child; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - When children cannot understand why they can't do something, the answer is often, "Because I said so." As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus' walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, "Truly You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, "Why?" and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God's reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ's resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That's why!

WELCOME

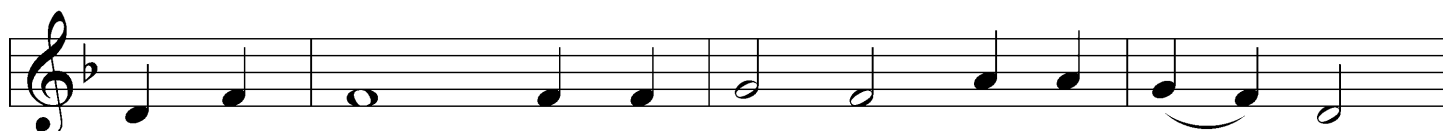
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

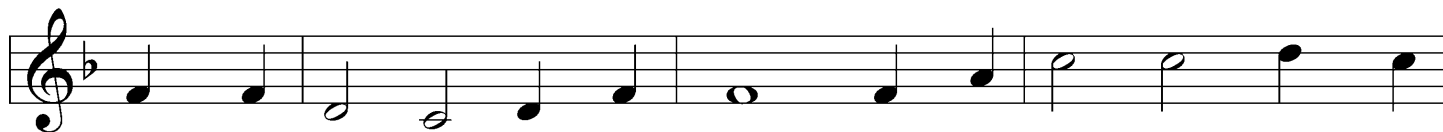
OPENING HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **LSB 849**



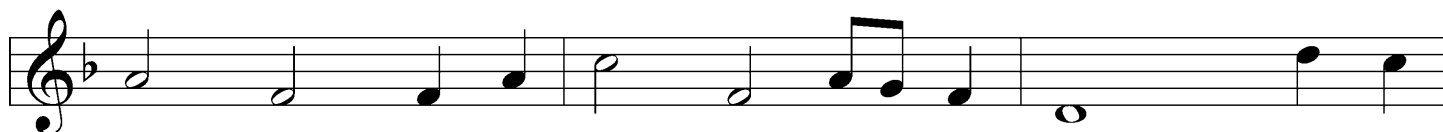
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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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.

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 49:1-4, 15; antiphon, Psalm 71:12*

P O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

C **Hear this, all peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,**

P Both low and high, rich and poor together.

C **My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.**

P I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will disclose my dark saying

on the harp.

C But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for He shall receive me.

P O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

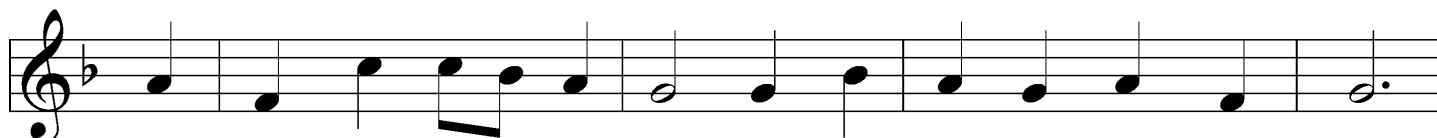
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;

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You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:4-18*

(God questions Job.)

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth and issued from the womb; 9 When I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; 10 When I fixed My limit for it, and set bars and doors; 11 When I said, "This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!" 12 "Have

you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? 14 It takes on form like clay under a seal, and stands out like a garment. 15 From the wicked

their light is withheld, and the upraised arm is broken. 16 “Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths? 17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? 18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 18:1–16; antiphon: v. 46*

P The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

C I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

P The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

C I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

P The pangs of death surrounded me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

C The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me.

P In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

C Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, because He was angry.

P Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; coals were kindled by it.

C He bowed the heavens also, and came down with darkness under His feet.

P And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.

C He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

P From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with

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hailstones and coals of fire.

C The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire.

P He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them.

C Then the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered at Your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

P He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-17

(Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.)

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." 6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,

Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22–33*

(Jesus walks on water and rescues sinking Peter.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone

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there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea,

they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, 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.**

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
 fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
 dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

SERMON *"Jesus, the Son of God, the rescuer of the helpless"*
(Matthew 14:25-27)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* **LSB 722**



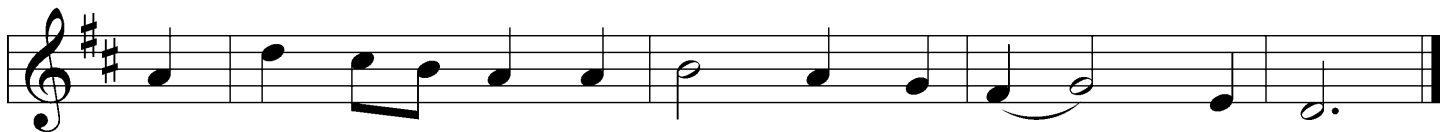
1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:21)
[using American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, that she proclaim the Gospel in the face of

turmoil and oppression; for leaders and laity alike, that the Spirit give them courage in their mission to speak the Gospel that many may hear and come to faith; and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that we find the unity to which our Lord calls us, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For all who serve in governmental and social positions, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for those who work in industry and commerce, that their efforts be a blessing to all people; and for favorable weather that harvests be bountiful, famine be alleviated, and praise resound to our Creator, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For those who are unemployed, those who deal with social injustice and discrimination, and those who are hungry and homeless, that they seek God's strength and rely on Him to meet their needs of body, soul, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For those near and dear to us who call out for relief, renewal, and health, [including . . .], that God would hear their prayers and answer according to His great love for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C Grant us our requests, heavenly Father, for we lift our voices in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

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

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

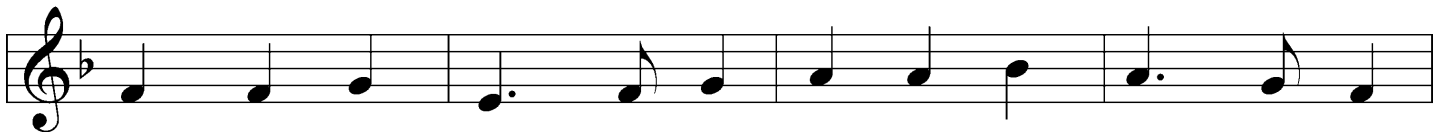
C **Amen.**

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!


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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



1 I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:1-2 (NKJV)

From the Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer July to September 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

Thank you Tim for leading the Adult Bible Class during Pastor's absence.

August Activities

Immanuel Lutheran School

*Meet the Teacher
Sunday, August 27th
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

*First Day of School
Monday, August 28th
Class begins at 8:15 a.m.*



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MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

This week's memory verse: *Ephesians 4:32*

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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| 8/6/2023 | | |
| Sunday Worship | 32 | |
| Plate: | \$ | 20.00 |
| Envelopes: | \$ | 1,103.00 |
| Online | | |
| Memorials: | | |
| | Total: | \$ 1,123.00 |
| Bible Class: | 15 | \$ 17.00 |

***TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST READINGS:***

*Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a,13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15:21-28*

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who “laid the foundation of the earth” (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has “entered into the springs of the sea” and “walked in the recesses of the deep” (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been “a long way from the land, beaten by the waves” and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, “Do not be afraid,” and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard “through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17). “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (Rom. 10:8).

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