THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 18, 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

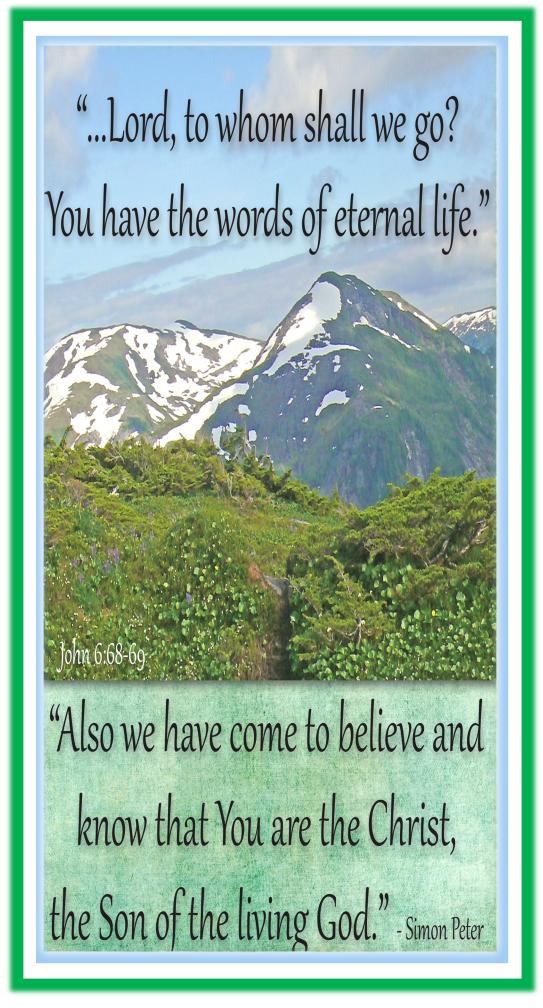
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty and everlasting God, You have revealed Your truth to me in the person of Your Son and have bound Yourself to what He accomplished upon the cross. Give to me faith to trust in Your mercy and confidence to walk in His way to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Our Lord has argued with His enemies and insists that His flesh is real food and His blood real drink. Even the truth can sometimes be unsettling. The disciples are not sure what to make of it all and watched as many of His followers abandoned Jesus. Peter speaks what is on all our hearts. The way of faith in Christ is not easy, but what choice do we have? Where else is the One who keeps His promises and delivers what He says? Christ alone is the Word of eternal life.

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545



- 1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv ing rain from
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- 4 Word that speaks God's ten der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our bring birth hearts and to - a - tion, Word from heav'n die, cre that came to blind - ness; Deaf heal mor - tal our be: we are: er tell - ing, yond all Word that sends from us bove, a -



Faith and hope Word al - might - y, and love un - end - ing. Cru ci - fied for sal - va - tion, Sav our ing Word, the Loose tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word our in Spir -God the it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth. to



vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You. Speak world re stor - ing, us. Your love out - pour to ing. pit spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro ken. - y Word all truth lead of life, with bread feed us; one us.

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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,
- 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 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

- P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.
- C Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.
- P The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.
- C His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.
- P He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is

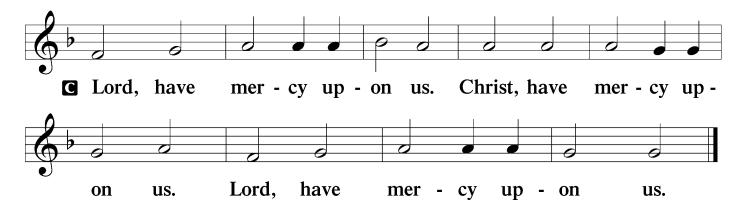
- gracious and full of compassion.
- C He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
- P He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.
- C The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

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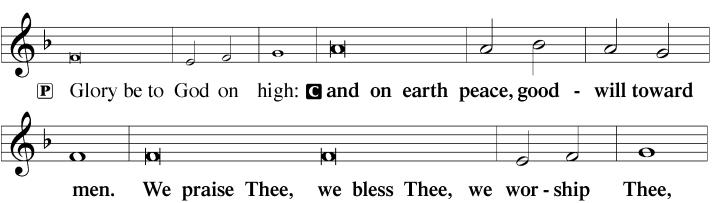


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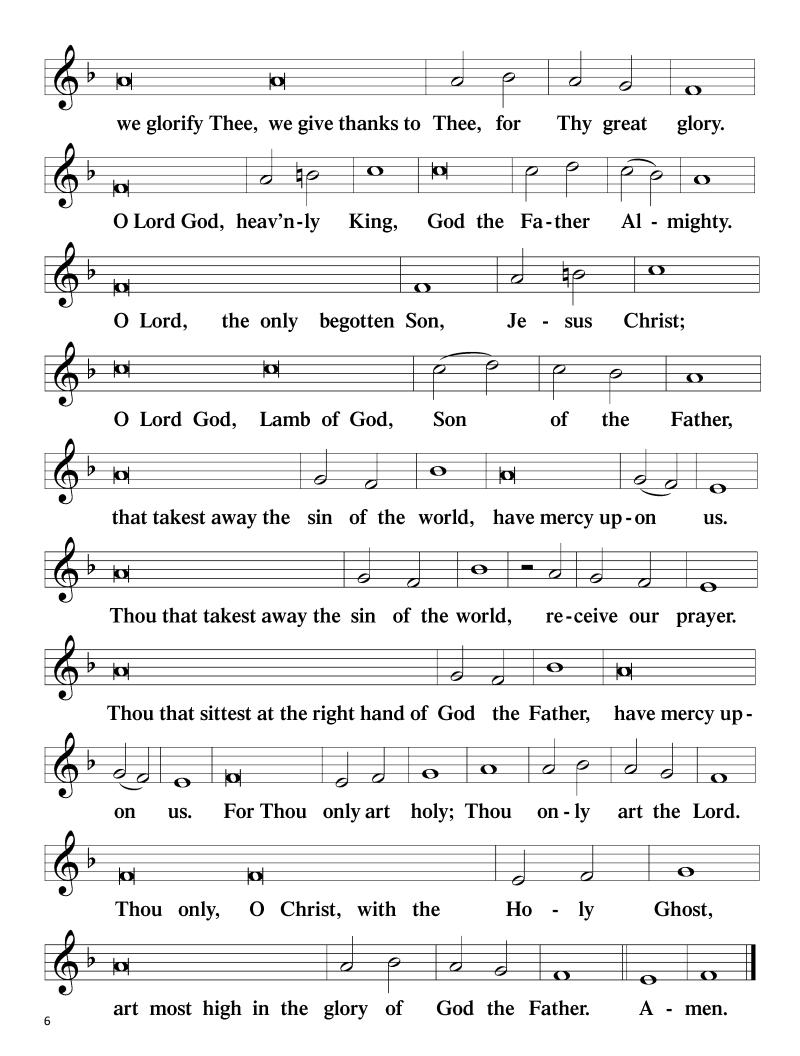
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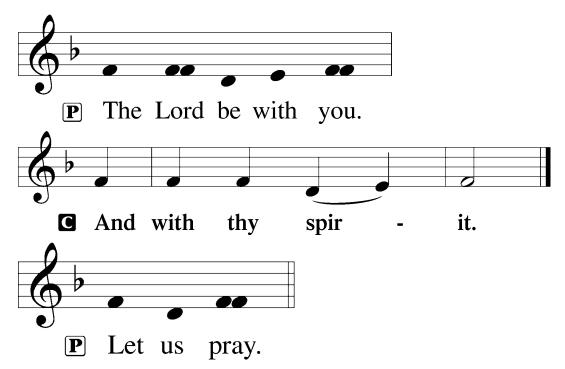
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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

("As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.")

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel:

14 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether

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the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

16 So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. 18 And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God."

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

PSALM *Psalm 34:12–22; antiphon: v. 11*

- P Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- C Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good?
- P Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
- C Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- P The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.
- C The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- P The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- C The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.
- P Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
- C He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken.
- P Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.
- C The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

P Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:6–21*

(Walk not as the unwise but as the wise in faith.)

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

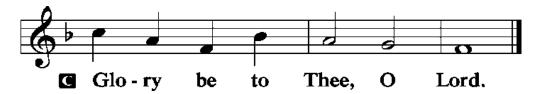


HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

("You have the words of eternal life.")

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



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."

52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever." 59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. 60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him

no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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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

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

LSB 693



- 1 O Ho ly Spir it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav ior 2 Help us that we Thy sav ing Word In faith-ful hearts may trea sure;
- 3 And when our earth-ly race is run, Death's bit ter hour im-pend-ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em-brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er. Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea-sure. Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,

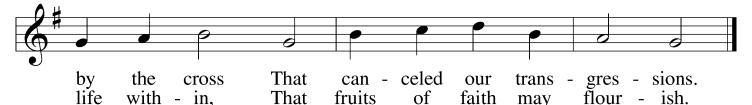


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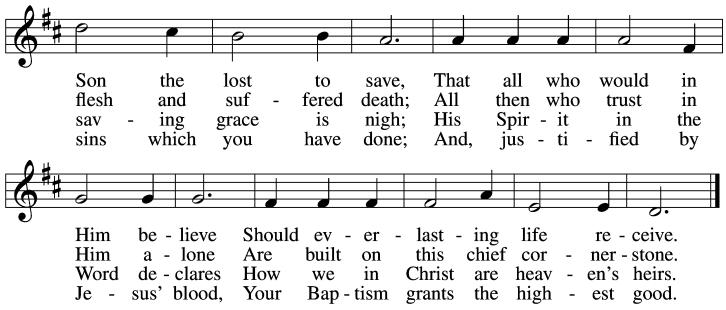
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OFFERTORY God Loved the World So That He Gave LSB 571 vs.1-4



- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His on ly
- 2 Christ Je sus is the ground of faith, Who was made with 3 God would not have the sin ner die; His Son
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For gives all



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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the wellbeing of Your church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your Commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your

will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

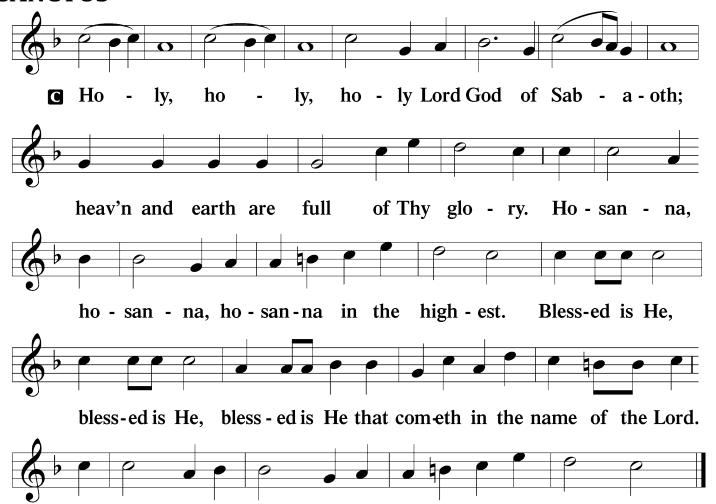
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life ever lasting. 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*)

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."

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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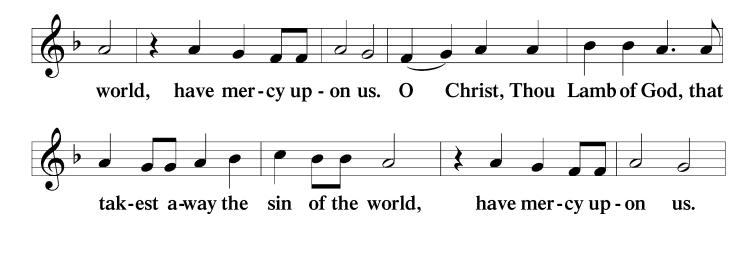


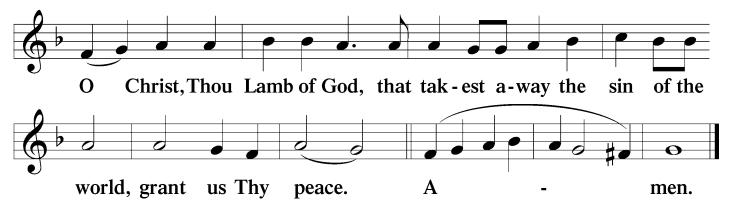
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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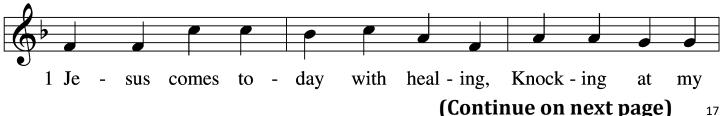
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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.





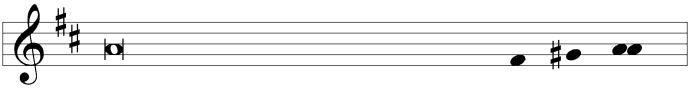


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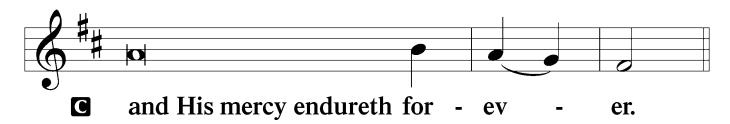
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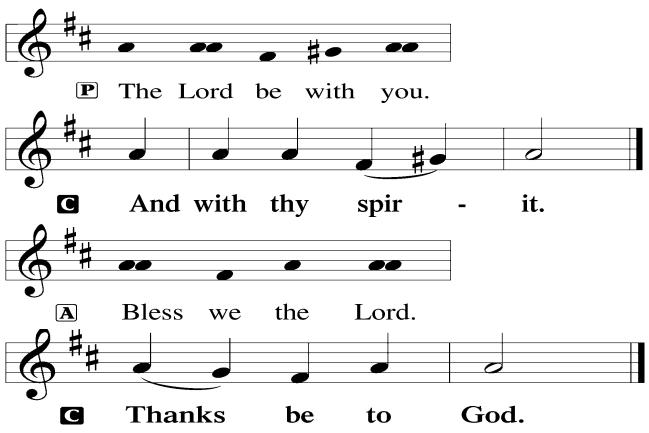
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



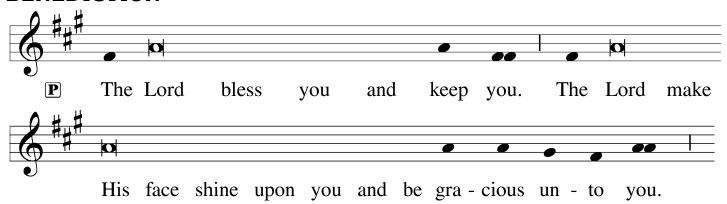
P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

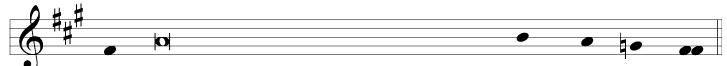






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The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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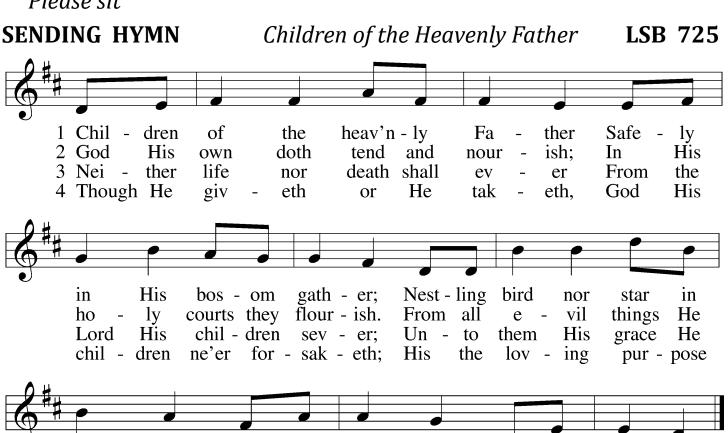
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DISMISSAL

- 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

Immanuel Lutheran School

Meet the Teacher Today, August 18th Room 1

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

School Year 2024-2025 First Day of School Monday, August 19th

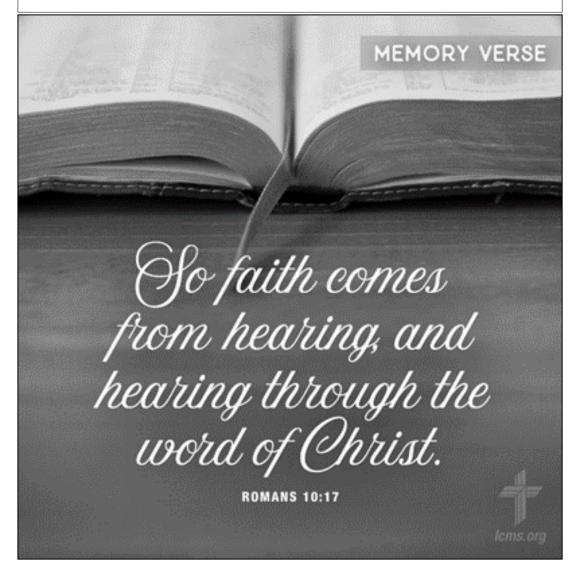
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(Let us pray for a successful and safe school year for both students and staff.)

PSALM 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's



Sermon Notes
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Thanks be to God,
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and manifests
through us the sweet aroma
of the knowledge
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8/11/2024

Sunday Worship 33

Plate: \$ 97.00

Envelopes: \$ 963.00

Envelopes-Other:

On-line:

Donation:

Memorial:

Total: \$ 1,060.00

Bible Class: **14** \$ 16.00

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Readings: (Proper 16)

Isaiah 29:11-19 Psalm 14 Ephesians 5:22-33 Mark 7:1-13

Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God, Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh

Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh "for the life of the world," not only as a sacrifice for sin but as "the living bread" from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54–57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. "Arise from the dead" and live in Him, because you are "light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" (Eph. 5:18–19). Fear, love and trust in Him, "and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness" (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you "out of the house of slavery" by His cross and resurrection, and now He does "great signs" in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast and set His table; He bids you to recline and eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1–5).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	August Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Ken Eilers		
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson/ Lorri Marchant/Imelda Aguilera		
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 an	n	
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