

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 21, 2022  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
Missouri Synod**



**703 W 3<sup>RD</sup> Street  
Mercedes  
Texas 78570  
956.565.1518**

**Immanuelmercedes  
@gmail.com**

**[https://www.facebook.com/  
LutheranMercedes/](https://www.facebook.com/LutheranMercedes/)**

**Rev. Ed Weber, Pastor  
956.463.1305  
eweber10@aol.com**

**Website:  
lutheranmercedes.  
com**

***Sunday***

**9:00 A.M.**

**Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Class &  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Website:  
Misionemanuel.com**

**Office Hrs, M-F  
8 am to 12 pm  
CCLI # 2585510**

**"Therefore, since we  
are receiving a  
kingdom which cannot  
be shaken, let us have  
grace, by which we may  
serve God acceptably  
with reverence and  
godly fear"  
Hebrews 12:28**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 21, 2022**

**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** - Merciful God, You have extended Your invitation to forgiveness, life, and salvation to be proclaimed and heard throughout the world. Grant that I hear and learn to respond to Your love in a constant faith empowered by Your Word and Sacraments; 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** - The Gospel of Christ is God's invitation to salvation and eternal life. Cards or letters of invitation occasionally end with the eloquent phrase from the French language abbreviated only with the letters RSVP, signaling that the sender wishes to know for how many to plan in attendance. (Of course, we may presume God already knows that final number!) But to receive an RSVP invitation requires a response. Today, Jesus issues the invitation to the Kingdom asking all to "strive to enter." Surprisingly, the response or effort required is simply to receive the benefit of our Lord's own work on our

behalf. You enter the open, narrow door through Baptism into the death of Christ. The baptismal life is a striving to die and rise daily by faith in the way of the cross of Christ. Through the door of the Eucharist we are nourished and faith is strengthened and sustained by Christ's body and blood. This eating and drinking is necessary for the struggle of faith. Here today you continue your RSVP, entering the door who is Christ by the power of your Holy Baptism.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

PAGE 203

### WELCOME

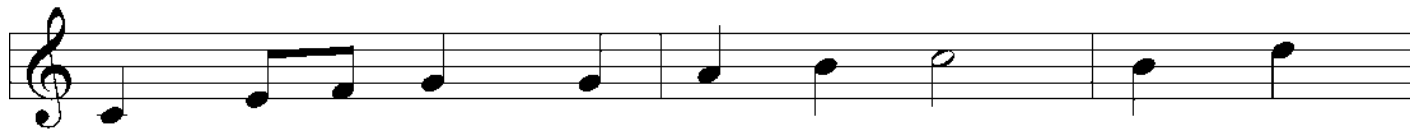
### PRELUDE

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

### OPENING HYMN

*To Your Temple, Lord, I Come*

LSB 981



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it  
 2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through  
 3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my  
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of  
 5 While I lis - ten to Your Law, Fill my



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no  
 Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,  
 lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful  
 love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your  
 soul with hum - ble awe Till Your Gos - pel



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.  
 give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.  
 soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
 Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.  
 bring to me Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

[CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE] 3

6 While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
“I have walked with God today.”

Public domain

*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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and**

**walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

**Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

**C** **Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*

**P** Honor and majesty are before Him; but we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

**C** **Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!**

**P** For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

**C** **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** Honor and majesty are before Him; but we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

**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;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



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,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



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—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 66:18–23*

(They shall see My glory.)

18 “For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. 19 I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the Lord, “as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. 21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites,” says the Lord.

22 “For as the new heavens and the new earth  
Which I will make shall remain before Me,” says the Lord,  
“So shall your descendants and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass  
That from one New Moon to another,  
And from one Sabbath to another,  
All flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      Psalm 50:1–15; antiphon: v. 23

P Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God.”

**C The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down.**

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.

*[CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE] 7*

**C Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.**

P He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people:

**C “Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”**

P Let the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge.

**C “Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God!**

P I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are continually before Me.

**C I will not take a bull from your house, nor goats out of your folds.**

P For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

**C I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine.**

P “If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

**C Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?**

P Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

**C Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”**

P Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God.”

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 12:4–29*

(A Kingdom that cannot be shaken)

4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every



son whom He receives.”

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”)

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in

heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

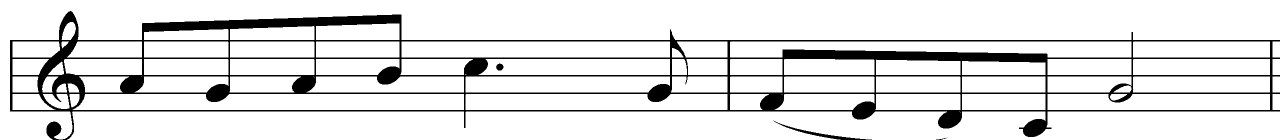
## ALLELUIA and VERSE



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

*Luke 13:22-30*

(The narrow door)

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

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

22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?"

And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. 29 They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

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

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures*

*and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.*

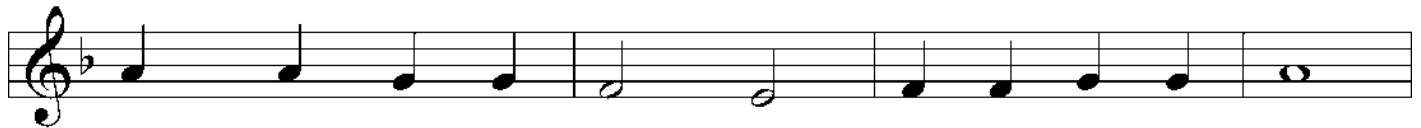
*And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*Please sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Glory Be to Jesus*

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

**SERMON**      *“Finish strong by the power of the Gospel”*  
(Hebrews 12:12,22-24)

**OFFERING**

*Please stand*

**OFFERTORY**      *Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay*      **LSB 505 v. 1**



Tri - une God, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,



And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.



Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning



Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning.



A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, “Al - le - lu - ia!”

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness, and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, for Your Holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to remain constant in the struggle of faith empowered by the cross of Christ, filled with hope and confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Save and defend Your whole Church and strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the Holy Sacraments, establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold offices of service in Your Church that by their work and example faith may abound and Your kingdom increase into all the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and grant health and favor to all who bear the offices of government in our land. Guard and protect also all who serve in the armed forces of our country, [especially . . .]. Give them faithfulness and success in their service and grant that their homecomings be joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [especially . . .]. Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near, [especially . . .]. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . .]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

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

**C Amen.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with your spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation.

Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown

to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

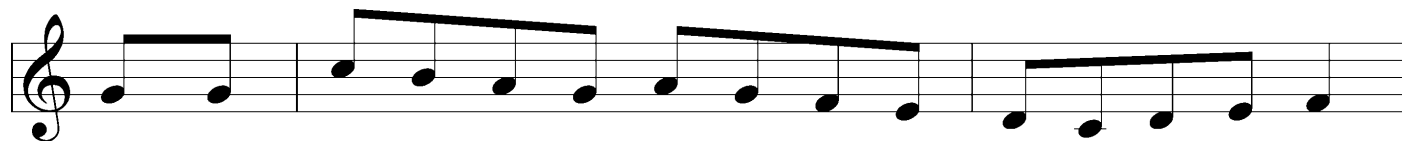
## SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His



cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C 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.**

**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."

**PAX DOMINI**

**P**      The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

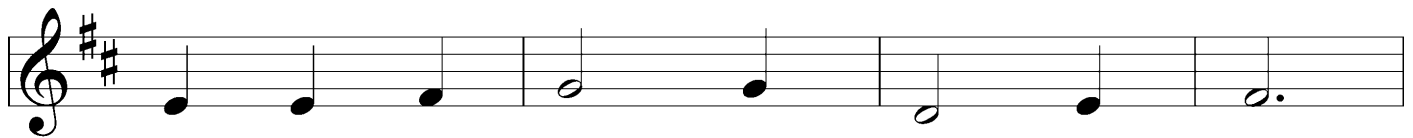
# AGNUS DEI



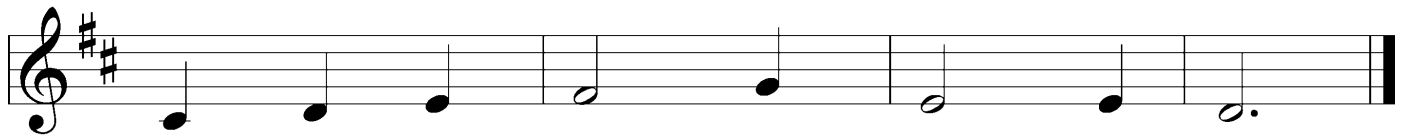
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please sit*

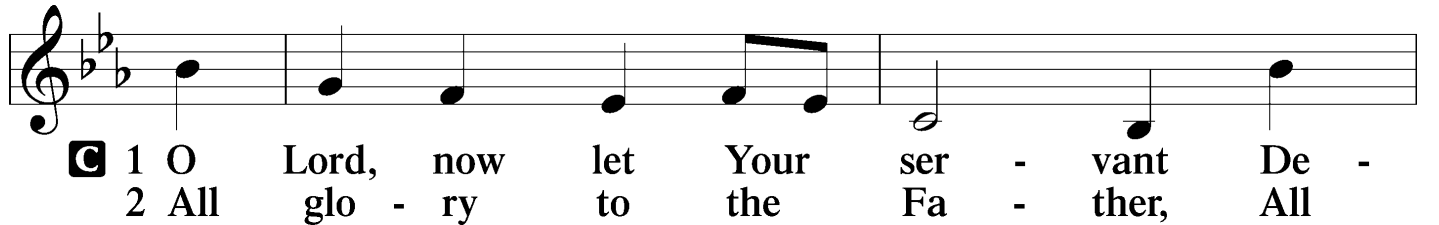
## SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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.

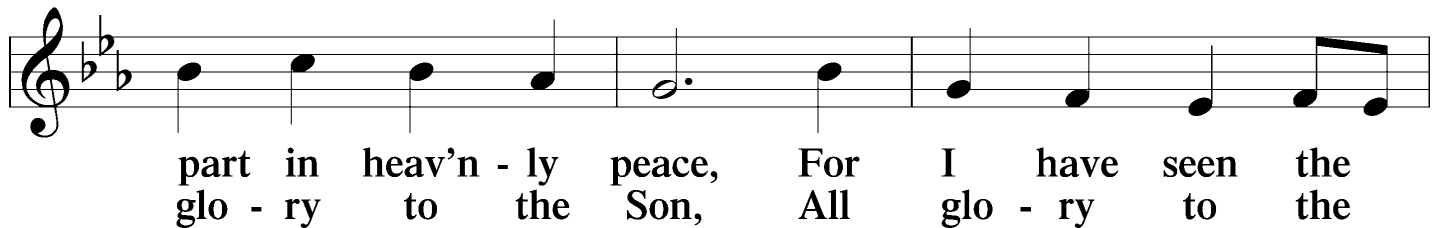
# THE DISTRIBUTION

*Please stand*

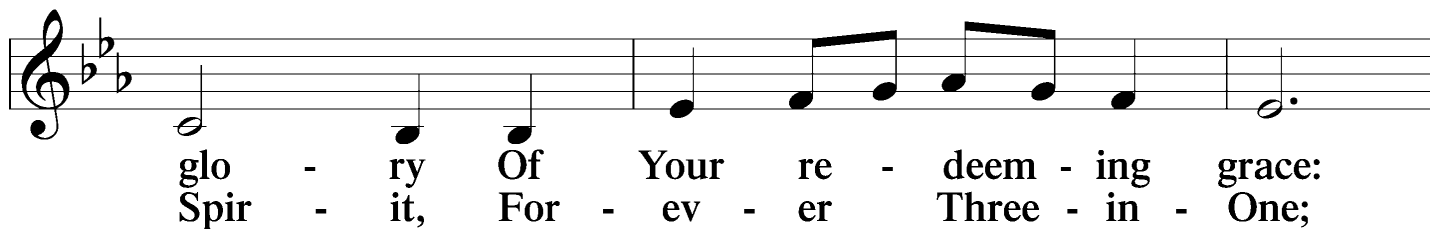
## NUNC DIMITTIS



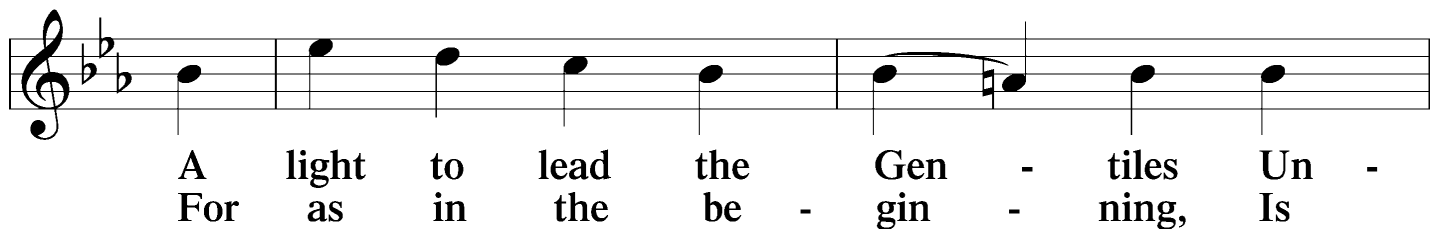
**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



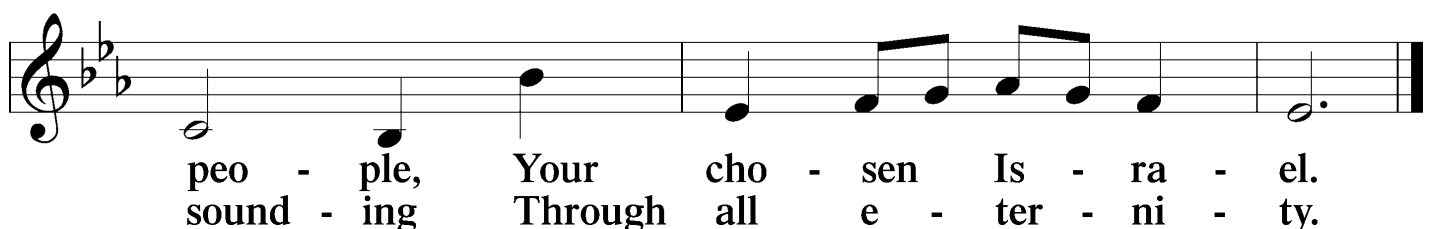
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** 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

*Onward, Christian Soldiers*

**LSB 662**



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

Public domain

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

# wheat ridge lutheran church

MISSOURI SYNOD

8600 West 38th Avenue Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033

Phone: 303-424-3161  
Fax: 303-424-4378

July 25, 2022

Immanuel Lutheran School  
703 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Mercedes, TX 78570

Dear Fellow Believers in the Faith,

At the June Voters Meeting of Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pastor Wayne Woolery presented a description of the wonderful work for our Lord extended by your school as well as the opportunity to provide financial assistance. In our continuing efforts to extend the work of our Lord where we can, our Voters approved \$2500 to support the work of your ministry in Mercedes. In doing so, we recognize the importance of a Lutheran Christian Education, while completely understanding that the cost of this kind of education is often difficult for a congregation to sustain. We commend your efforts to continue to provide Christian education for the families of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and offer you our support with this grant.

God's blessings as you prepare for the upcoming school year.

In Christ,

Pastor Eli Lietzau



*You are cordially invited to drop by today, Sunday, August 21st between 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
for an Ice Cream Social!*

*Plus chat with the teacher, and meet some of our children's parents as well as the students.*

*Come by and see the new playground equipment, benches, and visit the classrooms.*

*Looking forward to seeing you this afternoon!*

## Sermon Notes:

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### *From Pastor's Desk*

*Portals of Prayer for July to September 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.*

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

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

**This week's memory verse: *Ephesians 3:20-21***

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

**8/14/2022**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>33</b>	
Plate:		\$ 160.00
Envelopes:		\$ 3,030.00
Memorial:		
Donations:		
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 3,190.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$ 37.00</b>

### ***Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Readings:***

*Proverbs 25:2-10*

*Psalms 131*

*Hebrews 13:1-17*

*Luke 14:1-14*

## **The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God**

With the cross of Christ, the time has come “to gather all nations and tongues” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord’s glory “among the nations” (Is. 66:19). Many “will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ’s disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22).

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